



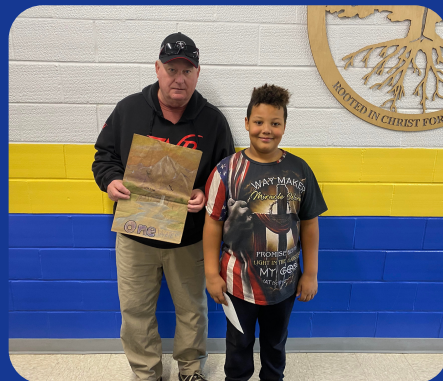
# Sanborn Christian SCHOOL BELL

January 2024



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Sammy W. was the winner of the O'Brien County's "One Water" Paper Bag Project. Good job Sammy!

## Upcoming Events

- January 23 - Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm for Prof. Develop.
- January 25 - G/B Basketball @ Hull @ 4:00pm - team dismiss @ 3:10pm
- January 27 - Girls Basketball Tournament @ UCHS
- January 30 - Jr. High Play Practices Begin
- February 2 - Grades 4- 8 Mini-Chapel
- February 3 - Boys Basketball Tournament @ WCHS
- February 8 - All School Chapel & Theme Shirts
- February 15 - PTC - Early dismissal @ 2:00pm. Conferences begin @ 3:00pm.
- February 16 and 19 - No School
- February 22 - Jr. High Choir Festival @ WCHS
- February 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive - details TBD



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### Our Mission:

Educating under God's Word,  
for serving God in His World.

# PRINCIPAL'S PEN



The School Bell has a new look! Our goal is to share the same news with you in an updated format. We realize that you will need to become reacquainted with the layout of the School Bell to find the material for which you are looking, but we hope that you enjoy the new arrangement.

Also, if you haven't visited our school webpage lately, we encourage you to check it out ([www.sanbornchristian.com](http://www.sanbornchristian.com)). You will note that our website has also been updated. Our goal with that update was to provide a more user-friendly and attractive site for our current families and for families who may be considering Sanborn Christian School as a place for their children.

"Today, tomorrow, and forever, I will live for You  
Today, tomorrow, and forever, I will worship You"

In the first 30 minutes of a school day these words can occasionally be heard coming from the gym and through the hallways as they are sung by our students.

That joyful chorus follows this verse: "Through every trial...through every circumstance...still Your mercy covers me...through every battle...I don't have to understand...Still, I lift my voice and sing."

At school, we've discussed that the life of the follower of God is a battle every day, and one thing the battle requires is faith. We need to trust that the directions and orders we've been given are good and right. We need to put those orders ahead of our own desires and ahead of what we think might be best. For example, the Israelites (an OT picture of God's people today) needed to trust God's battle plan for Jericho. Who would have thought that walking around the walls of the fortified city, shouting and blowing trumpets would be an effective battle strategy? Conversely, Israel's second battle - the battle against Ai - did not result in victory because Israel wasn't obedient to the overall plan of God regarding the plunder of Jericho when Achan put his desires ahead of the community and ahead of what God instructed and took some for himself.

I would guess that we all have stories from our lives that have required acting in faith and trusting what God brought in His providence was the right plan for us. We've probably all wrestled

with putting our desires to the side in order to walk through situations that have come our way. We have all likely struggled with thinking our approach for the future would be a better option than what we think God is orchestrating at the time. Yet, in hindsight, in many of these circumstances, we can conclude that God's way brought about blessings that we didn't see at the time.

These are the "faith stories" that Mrs. Rozenboom and Mrs. Schreur have been trying to compile from our school community in order to share them with our students to illustrate that these stories are not only found in the Bible, but within our own community and families too.

As our students get older, it's important for them to see examples of faith being actively lived, because when you're a kid it can be difficult to make sense of what is being experienced. How can we lift our voices and sing through every trial and circumstance? Is it even possible? It's essential that church / home / school point these things out from the Bible as it is read. It is also good for our students to hear from our own experiences so that we can testify about the goodness and faithfulness of God in our lives - even when it looks bleak.

Even a beginning understanding of this helps us to sing the rest of the song with more confidence: "You have been faithful... You have been kind to me... You hold my future in Your hands... So, when the world's shaking... The ground beneath my feet... You're the solid rock on which I stand" and "I'll worship You... On the mountain and in the valley... I'll worship You... In the calm and in the storm. Today, tomorrow, and forever I will worship You!"

