

**December 2021**

Our Mission:  
"Educating under  
God's Word, for serving  
God in His world"



# Sanborn Christian School SCHOOL BELL




Calendar of Events:

- December 22: Dismiss @ 11:30
- December 22: All-School Chapel
- December 23-January 3: No School – Christmas Break
- January 4: Classes Resume
- January 14: End 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - Dismiss @ 1:15
- January 17-21: IA Assessment Week
- January 25: Early Dismissal @ 1:15
- February 17: P/T Conferences - Dismiss @ 1:15
- February 18&21: No School
- February 28-March 4: Reading Week

\*\*Basketball Schedule is located inside this edition of the School Bell.

*Educating Under God's Word for Serving God in His World  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7*

  
**FOR**  
 UNTO US A  
*Child* is born,  
 UNTO US A  
*Son*  
 is given; and  
 the government will  
 be upon his shoulder, and his name  
 will be called  
*Wonderful Counselor*  
**MIGHTY GOD**  
*Everlasting Father*  
**PRINCE OF PEACE.**  
**ISAIAH**  
**9:6**

*Have a blessed Christmas!*

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## Fairshare Support of Sanborn Christian School

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sanborn CRC	\$ 77,820.69	\$ 20,530.42	\$ 57,290.27
Cornerstone URC	\$140,579.31	\$ 59,359.20	\$ 81,220.11

(as of: Dec. 2)

 **THANK you!**

# School Board Highlights – November Meeting

## December 14, 2021

President, Aaron Hoftzyer opened with devotions and prayer. Brent Vander Werff was absent with notification.

Agenda for the meeting, and past minutes, were approved.

Mr. Minderhoud gave the administrators report for information.

Education Committee reported on their December 7 meeting which included:

Student progress in the Jr. High was discussed.

Intention slips were given to the staff.

Building Committee reported on work that was completed.

Bus Committee reported on replacing a cracked windshield on one of the buses.

Promotion Committee reported on their post-Harvest Sale meeting. A replacement for Brendan

Olson is needed.

Harvest Sale officially reports a total of \$79,048.99 which would be our highest total ever.

Finance Committee reported on the December 9 meeting. The checking account balance is \$288,469.64 which includes Harvest Sale proceeds. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$74,008.23 for a 12 month period (July 2021 – June 2022).

NICSTO is full once again for this calendar year. We can begin collecting for next year in January.

Board members plan to treat students with cupcakes on December 22.

Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

Motion passed to update our COVID policy to follow an influenza model which would allow students and

teachers to return to school after they are symptom free for 24 hours without medication. This follows IDPH guidelines from September 2021.

Policy review of Section 200 to consider suggested changes by Alliance Defending Freedom.

Mr. Anthony Minderhoud closed the meeting in prayer.

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Monday, January 17, 2022.

**We recently emptied the pop can garage for a total of \$487.40.**

**Thank you!!  
Let's fill the garage again!!**

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**NICSTO is currently full.  
Thank you!!**

## Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Alons

December's verse of the month - "Then the angel said to them, " Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:10-11

December is a time where we remember and celebrate Jesus' birth. Our hymn of the month for December is Silent Night. In this famous Christmas carol we sing about the great birth announcement that Christ the Savior is born. Silent Night was first a poem written by Joseph Mohr and 2 years later was set to music. It became so popular that it was translated into many different languages and taken around the world by missionaries.

There are three titles given to Jesus at his birth listed in the verses of Silent Night.

1. Jesus is the **Savior**, the One who through His death on the cross saves us from our sins.
2. Jesus is the **Messiah**, the "anointed one" promised through the prophets.
3. Jesus is **Lord**. God the Father sent his Son, who is Himself fully God, to be born in a manger.

During this Advent season, let's remember that Jesus came as our Savior, Messiah, and Lord.

### Kindergarten News

In Reading the students have been busy listening and reading stories about families, friends, transportation, and foods. I love listening to their stories about their family and friends. We were able to share our favorite snacks with each other to go along with the reading unit on food. We are learning sight words, letters and their sounds, and blending sounds together to make words.

## Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Alons (Continued)

In Math, we are busy learning about the numbers 0-10 and addition.

In Social Studies, we talked about the past, present, and future and what this looks like on a timeline. Each student built their own timeline with pictures of events from their lives starting from their birth to right now in Kindergarten. We are hoping to display these in the hallway outside our room.

In Bible class, we are talking about the birth of Jesus and how important this historical event is for our lives today. It has been a great year so far in Kindergarten.

