

SIOUX CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL **BULLETIN BOARD** SPRING 2020

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.

PARENT VISIT DAYS at SCCS

We take seriously our calling to partner with parents in the education of their children. We value this partnership! This year we invited parents into the school so they can experience what is happening in the classroom with their students. Starting in October, each grade level has had a **Parent Visit Day**. **Parents were invited to visit the classroom** for a couple hours in the morning and could also join their students for lunch.

Parents - THANK YOU for taking the time get off work, rearrange schedules, etc., so you could experience a few hours in the classroom life of your students! We are SO THANKFUL for our highly engaged parents!



One of the CORE aspects of SCCS is **God's Community**: We **joyfully partner** with parents, churches, our community, and each other as we **share the mission** to train God's children in His Way.

A Word from Dr. Bowar HEAD OF SCHOOL

At Sioux Center Christian School, our **mission 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.**

We believe that every child is **treasured as God's unique design** with a one-of-a-kind role in His Story. And we want to train them in God's Word and His creation so that they can be **transformed by the truth and grace** revealed in learning and living God's Story. **Each student is a stunning and unique image bearer with diverse gifts** that we seek to cultivate for service, worship, and God's glory. **Our teachers are the living curriculum.** And we want our school to be a place where students, faculty, and staff are **enfolded in Christ's redemptive Story.**

Those are all beautiful things – things we deeply believe and work hard to implement each day – but how do we actually know they are happening? What “proof” do we have? How do we answer this question: Is it working?

We have to actually ask our students.

So, that's what we do. **Each winter, we do a student survey.** Mrs. Lisa Mouw or I go into each classroom to proctor the survey, students are given time to share their thoughts, and then we collate the results. Check out the most recent results from 2019 and 2020:

Statements Rated	2019	2020	Comparison
I am learning about God and my place in His Story.	3.74	3.75	+0.01
My teacher cares about me.	3.62	3.64	+0.02
My teacher helps me grow and learn.	3.55	3.60	+0.05
My teacher gives me opportunities to live out my part in God's Story.	3.54	3.56	+0.02
My teacher treats everyone fairly.	3.49	3.54	+0.05
I feel safe in my classroom.	3.49	3.60	+0.11
My teacher provides different ways for me to learn.	3.41	3.47	+0.06
I am an important part of my class.	3.30	3.34	+0.04

Older students used a rating scale of
1 = strongly disagree,
2 = disagree,
3 = agree,
4 = strongly agree
for each statement.
Younger students used
faces to indicate their
feelings.
A 4 is the highest score.



I am thrilled to see that all scores average at between agree (3) and strongly agree (4). This is an average score of all 522 students. All scores have also increased between 2019 and 2020. What does this tell me? **Our faculty and staff are working hard. We are moving in the same direction. Our students are benefiting. And we praise God for His faithfulness to us and remain committed to being faithful in following Him.**

What do we do with these survey results? We share them with you, our supportive community. We also sit down with each teacher and go over the results for their class, looking for any themes or trends. We look for trends and themes in grade levels. We share them with the board of trustees.

And there's one more thing we think is important. At the end of each survey is the following question: **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your school experience?** Students share whatever they wish. Answers range from more food at lunch to wishing they had more PE time to sharing that they have an itchy tummy to praising the music program. Let me tell you that some answers are downright hilarious. Kids are the best! Some answers also help us identify issues. These answers range from “someone is picking on me on the bus” to “my desk partner keeps taking my pencils” to “there is a group of kids swearing at recess”. Mrs. Mouw and I read each survey, and we want to know these things. We want students to know we read each survey, so we follow up when issues are raised, working with the classroom teacher, the bus driver, the school counselor, or whoever would be most appropriate.

We love our students, we want them to thrive, we want to deal well with any issues, and we want to be a place where God is seen and followed. The student survey assists us in living out our mission, vision, and calling. It's a tool that helps us continue to grow as a school, and we plan to use it for many years to come.

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting Sioux Center Christian School!

Joshua F. Bowar

TALES AND TRAILS SUMMER CAMP

Last summer we offered, for the first time, a **quality, Christ-centered summer supervision and educational experience for kids called Tales and Trails Summer Camp**. Kids loved the theme-related experiences each week, plus they enjoyed outdoor play, "Exploring Sioux Center" excursions to the pool, library, and community events.

