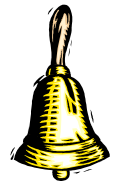


Our Mission:

“Educating under God’s Word, for serving God in His world.”



**Sanborn Christian School
SCHOOL BELL**



Calendar of Events:

December 21 – Dismiss @ 11:30am
December 22 - January 2 – No School
Christmas Break

January 3 – School Resumes!
January 5 – Bball vs. Worthington
January 9 – Bball @ RVCS
January 11 – Bball vs. OCCS
January 12 – End of Quarter 2 and the Semester - Dismiss @ 2:00pm
January 15-19 – IA Assessments
January 15 – Bball vs. SCCS
January 16 – Bball @ Ireton
January 18 – Bball vs. Inwood
January 23 – Dismiss @ 2:00pm
January 25 – Girls Bball Tourney

February 3 – Boys Bball Tourney
February 15 – PT Conferences
Dismiss @ 2:00pm
February 16 – No School
February 19 – No School /
Presidents Day

**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*

Principal’s Pen

Our school Christmas program has been typically held on the first Friday of December which was December 1 this year. It almost seemed a bit early for a Christmas program, but what a wonderful occasion it was once again!

On that night, we had the opportunity to begin the celebration of advent. Advent which means “coming” or “the arrival of a notable person or event” has been a focus word at SCS this year as it has come up in many devotional situations this December.

Most notable at this time of year is the advent of Christ as a baby. This first coming of Jesus Christ was a coming of humility which is something that Mr. DeGroot focused on and explained well at our December mini chapel.

Jesus came within humble circumstances when you consider the God had

come to earth only to be found in a stable and feeding trough. In fact, Christ’s entire life was marked by humility resulting in a call for our Christian life to imitate that humbleness.

Something to consider this Christmas is how often we fail to live humbly. That might sound as an odd Christmas reflection, but it would be of value.

From time to time in school, we see self-centeredness raise its head. Students can forget the wise words found particularly in Philippians 2:3,4 which are introduced with the very clear heading “Imitating Christ’s Humility”. These verses say, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition, or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourself, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others”.

As you celebrate Christ’s birth, I encourage you to



talk about Christ’s humility and the implications that it has on us, as His followers. What does “value others above yourself” and looking “to the interests of the others” look like within the school setting? What does it look like at church? In your own family? In the community?

Entitlement and a focus on personal wants often leads to a lack of respect to the people around us. A lack of humility easily creeps into our mindset and daily living.

As this time of reflection comes and goes, and then is quickly followed by a new year that often brings about new resolutions for life, encourage one another to resolve to live in a pattern of humility that exemplifies the life of Christ. Not only a humility that is spoken, but a humility that is lived out at school, in the classrooms, and beyond.

Fairshare Support of Sanborn Christian School

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sanborn CRC	\$ 63,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$43,000.00
Cornerstone URC	\$107,100.00	\$44,625.00	\$62,475.00

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School Board Highlights – December



December 11, 2023

President, Quint DeGroot opened with devotions and prayer. All members present.

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

Mr. Minderhoud gave the administrators report for information.

Education Committee reported on their December 5 meeting.

Staff intention slips were reviewed and discussed. Potential staffing discussion for 24.25 were continued considering the intention slips.

Building Committee gave update on some items that have been the focus of work and discussions: kitchen hood fan, weather stripping on bus garage, conference room ventilation, some bathroom fixes.

Quotes are being sought out for security cameras and some potential classroom remodeling.

Transportation Committee reported on some work completed on Bus 17B.

Promotion Committee reported that the Harvest Sale auction committee needs to find a replacement for Kari Van Beek.

No final Harvest Sale total yet, but it is currently just over \$107,000.

Finance Committee reported on their December 7 meeting. The checking account balance of \$287,362.23 which includes the Harvest Sale funds. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$87,225.57 for a 12-month period (July 2023 – June 2024).

Building expansion debt has been eliminated.

Foundation has a meeting set for December 19.

Long Range Planning reported on the beginning accreditation work. The December 7 early dismissal focused on what is needed from the teachers regarding accreditation.

Long range board goals and vision were considered for information.

Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

Halle Andringa will student teach in 6th grade from January – March.

Reports were given regarding the November/December board visit to school.

Motion passed to present the staff with a Christmas bonus again this season.

Section 500 to 540.6 from the Board Handbook was reviewed. No changes were deemed necessary to those policies at this time.