## Prayer and Praise...1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please lift your praise to God for...

- *Safety in our travels to and from school so far this school year.*
- *The Christmas program that was held on December 3.*
- *The beginning of our basketball seasons.*
- *The ability to pay off our last building expansion debenture!*
- *The gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we are able to focus on during this season.*

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- *Our faculty and staff as they consider their intentions for the upcoming 22.23 school year.*
- *A restful and rejuvenating Christmas break for the students, teachers, and their families.*
- *The ability to pay off the remaining internally borrowed funds to fully eliminate our building debt.*

## SCS Job Opening:

Although we currently have a temporary solution, Sanborn Christian is looking for someone, or a partnership, to serve as the SCS janitor. This is a part-time position. Opportunity to continue long term would be desirable. If you have interest, or would like more information, please contact Mr. Minderhoud ([sanchr@sanbornchristian.com](mailto:sanchr@sanbornchristian.com)) or call 712-729-3288) or contact Brent Koldenhoven (Building Committee Chair).

## Weather Reminder

Do not forget to check for late starts, early outs, and cancellations on our website ([www.sanborchristian.com](http://www.sanborchristian.com)) under "Weather Announcements" or on our Facebook page. These announcements will also be given to KIWA (105.3), and on KTIV Channel 4 (and on their websites). We will also send weather related announcements to parents through JMC!

## NICSTO Update

You helped SCS reach our 2021 allotment!!!

**Thank you very much** for your support and commitment to Christian Education in Sanborn, IA!!

As we turn the calendar page to January in the near future, **we can already begin accepting NICSTO donations for 2022. Please consider the multi-level benefits of the NICSTO program this coming calendar year!**

## SCS Board Members for 2021-2022

President:  
Aaron Hoftzyer (2022)

Vice-President:  
Quint De Groot (2024)

Secretary:  
Brent Vander Werff (2023)

Treasurer:  
Jon Hoogers (2022)

Building Committee Chair:  
Brent Koldenhoven (2023)

Bus Committee Chair:  
Quint De Groot (2024)

Jon Covey (2023)

Andy Prins (2024)

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*Become a Member*

OF THE  
SANBORN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Foundation is crucial for the long-term financial stability of SCS. Interest generated from this permanent fund is used to reduce tuition for all students and to keep Christian education affordable.

The Foundation grows through yearly \$25.00 memberships, special gifts, and estate plans.

Dues and gifts may be sent to the SCS office, or Don DeBoer, Treas. Thank You.

### Asbestos Information

In compliance with regulation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, in June 2016 we performed inspections of our school building for asbestos-containing building materials. The findings of the inspection and asbestos plans are on file in the school office for your review.

## Scrip News

**Next order Jan. 3-** There is no school this day, so please place orders in the outside drop box.

**\*\*REMINDER-** There will be **NO ORDERS** on **Dec 20** & **Dec 27**.

**\*\*\*Cash & Carry** will be available until **11:00 am** on **Dec 22**.

**Find Sanborn Christian Scrip on Facebook!** I have created a group on Facebook as another way to keep everyone up to date on what is happening with Scrip. If you would like to be added to this group simply send a request through Facebook and I will get you added!

**\*\*New in Cash & Carry\*\***  
KWIK STAR- \$25  
KWIK STAR- \$50

### HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

**Smaller denomination Gift Cards Available in Cash & Carry**

<u>\$5</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$25</u>
Starbucks	Amazon	Bath & Body Works
Taco Bell	Arby's	
	Buffalo Wild Wings	
	Barnes & Noble	
	Papa Murphy's	
	Target	
	Wal-Mart	

**Scrip Order Dates: (Dates may change, watch email.)**

**NO ORDER Dec 20, 27**  
**Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

### Business Bonuses:

Don't forget the ship to home option that is available for some gift cards! Bonuses available on ShopWithScrip.com or the RaiseRight App!  
<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

## Have You Considered Becoming a Foundation Member?

**Please join us anytime of the year!** Christian education is ongoing and we need your help! The board would like to invite anyone to help promote Sanborn Christian School. **For an annual fee of \$25.00 or a lifetime membership of \$500.00, you can become a Sanborn Christian School Foundation member.** Please visit the school office or mail your foundation contribution to SCS! **ALL** proceeds will be placed in the Foundation fund which helps defray the cost of educational expenses through the year. The Foundation is able to contribute a significant amount of money each year to SCS simply from the interest that is raised from the money that accumulates in the Foundation fund!