We are excited to offer Tales and Trails Summer Camp again this summer! Children who are 5-11 years of age by June 1, 2020 are eligible to attend camp.

The **camp is open to all children of the community** - so please **share this info** with families who may be looking for a fun, engaging summer supervision option for their kids!

There will be eleven weeks of camp offered and parents may sign children up for any number of weeks they want. Plus there are half day and full day options.

For more information and the camp registration form, go to www.siouxcenterchristian.com > **Parent Center** > **Tales and Trails Summer Camp**.



CALENDAR NOTES

Tues, Mar 10: 3rd-8th Instrumental Concert:
7pm at the BJ Haan Auditorium.

Tues, Mar 17: Annual Society Meeting 7:30pm in the school orchestra room.

Tues/Wed, Mar 17 & 18: Parent Teacher Conferences.

Thurs, Mar 19: 2nd-4th grade Folk Song Celebration. Various times during school day.

Fri, Mar 20: No School.

Mar 23 - 27: Iowa Assessments. Grades 3-8.

Thurs/Fri, Mar 26 & 27: TK/K Round Up

Thurs, Mar 26: 7th & 8th grade Unity Band Festival.

Sat, April 4: PACE Salt delivery in the morning.

Sat, April 4: Trail'Raiser Night and Celebration of Learning Open House.

April 9-14: Easter Break

April 21-23: CSI Accreditation Site Visit

Tues, April 28: Christian School Solo/Ensemble event

Tues, May 12: 5th - 8th Choral concert at 7pm at the BJ Haan Auditorium

Fri, May 15: 3rd-8th Pops concerts. During school day; times to be announced.

Mon, May 18: TK - 8th grade Storyline Celebration. 7pm at BJ Haan Auditorium.

Thurs, May 21: 8th grade graduation. 7pm at First Reformed Church.

Fri, May 22: Last Day of classes. Dismiss at 11:05

LITTLE THINGS THAT ADD UP!

There are many ways you can support SCCS while making daily purchases!

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) - purchase gift cards and certificates for **many local businesses** and nationwide retailers. Purchase the cards at face value and a percentage goes toward your tuition account or the tuition account of someone you designate. Our fantastic TRIP office even allows your earnings to go toward tuition at one of our Christian high schools or participating Christian schools across the country! Stop by the TRIP office in our main entry if you would like to join! **Future SCCS parents: It is wise to start now!** Go to our website > Support SCCS > TRIP for program details.

Hy-Vee Giving Tag program - We're participating in the Hy-Vee Giving Tag Program! Purchase a \$2.50 red My Heart Reusable Bag at any Hy-Vee store and use the attached Giving Tag to direct a \$1 donation to our school!



Amazon Smile - Shop at smile.Amazon.com and choose Sioux Center Christian School as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to SCCS.

Box Tops - Keep turning in unexpired physical Box Tops. For the new digital Box Tops, download the app on your phone & scan receipts.

IN MEMORY OF GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS

With gratitude to God, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of gifts to Sioux Center Christian School in memory of *Dorothy Draayer, Bill Rens, Elmer Koedam, and Samuel Van Unen*. We join their families in praising God for their lives as faithful servants of the King!

Outlet 75 is a retail store on the south edge of Sioux Center that sells **new, overstock apparel, shoes, and home décor**. It also serves as an alternate revenue source for our school and the profit it makes goes to our general budget, supporting the daily mission of our school!

Our doors have been open for exactly ONE year! Time flies when you are having fun! As this particular business is constantly evolving and rarely do we see the same merchandise, we are learning as we go!

This past December we were able to write our first quarterly distribution check to SCCS in the amount of.... drumroll, please.... **\$30,000.00!** We had a **stellar holiday season** and are now enjoying the January/February slump in retail if you will.... to catch our breath. Most retail avenues have flipped their floors or rolled out the change in season for inventory. As we are considered overstock, we will follow suit, but it will be a smidge later than most! So if you still need a winter coat, you have a chance to grab that for a week or two yet at Outlet 75!

Our management team of three (Bethany Bosma, Janey Boogerd, and myself) is a dream! Along with our **faithful crew of amazing volunteers**, we are able to cover the store well during open hours and **constantly keep new merchandise moving from pallets to the floor**.