Reminders of board visits and times were given.

Mr. Cody Stange closed the meeting in prayer.

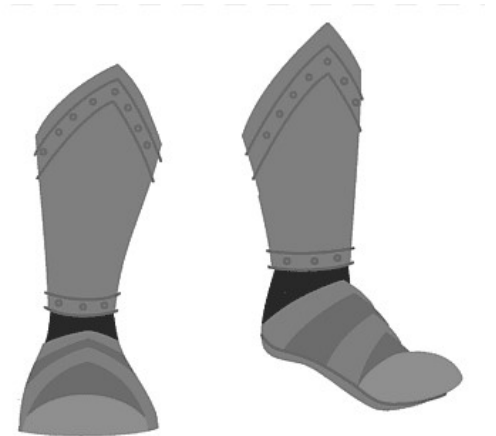
Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be January 15, 2024.



Merry Christmas from the staff at SCS!
“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given”
Not pictured: Mrs. Rozeboom, Mrs. Kuperus, & Mrs. De Groot

Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Gonnerman

“Come on, put on your shoes. It is time to go!” Have you ever heard or said these words to anyone before? Well, when your shoes are on, you are ready to go! Ephesians 6 tells us to put on the shoes of the Gospel of Peace. God wants to give his people peace even when they are afraid or if things go wrong. God promises to take care of us and to provide peace that only He can provide. This is what it means to put on the shoes of the Gospel of Peace. We need to be ready to tell people about the good news and about the peace that only God can give. Having the proper shoes on equips us to be ready to run, play, work, etc. You wouldn't wear high heels to play football or wear ice skates to do chores out on the farm. Wearing the proper shoes will help you to be ready for whatever you face. Christians are called to have the Shoes of Peace on, so we can dig in and stand firm when trials come our way. Reading God's Word, going to church, catechism, Bible study, and Sunday school are some of the ways that give us the proper shoes to stand firm and to equip us to have a firm foundation in God alone. Strap on your shoes and be ready with the Gospel of Peace to tell others about Jesus and what He has done for you! Are you ready? Put on the FULL Armor of God and stand firm!



Prayer and Praise...1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please lift your praise to God for...

- *The continued progress that Mrs. Gonnerman's husband, Kevin, has made.*
- *The generosity of this community (and beyond) as evidenced once again by the elimination of our building debt.*
- *Beautiful weather up to this point of the school year which makes travel to and from school simpler.*

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- *A safe and refreshing Christmas break.*
- *The continued plans that have already begun for the 24.25 school year.*
- *The beginning of the "Accreditation 2024" process.*



Building Debt Update

The total spent on the building expansion and renovation 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
April 1, 2022	\$116,911
April 1, 2023	\$38,500
December 7, 2023	\$0.00

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The building expansion / renovation debt has been eliminated!

On behalf of the SCS Board – past and present – we wish to offer our heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who have been active in this process in one way or another!

A special “thank you” to Paul Anema, Bob Oldenkamp, Craig Solsma, Jerry Buteyn, Mark Uittenbogaard, Doug Elgersma, and Jerry Van Beek who were active members of our Capital Campaign Committee!

Sanborn Christian School has been richly blessed by God through this process!





SCS Athletics: Basketball Schedule!

(Subject to Change)

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

Boys

Practices:

November: 20, 27, 29

December: 4, 8, 13, 18

January: 4, 8, 17, 22, 29, 31

February: 2

Games:

~~December 11 @ home vs. Sheldon~~

December 14 @ Hull PR

January 5 @ home vs. Worthington Christian

January 9 @ RVCS

January 11 @ home vs. OCCS

January 15 @ home vs. SCCS

January 16 @ Ireton

January 18 @ home vs Inwood

January 25 @ HCS

February 3 – Tournament @ WCHS

Girls

Practices:

November: 21, 28, 30

December: 5, 6, 12, 19

January: 3, 10, 19, 24, 26

Games:

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Weather Reminder

Don't forget to check for late starts, early outs, and cancellations on our website (www.sanbornchristian.com) under "News" and then look for "Weather Related 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!

Have You Considered Becoming a Foundation Member?