**Sanborn Christian** provides equal education and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, age, marital status, gender, or disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies. Nothing in this policy, or any policies of the school, however, shall be construed to limit, inhibit, or otherwise restrict the genuine expression of our Christian beliefs or convictions.

# SCS Athletics: Basketball Schedule

## Girls and Boys

(Girl games begin @ 4:00pm, Boy games to immediately follow)

### Boys:

#### Practices:

December 20  
January: 4, 12, 19, 27  
February: 1, 3, 4

#### Games:

December 21 @ Sheldon  
January 6 @ RVCS  
**January 11 @ home vs. Sheldon**  
**January 13 @ home vs. OCCS**  
January 18 @ Ireton  
**January 20 @ home vs. SCCS**  
January 24 @ Hull  
February 5 – Tournament @ UCHS

### Girls:

#### Practices:

January: 5, 10, 17, 26, 28

#### Games:

December 21 @ Sheldon  
January 6 @ RVCS  
**January 11 @ home vs. Sheldon**  
**January 13 @ home vs. OCCS**  
**January 20 @ home vs. SCCS**  
January 24 @ Hull  
January 29 – Tournament @ WCHS

## Odds 'n Ends

**\*\*Iowa Assessment Testing** is scheduled for the week of January 17-21. Please make sure to mark this on your calendars!

**\*\*Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on February 17. Please consider scheduling a conference. School will dismiss at 1:15 pm that day and there will be no school on February 18 and February 21 unless there would be a need to make up weather-related days.

## SCS Service Project

Through Monday, December 20, Sanborn Christian will be accepting non-perishable food items, as well as household/personal items for Love INC and Upper Des Moines Opportunity. Please bring items to school to help with local families in need over this holiday season. Here is a short list of some of the needed items:

Hamburger Helper  
Canned Chicken  
Instant Potatoes  
Stuffing Mix  
Ramen Noodles  
Muffin Mix  
Brown Sugar  
Pizza Crust Mix  
Frosting  
Spaghetti Seasoning  
Taco Sauce  
Tomato Paste  
Fruit Juice  
Coffee

Cream Soups  
Mac N Cheese  
Mayonnaise  
Mustard  
Cereal  
Sugar  
Gravy Mix  
Pizza Sauce  
Pie Fillings  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Taco Shells  
Tomato Juice  
Broth  
Tea

Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
All-Purpose Cleaner  
13 gallon Garbage Bags  
Ziplock Bags  
Kleenex  
Hand Soap  
Men's & Women's Deodorant

Any other non-perishable food items are also welcome

## Building Debt Update

We continue to keep in front of the society the financial end of this expansion. The total spent on the building was \$3,335,935 along with a \$200,000 contribution to the Foundation which brought the total expense to \$3,535,935 (not including interest accruals). The following is a chart to help you see the great progress that we have had in paying off this project:

	Building Expansion Debt Remaining:
Original Cost of Project	\$3,535,936
April 1, 2017	\$2,008,538
April 1, 2018	\$1,253,000
April 1, 2019	\$779,500
April 1, 2020	\$530,050
April 1, 2021	\$364,050
December 14, 2021	\$169,050

**Our unpaid balance is UNDER \$200,000!!!**

**We have \$169,050 left to pay on this building project!** The remainder of the debt is funded only by internally borrowed funds. All of our interest-bearing debt has been paid off. **We are very thankful for the financial support received at this point in the project,** and we continue to ask that you continue to watch these numbers as we report them monthly, and prayerfully consider opportunities to continue to help us reduce the debt and complete this project. Our goal is to have this paid off by 2025 (or sooner!).



**2025**

## Hot Lunch Donations

We would like to remind the society that we are more than willing to accept food donations to the kitchen this year. Possible items that we would be looking for, but are not limited to, would include:

- Meat donations – if you are considering processing pork or beef, this would need to be scheduled with Babcock Meat Locker Plant (Alton, IA) when a USDA inspector is present. **This is required!!**
- Meat donations – if you don't own livestock, but see a great deal at the grocery store (on ground beef, pork loin, ham, etc.) and desire to purchase meat and donate it to school
- Vegetables – fresh or store bought frozen or canned (cannot accept homemade canned or frozen)
- Fruit – fresh or store bought frozen or canned (cannot accept homemade canned or frozen)
- Monetary donations to help offset the lunch expenses

If you have intentions of donating items, please contact Mrs. Koldenhoven in the office ahead of time at 729-3288. This is a necessary step so that she can keep a record of what is coming in, coordinate that with the kitchen staff, and so that she would be able to direct you to who needs to be notified.

Thank you to everyone! We really appreciate it.