Have you told ALL your friends and family about this sweet little shop in Sioux Center? Make sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram! And STOP BY if you haven't visited our store yet! Our deals on new merchandise will keep you coming back!

Would you be willing to be on our 'call' list when we are in a pinch for volunteers? That would be such a treat for us! Let us know!

Email info@shopoutlet75.com.

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4175 US 75 Ave

OPEN Wednesdays 11am-8pm · Thursdays 11am-3pm

LEGACY PLAN UPDATE

The Legacy Plan, which is church-based support for our school, provides for about 40% of the overall mission of SCCS!

The 2019-20 goal is \$1,393,901 (fiscal year end is July 31, 2020).

As of February 29, 2020, we have received \$686,789, which is 49.3% of our goal.

We are SO VERY THANKFUL for all YOU DO to reach this goal & provide a distinct, Christ-centered education for our students!

The Legacy Plan is ...

ONE BROAD SOCIETY of believers who support the distinct, Christ-centered education of God's children, with a commitment of prayer, the sharing of spiritual gifts, and the pledge of financial support.

With a LIFETIME PASSION: We passionately and faithfully support this obedient task of training God's children in His Way throughout our entire lives. We surround God's children during their educational years and gladly and generously invest in their Christ-centered training.

For EVERY CHILD: Our baptism promises encompass EVERY CHILD of the covenant who enrolls in our school, so a key commitment of the Legacy Plan is to provide for the overall mission of SCCS so that every family can be offered the same tuition rate.

For GENERATIONS to come: On the Day of Christ's return, may we, as a society, still be found faithful in our passion to train His children in His Way.



Donations to the Legacy Plan are tax deductible and may be made through your church or sent to school.

If sending donations directly to school, make checks payable to "SCCS Legacy Plan."

If you would like your gift to apply to a church's goal, please indicate on the memo line or with a note.

Drop off or mail to: Sioux Center Christian School | 630 First Ave SE | Sioux Center, IA 51250.

ROUND UP AT SCCS!

This is an **exciting time of year for families who have a child turning 5** before September 15! It is exciting for us at SCCS as well, as we anticipate getting to know these new students, and seeing how God has uniquely designed each child. **We consider it a great privilege to come alongside parents and the church, as we train these treasured children!**

If you or someone you know **has a child who will be ready for school in the fall**, we encourage you to sign up for Round Up, which will be held on **Thursday and Friday, March 26 & 27**. Online registration and more information on Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Round Up are available on our website: www.siouxcenterchristian.com > **Admissions**.

Transitional Kindergarten will meet four mornings each week, from 8am - 11am.

Kindergarten will meet four days each week, from 8am - 3pm (2pm on Wed.).

Kindercare, which is our extended play-based, child-care opportunity, will be expanded to offer Afternoon Kindercare for TK students on Mondays - Thursdays, and Kindercare will continue to be offered all day on Fridays for TK and K students.

Sneak Peek for Preschoolers - we have one sneak peek session left on

Friday, March 13 from 9:30-10:30am. Preschoolers, their parents, and younger siblings are welcome to come to Mrs. Vander Werf's classroom for a time of activities, play, and whole group story time. Plus, it's free!

To sign up, go to www.siouxcenterchristian.com > **Admissions** > **Sneak Peek**.



NEW! 4CARE FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

We are excited to offer a **new play-base child-care opportunity for 4-year-olds** enrolled in preschool for the 2020-21 school year. Children who attend preschool in the mornings will be able to enjoy hands-on, child-led, play-based learning at Sioux Center Christian School in the afternoons and all day on Fridays.

Mrs. Rebecca Vander Werf, our TK teacher, has been working to plan and organize this new offering at SCCS. This is an opportunity for us to be of service to families who are looking for child care options as their children get closer to school age.

For more information on 4Care, go to www.siouxcenterchristian.com > **Admissions** > **4Care for Preschoolers**. Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 15, 2020 to attend 4Care.



NEW! BUSING FOR TK & PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

We are also excited to offer a **busing service for SCCS TK students and Preschool Learning Center students** for the 2020-21 school year. TK students have options available for busing from home to school and from school to home, daycare, or another location within city limits.

Morning Preschool students have an option to bus from preschool to home, daycare, or another location within city limits. Afternoon Preschool students have the option to bus from home, daycare, or another location to preschool.

