

## Who We Are, Who We Strive to Be

**Our Mission:** The mission of Sioux Center Christian School is to disciple God's children by equipping them with a knowledge and understanding of Christ and His creation so that they can obediently serve God and others as they work and play.

*disciple (invite)    equip (nurture)    serve (empower)*

**Our Vision:** Every child TREASURED  
as God's unique design with a one-of-a-kind role in His Story.

Every child TRAINED  
in the deep soil of God's Word and in the wonder of His creation.

Every child TRANSFORMED  
by the truth and grace revealed in learning and living God's Story.

**Our Core:** GOD'S TRUTH  
All teaching, learning, and living is to be in obedience to God's Word, a never-changing message in an ever-changing world.

GOD'S CHILDREN  
Each student is a stunning and unique image bearer with diverse gifts that we seek to cultivate for service, worship, and God's glory.

GOD'S TEACHERS  
Teachers are a living curriculum, inviting students into God's Story and showing them His fingerprints in ALL things. They are God's servants and they love His children.

GOD'S SCHOOL  
A place where students, faculty, and staff are enfolded in Christ's redemptive Story. We pursue servant leadership and an environment of encouragement and accountability.

GOD'S COMMUNITY  
We joyfully partner with parents, churches, our community, and each other as we share the mission of training God's children.

GOD'S WAY  
We love God and reflect Him to others. We encourage obedience, creativity, and a pursuit of excellence in every aspect of God's Story.

GOD'S WORLD  
Together, we daily seek to answer God's call to be His co-workers of restoration in the world. We desire to make an eternal impact by sharing God's Story.

### **Our Firm Foundation:**

#### **We Believe...**

- The Scripture of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and that this Scripture guides all decisions.

- The divine Word of God has been most clearly and consistently interpreted in the Reformed perspective, creeds, and confessions.
- All students, faculty, and staff are unique image-bearers of Christ and should have their needs met, learning and growing so they can serve as covenant members of God's Kingdom.
- Everyone (faculty, staff, and students) can and should learn and develop academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

## **Our Framework:**

We train God's children within a framework that invites students to imagine their place in God's Story and practice living it – now. This framework is called "Teaching for Transformation".

Through Tft, teachers design learning experiences that help students discover God's Story and His fingerprints in all things, with the hope that every learning experience will become truly transformational for every student.

In each classroom, every student is:

- ... INVITED to explore their role in the Kingdom Story through lessons prayerfully connected to a classroom storyline and throughlines.
- ... NURTURED to be peculiar people who are distinct because of their love and desire for the Kingdom of God.
- ... EMPOWERED to be active and creative in God's Kingdom work now: doing real work for real people with real needs.

At Sioux Center Christian School, we believe that every classroom is called to share a powerful and compelling vision of the Kingdom that creates a longing and a desire within every student to play their part in God's unfolding Story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. This is why we are Teaching for Transformation.

## **Our Destination:**

From the first day a child walks through the doors of SCCS to the day they walk across the stage to receive their diploma, we train every student to grow in discipleship characteristics, something we call biblical throughlines.

We provide opportunities to practice living these biblical throughlines in order to lay a sure foundation in their lives as they serve Christ and work as His life-long agents of transformation in the world.

Every SCCS student is in training as a(n):

- God Worshipper who loves God and celebrates who God is, what God has done and is doing, and what God has created, someone who sees this worship as a way of life.
- Word Applier who treasures God's Word and seeks to apply it to all areas and every decision of life.
- Image Reflector who is God's image and whose Christ-like actions reflect a life nurtured in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Truth Finder who discerns the idols in life and chooses to focus on the true God.
- Earth Keeper who responds to God's call to be stewards of all creation by respectfully treating the world and all things contained in it – including mankind – knowing this respects God.
- Beauty Maker who glorifies and praises God by creating that which is beautiful and pleasing to Him, as a sacrifice of praise.
- Justice Seeker who acts as an agent of change by identifying and responding to injustices and who acts as an agent of restoration, respecting the stories and hurts of others.
- Creation Enjoyer who discovers, understands, and celebrates God's beautiful creation and gives bold testimony to the presence of God in creation.
- Servant Worker who brings joy, hope, healing, and restoration to the world and its people, using talents and gifts to serve God and others.
- Community Builder who pursues and builds community in the classroom, their neighborhood, and in the global village of which they are part.
- Order Discoverer who sees God's fingerprints all over creation and rejoices in the ability to discover that order and be part of God's plan.

We **entrust our mission, vision, and destination** into the **hands of the Holy Spirit**, who promises to do His mighty, transforming work in each of us – bringing **glory to God, our Father, and honor to Christ, our LORD**, as we learn and live God's Story of Christ's eternal Kingdom together.