

*Our Mission:*  
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God in His world"



# Sanborn Christian School 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*



### Calendar of Events:

- January 25: Early Dismissal @ 1:15
- February 2: Play Practice Begins
- February 17: P/T Conferences - Dismiss @ 1:15
- February 18&21: No School
- February 24: JH Choir Festival @ UCHS
- February 28-March 4: Reading Week
- March 8: Early Dismissal @ 1:15
- March 18: End 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter - Dismiss @ 1:15
- March 23: Auxiliary Pancake Supper
- March 24&25: SCS Junior High Play
- March 30: AEA Math Bee (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- April 5: Early Dismissal @ 1:15
- April 12: UCHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day
- April 14-18: Easter/Spring Break - No School
- April 28: Dorcht Math Bee (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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

## Principal's Pen

There is a story of a zoo that was noted for their great collection of different animals. One day the gorilla died, and to keep up the appearance of a full range of animals, the zookeeper hired a man to wear a gorilla suit and fill in for the dead animal. It was his first day on the job, and the man didn't know how to act like a gorilla very well. As he tried to move convincingly, he got too close to the wall of the enclosure, tripped, and fell into the lion exhibit. He began to scream, convinced his life was over...until the lion spoke to him and said: "Be quiet, or you're going to get us both fired!"

This light-hearted, yet impactful, story is found at the beginning of the "Be Real" devotion in the "Rooted in Christ" (2012) devotional book which was available during our school's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It was used as part of a larger devotional with our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students recently.

A question that was posed to the students that morning was: "What was wrong with the gorilla, the lion, and ultimately the zoo?" Without difficulty, they noted that it was fake. It was all a show to make the zoo look good. Perhaps they caught the author's hint when he wrote "to keep up the appearance of...". Some students wondered if the whole zoo was comprised of fake animals! After all, if those two were fake, who's to say the zookeeper didn't try this earlier in other parts of the zoo!

A main idea to students that morning was our Christian faith needs to be sincere and genuine. We can't look the part on the exterior, but not be it internally. The unfortunate reality is that we struggle with thinking that keeping up the appearance is the key. Not only does that lend people to question our personal genuineness, it will lead them to question Christians as a whole...which is exactly what our students began to do about the entire zoo.



Our Christian faith needs to change the way in which we live. We believe that God works that change in us through His Spirit and yet our daily choices and actions must be an intentional thought process every day.

Consistency is difficult. Having our head and heart consistently match our outward actions (and vice-versa) is a minute by minute battle.

Our children will see inconsistencies in you as parents and grandparents. They will see it in their teachers and other adults. They will see it in their classmates. By God's grace, they will see it in themselves. Depending where they are at in life, it will bother them. Wrestle with this with them. Praise God for sending a Savior and pray for the Spirit's continual work in our hearts and lives.

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## Fairshare Support of Sanborn Christian School

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sanborn CRC	\$ 77,820.69	\$ 35,530.42	\$ 42,290.27
Cornerstone URC	\$140,579.31	\$ 70,962.08	\$ 69,617.23

(as of: Jan. 4)

♥ **THANK you!**

# School Board Highlights – January Meeting

## January 17, 2021

President, Aaron Hoftzyer opened with devotions and prayer.

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

Mr. Minderhoud gave the administrators report for information.

Education Committee reported on their January 11 meeting which included:

Student progress in the Jr. High was discussed.

Intention slips from the staff were reviewed as part of the planning process for next year.

Executive Committee plans to meet with teaching staff on February 16.

Building Committee reported on installation of new coffee pot in faculty room and some cabinetry work.

Bus Committee reported on some new tires that

were needed on the buses.

Bus inspection is scheduled for February 3.

Promotion Committee still needs to have a replacement for Brendan Olson for next year.

Finance Committee reported on the January 13 meeting. The checking account balance is \$211,605.55. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$74,008.23 for a 12 month period (July 2021 – June 2022).

Discussion was held on some budgetary items for the 22.23 school year.

Foundation reported that the SCS Board will need to find one replacement for the Foundation Board.

Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

Last month's motion to update the COVID policy was amended and passed to now state the following:

As of 1.06.22, the CDC guidance states that students, teachers, or other staff members with a COVID-19 infection should stay home five days from symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic). If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms have greatly improved, they may return on day six. This is according to IDPH. Improved symptoms must be without the use of medicine.

Policy review of Section 300 was considered in conjunction with suggested changes by Alliance Defending Freedom.

Mr. Andy Prins closed the meeting in prayer.

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Monday, February 14, 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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## Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Rozenboom

“It is Well with My Soul”

How many of you have had someone close to you pass away? A family member, a close friend of your family, a coworker? If you haven't, I'm sure that many of you know someone who has. We all, at some point in our lives, will walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Because of sin, death and suffering are a part of this earthly life. But what do we do during these hard times? When the world seems heavy and our daily lives become really hard? Do we weep and cry as the world does, without hope? Or do we still have a reason for hope, a reason for joy?