For more information on TK & Preschool Busing, go to www.siouxcenterchristian.com > **Admissions** > **TK & Preschool Busing**.



STORIES FROM THE HALLWAYS

- Our 5th graders received a "Project Jack" grant which allowed them to participate in a **"pay it forward" opportunity**. In connection with the book *"The Bridge Home"*, they decided to **reach out to others who may be homeless or hungry by making tie fleece blankets**. Each class will give a large blanket to the Hunger Free Kids of Sioux County auction on March 27. Part of the money raised goes to support the Sack Pack program, where our students have had an opportunity to help pack sacks. The other blankets will go to the Sioux City Gospel Mission. #servantworkers



- Our 3rd graders tested their engineering skills by **constructing pinball machines**. They were given materials, a challenge, and a certain amount of time to create a pinball machine that gets a score of 7-12 points within 5 rolls. This project encouraged lots of good conversation, teamwork, trying things out, learning from others, tinkering, and encouraging each other. #orderdiscoverers

- In early February we celebrated **Literacy Week with a camping adventure theme of "Reading Between the Trees"**. Each day had a different focus and students did fun reading activities, such as mystery readers, buddy reading, reading by flashlight, finding paths in stories, and doing a book-hike through the school hallways. We also held an **all-school book drive** and donated the gently used children's books to **Promise Community Health, who shares them with children who may not have many books of their own**. #communitybuilders



- In January, our **5th - 8th graders** and teachers enjoyed a mid-winter treat by spending a **"day away" at Cone Park** in Sioux City. This is a fun day for everyone - enjoying sledding and skating, and re-energizing for the months ahead! #communitybuilders #creationenjoyers
- At the end of January, ten students in 4th - 8th grades at SCCS met to participate in the **school-wide competition of the National Geography Bee**. These students answered several rounds of difficult oral and written questions covering many aspects of geography.

Eighth grader Dylan Koelwyn answered the most questions correctly in the championship round. We just received word that Dylan's written geography test received a score in the top 100 and he has qualified for the Iowa State Geography Bee on March 27. Congratulations to all the SCCS participants! #orderdiscoverers



- Jazz music was heard daily throughout the hallways at SCCS during the month of January! **Thanks to an Arts & Culture Grant received from the Dwight & Marilyn Conover Foundation**, Mr. Peter Kuipers, Mrs. Jill Friend, and Mrs. Becca De Vries planned **"Jazzy January" - an entire month of Jazz music instruction and experiences for all our students**. Middle school students learned the history of jazz and improvisation methods - even sharing their improvisation skills in mini-hallway concerts and the 5/6 music concert! #beautymakers

A **professional swing band** from Sioux Falls shared their amazing musical talents (Hull Christian and OC Christian middle school students came to listen as well). The Sioux Falls Christian High School jazz band also came and shared their talents. It was a fun month! If you know an SCCS student, ask them about their favorite part of Jazzy January!



ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 7:30PM

The **annual meeting of the Sioux Center Christian School Society** will be held **Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30pm** in the orchestra room at school. Historically the meeting has been held in June, but the board of trustees has moved the meeting to March with the intention of encouraging increased attendance.

Agenda items include an **update from the board, the affirmation of trustee nominees, alternate revenue updates, Legacy Plan updates, a financial report, approval of the 20-21 budget, and a foundation report.** Copies of the information packet can be requested by emailing scssoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com. Parents, grandparents, church members, and school supporters, we encourage you to attend and thank you for your support of SCCS! More information about society membership eligibility is included in the information packet.

STORIES FROM THE HALLWAYS, CONTINUED

- Our **2nd graders** spent time in January **building Rube Goldberg machines**. They were challenged to use their imaginations to design a machine that goes through several creative steps before capturing a stuffed animal. They talked about **pushing through even when it is hard, trying something new if your idea fails, and working together even when you have conflicting ideas.** "Ooh! I have an idea!" was heard often! #orderdiscoverers



- Our **4th graders** took a **learning adventure to Sandy Hollow to experience ice fishing and learn how to snowshoe.** On another day, they were privileged to **visit the Oak Grove Prairie Woods Nature Center** to explore the exhibits, use binoculars to spot owls and birds, and dissect owl pellets. Thank you to Sunday Ford and the Sioux County Conservation Board & Oak Grove State Park for offering these nature learning experiences!