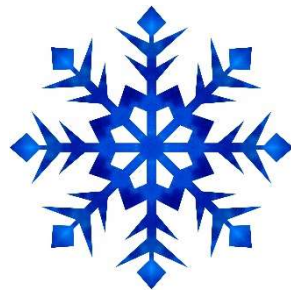
Please join us anytime of the year! Christian education is ongoing, and we need your help! The board would like to invite anyone to help promote Sanborn Christian School. **For an annual fee of \$25.00 or a lifetime membership of \$500.00, you can become a Sanborn Christian School Foundation member.** 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 can 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!

Pop Cans!

The pop can garage has been emptied recently, so it's time to fill it back up. The last drop off resulted in earnings of \$727.55 for Sanborn Christian! THANK YOU!



23-24 Christmas Program – Holy Forever



We had our Christmas program on December 1st! What a joy it was to see all the student's hard work come to life. A huge thank you to Mrs. Schreur for putting together yet another great program!





January 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6/7
No School	No School	Tavern Chips Carrots/Celery Grapes	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Dinner Roll Applesauce	Pizza Curly Fries Mixed Fruit	
8	9	10	11	12	13/14
Turkey Tetrazzini Garlic Bread Mixed Veggies Peaches	Crispitos Potato Ole's Peppers Pineapple	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Apples	Chili Cinnamon Rolls Mandarin Oranges	Hot Ham & Cheese French Fries Bananas	
15	16	17	18	19	20/21
Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	Nachos Peppers Oranges	Poppyseed Chicken Dinner Roll California Veggies Grapes	Pizza Curly Fries Pears	Cuban Sandwiches French Fries Bananas	
22	23	24	25	26	27/28
Tator Tot Hotdish Bread Mixed Veggies Peaches	Chicken Fajitas Potato Oles Pineapple	Baked Potato with Toppings Breadstick Apples	Italian Dunkers with Meat Sauce Carrots/Celery Grapes	Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	
29	30	31	1	2	3/4
Sheet Pan Pancakes Sausage, Hashbrown Yogurt Strawberries	Tator Tot Nachos Corn Tropical Fruit	Ravioli Garlic Bread Cooked Carrots Applesauce	Bacon Cheeseburger Soup Ham & Cheese Sliders Banana	Hot Dog French Fries Mixed Fruit	

Scrip News

Next order: **Tuesday, Jan 2**- all orders are due by **NOON!**

SCS Board Members for 2023-2024

President:
Quint De Groot (2024)

Vice-President:
Chad Van Beek (2025)

Secretary:
Andy Prins (2024)

Treasurer:
Jon Hoogers (2025)

Building Committee Chair:
Jeremy Van Ess (2026)

Bus Committee Chair:
Josh Krikke (2024)

Jerry Hofman (2026)

Cody Stange (2026)

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Cash & Carry will be available until 11:00 on Thursday, December 21! It will be restocked this week, but that will be the last time before Christmas. If you need something, please stop in sooner than later!

There is a limited number of **Culver's \$5** & **Scooter's \$5** gift cards available in cash & carry. Once these are gone, they will not be refilled.

Smaller denomination gift cards are available in Cash & Carry.

- Walmart- \$10
- Starbucks- \$5
- Taco Bell- \$5
- Claire's- \$10
- Maurices- \$20
- Hardees- \$10
- McDonald's- \$10
- Scooter's- \$10
- Locomotion Lanes- \$10, \$5
- Subway- \$10

EGift Card bonuses December 9-18- Get those last minutes gifts!

The new website for Sanborn Christian is up and running... Therefore, all "email" orders will need to be placed through RaiseRight. If you have not signed up yet, you will need to contact me for the enrollment code for SCS! If you have any questions, please reach out!

Reminder: Online orders must be **submitted** by **5pm** on **Monday's**, and **payment** must be dropped off by **9am** on **Tuesday!**

Reminder: Please double check your orders as soon as you receive them to make sure everything is correct. If you find an error with your order, please notify me immediately so I can do my best to get it corrected for you!

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

- Jan 2 (**TUESDAY, order due by NOON**), 8, 15, 22, 29
- Feb 5, 19, 26 (**No order Feb 12**)

Bonuses

Starbucks 6.5% (4.5%)
Old Navy/Gap/Athleta- 18% (14%)
Bath & Body Works 19% (12%)
Texas Roadhouse 10% (8%)
Under Armour 16% (11%)

Check out RaiseRight app or RaiseRight.com for a complete listing!
Don't forget the ship to home option that is available for some gift cards!

Sanborn Christian provides equal education and employment opportunities and does not discriminate based on 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.

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.