The Bible says in Psalm 71:14, “As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.” It also states in Habakkuk 3:17-18, our theme verse for the month, “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, **yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.**”

These words fit so well with our song for the month, “It is Well with My Soul.” The author of the song, Horatio Spafford, suffered greatly during his life. Within a span of a few years, his young son died from scarlet fever; he suffered great financial loss; and his four daughters drowned when their boat struck another vessel. As Spafford sailed past the place where his daughters had died, he penned the words to “It is Well with My Soul.”

# Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Rozenboom (Continued)

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."*

Can we say this? Is it well with my soul? Even when the storms of life roll...sickness, heartache, even death?

In Habakkuk, there were no buds, no grapes, no olives, no crops, no sheep, and no cattle. **"YET I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."** How do we do this? Be joyful in sorrow and pain? It can be so hard to see past our present circumstances, to see the goodness of God, but we have a Savior who suffered and died in our place! We deserve eternal punishment for all the wrong that we have done, and He took that punishment upon Himself. Our only response to this should be praise!

*My sin—oh the bliss of this glorious thought--my sin, not in part, but the WHOLE!--Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord oh my soul!*

It's really about perspective. The trials of this life are very short from God's perspective, from eternity. We can face the valleys because we know God is ALWAYS with us. He promises to never leave or forsake us. No matter what happens to us here on earth, if we have Christ as our Savior, we will spend eternity with Him! That is a promise to hold on to!

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight. The clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend. Even so, it is well with my soul.*

## Preschool Classroom News

In preschool, we have been working our way through the alphabet and learning about each letter and the sound that it makes. The preschoolers are working on recognizing numbers and shapes and learning how to write and draw them. This month, we have also been learning about our solar system. The preschoolers are so interested in the planets and learning about all of the different aspects of space that God has created.

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

Please lift your praise to God for...

- *A restful Christmas break for the students, teachers, and their families.*
- *The ability to welcome back Annabelle and Bellamy Van Dyke to SCS!*

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- *Our students as they work side by side each day.*
- *Our faculty and staff as they consider their intentions for the upcoming 22.23 school year.*
- *The Board as they make decisions regarding planning and budgeting for the 22.23 school year.*
- *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!

# 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
January 17, 2022	\$125,246.64

**Our unpaid balance is UNDER \$130,000!!!**

**We have \$125,246.64 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.

# SCS Athletics: Basketball Schedule

## Girls and Boys

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

### Boys:

#### Practices:

January: 27

February: 1, 3, 4

#### Games:

January 24 @ Hull

February 5 – Tournament @ UCHS

### Girls:

#### Practices:

January: 26, 28

#### Games:

January 24 @ Hull

January 29 – Tournament @ WCHS

## Odds 'n Ends

**\*\*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

Before Christmas break we had the opportunity to encourage students to bring in non-perishable food items, as well as household/personal items for Love INC and Upper Des Moines Opportunity. This was a great way for students to help out other families within our local communities. Thank you for all your donations!



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."  
Hebrews 13:16

# PRE-SCHOOL ROUND UP INFORMATION

**Sanborn Christian School**  
**405 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
**Sanborn, Iowa 51248**

The Education and Finance committees of Sanborn Christian School are making decisions for the next school year. It is important that we have an accurate projection of the incoming Pre-school class for 2022-2023. If your child will be four years old by September 15, 2022, please check the appropriate blank and return this form to the school office by February 11, 2022. Pre-school Round Up will be held on **Friday, March 11**. Please stay tuned for more information!

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we plan to enroll our child in Pre-school at SCS next year (2022-2023)

\_\_\_\_\_ Our child is old enough to attend Pre-school next year BUT we are still undecided.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we have decided to wait another year before enrolling our child in Pre-school.

\_\_\_\_\_ We would like more information about Christian Education in general and Sanborn Christian in particular.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions regarding this form or Sanborn Christian School, please feel free to call the school office (712) 729-3288 or speak to any member of our staff or board. Thank you for your input.



# KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP INFORMATION

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we plan to enroll our child in Kindergarten at SCS next year (2022-2023)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our child is old enough to attend Kindergarten next year BUT we are still undecided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No, we have decided to wait another year before enrolling our child in Kindergarten.
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## 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)

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Andy Prins (2024)

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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

Orders will be ready for pick up at 9 am Friday and going home with students.

Next order Jan 24.

**\*\*New in Cash & Carry\*\***

KWIK STAR- \$25

KWIK STAR- \$50

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

Jan 24, 31

Feb 7, 21, 28 (No order Feb 14)

Mar 7, 14, 21, 28

Apr 4, 18, 25 (No order Apr 11)

May 2, 9, 16, 23 (No order May 30)

### 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.