- **6th graders in Mrs. Samantha De Weerd's class** enjoyed a feast celebration as they studied the Medieval period. "Serfs" (with the help of their families) prepared the meal and everyone enjoyed dressing up (or down) for their roles and eating a feast! #communitybuilders



- **7th graders in Mrs. Autumn Den Boer's reading class** each designed unique bookmarks to provide recommendations for **next books to read** if the reader enjoys the book they are reading. At the Sioux Center Public Library, they hid the bookmarks inside the books. We are hoping our design work serves others through sharing about books we loved! #beautymakers #communitybuilders



- **8th graders in Mr. Jeremy Mill's math class** are applying math skills and learning about the stock market as they compete in a **statewide Stock Market Game.** SCCS currently has 7 teams in the Top 15 regionally (out of 231) and Top 50 (out of 512) in the state of Iowa! They will continue to participate in the game through March and April and are growing in their understanding of the stock market. #orderdiscoverers



- Our **1st graders** enjoyed being order discoverers as they **studied force and motion.** They explored how objects move, change motion, and stop. As scientists, they **performed experiments** to test out hypotheses and **worked together** as community builders to solve problems.



- Our **Kindergarten classes** explored God's world of **things that sink and float** by creating and testing their own boats. After reading the book "Who Sank the Boat?", they decided they just HAD to sink their own! After reviewing what makes a good boat, and why things sink and float, they got to work! The children **created,**



predicted, and tested their inventions. They encouraged one another as they explored, and showed such kindness and love. #orderdiscoverers #beautymakers

- In December, our **TK students** read the book "The Legend of the Candy Cane", and learned the meaning behind this famous candy. They made candy canes with beads and walked around SCCS, **sharing the story of Christmas** with faculty and staff as they shared a candy cane. #truthfinders #Wordappliers



SIoux CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S 6TH ANNUAL TRAIL'RAISER NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020
A DEBT REDUCTION EVENT

We are excited to celebrate our 6th Trail'Raiser Night!

Through the generosity of our faithful supporters, the past five Trail'Raiser Nights have raised a total of \$714,000!! With \$747,000 actual debt remaining, we **pray that Trail'Raiser Night 2020 will raise enough to clear our bank loan of \$261,000.** The remaining \$486,000 is owed to supporters who loaned to the project through a CD program, and we pray that we are able to pay back those CDs by the end of the year.

We hope to see you at Trail'Raiser Night 2020 on Saturday, April 4! EVERYONE is WELCOME!

AUCTION

There will be a **LIVE AUCTION**
and a **SILENT AUCTION**
with **Buy It Now** options

We are accepting auction donations!

Donations may be dropped off at school (8am-4pm M-F)
OR contact Amy Vander Berg to make arrangements (contact info below)

For your donation to get on the printed Auction list, please drop it off by
Monday, March 30 (or contact us with your donation info by that date).

TRUTH T-SHIRTS ORDER ONLINE NOW through Sat, March 21!

GO TO stores.mdesignpromos.com/sccs_trailraiser (shipping & pick up options available!)

2 DESIGNS - ADULT & YOUTH sizes - MANY COLORS

Short Sleeve \$25 (there will be some on hand at Trail'Raiser Night to purchase, but order online to ensure you get your favorite color/size/design!)

Long Sleeve \$30 (long sleeve is available ONLINE ONLY!)



I AM NOT MY OWN
I belong to my faithful Savior
JESUS CHRIST

DO NOT BE AFRAID
THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU
**YOU NEED ONLY TO
— BE STILL —**
EXODUS 14:13-14

\$5 OFF EACH SHIRT
WHEN YOU ORDER 2 OR MORE
Gift idea for Mother's Day, friends & daughters bdays, family reunion shirts

GOURMET CUPCAKES ... GOURMET BARS ... GOURMET SNACK MIXES



ARE YOU WILLING TO DONATE?

We provide recipes and containers for bars & snack mixes. For cupcakes, we provide containers, you make your favorite recipe. Contact Amy Vander Berg if you are willing! (info below)

WATCH THE WEBSITE for more info coming in the next month!

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Contact: Amy Vander Berg | avanderberg@siouxcenterchristian.com | 712.441.4530

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