~ Mr. Anthony Minderhoud

# School Board Highlights

## JANUARY 15, 2024

- President, Quint DeGroot opened with devotions and prayer. All members present.
- Agenda for the meeting, and past minutes, were approved.
- Mr. Minderhoud gave the administrator's report for information.
- Education Committee reported on their December 20 and January 11 meetings.
  - Staffing and planning for the 24.25 school year continues to be the main topic of discussion.
- Executive Committee plans on their regular visit with the SCS staff in February.
- Building Committee gave update on some items that are being worked on in, and around, the building.
  - Motion to remove the pea gravel and turf the east side of the playground passed. The hope is that it can be done when they return to finish the original project.
- Transportation Committee reported weather related decisions in January and some fixes on Bus 17B.
  - The state bus inspection is scheduled for February 7, 2024.
  - Weather-stripping on the bus garage has been replaced.
- Promotion Committee reported on the need to find a committee member to replace Kari Van Beek as her term is completed.
- Finance Committee reported on their January 4 meeting.
  - The checking account balance of \$239,448.01. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$87,225.57 for a 12-month period (July 2023 – June 2024).
  - Motion to approve the proposed staff compensation packages passed.
- Foundation reported on their December 19 meeting.
- Long Range Planning reported that accreditation surveys have been sent out and are requested back by the end of January.
- Old / New Business
  - Motion to purchase exterior and interior cameras (approximately 12 in total) was passed.
  - Discussion on what some remodeling of Jr. High classrooms could look like continued. Some quotes are begin obtained to explore the approximate cost.
  - Motion to approve Auxiliary's latest minutes passed.
  - Long range board goals and vision were considered for information.
  - Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.
  - Section 550 to 571 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. Anthony Minderhoud closed the meeting in prayer.
- Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be February 12, 2024.



*Kindergarteners dressed in their Christmas tree costumes for the Christmas program*



*1st graders wearing their Holiday Hair Accessories*



# Classroom Spotlight



## Mrs. Rozenboom, & Mrs. Schreier

Our theme for the month of January is the Shield of Faith, and we are focusing on Ephesians 6:16 which says, "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." What is a shield? What is faith? How can the shield of faith help us in our daily lives to battle against the flaming arrows of the evil one?

In Ephesians 6, Paul was referring to a Roman shield. This was not a small piece of armor, like many of us may think. Roman shields were 3 feet wide by 4 feet tall. They were made of wood, covered in leather, with iron around the edges, and an iron dome in the center. Before battle, the soldiers would soak their shield in water. The shield would then be able to extinguish the flaming arrows the enemy was shooting at them. Sometimes, the soldiers would place their shields together to make a "wall" to provide additional protection. Without a shield for protection, a soldier would be vulnerable to attacks from the enemy, who look for weakness and use it to their advantage. Faith acts like this shield against evil and the attacks of Satan.

How would you describe faith? God gives us a description of faith in Hebrews 11:1, which says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." It's similar to someone blindfolding you, leading you around a room, and then telling you to sit on a chair they know is there but you have not seen. If you trust the person giving directions to you, if you have faith in that person, you will sit down. We have faith in God, even though we have not seen Him. In Matthew 17, Jesus tells His disciples that if they would have faith as small as a mustard seed, they could move mountains. Everyone's faith journey needs to start somewhere. It needs to be planted, nourished, and watered, just like a small mustard seed. With time, and through the working of the Holy Spirit, we see it grow. The Bible says in Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." When we spend time in prayer, in worship, or reading our Bible, we are spending time with Jesus. We are hearing from Him, and our faith in Him grows. It may not be so obvious at first, but when we look back over our lives, we can see the gracious hand of God at work and see how we trust Jesus more and more each day because He has proven that He is faithful. Remember who He is and what He has done. Even though we are not faithful, God is ALWAYS faithful.

Think of the life of Job. Job lost his animals, many of his servants, his children, and ultimately his health as well. After all of these things, Job still trusted God and, in the midst of his grief, praised the Lord. Job 1:21 says, "The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." Job used the shield of faith to protect himself against the many arrows from the evil one.

How can we be like Job and take up the shield of faith, even when life feels hopeless? How can we battle against the arrows of temptations that come our way? Satan's attacks may come in the form of lies, insults, or temptations. They may make us feel doubt, worry, or defeated, but we don't have to feel that way. Jesus' response to temptation was to quote Scripture. Three times He said, "It is written..." If Jesus was using Scripture to battle against temptation, how much more should we? This is one of the reasons it is so important to memorize Scripture. When we are tempted, we can use Bible verses to help us remember what God says in His Word and not the lies that Satan tries to tell us instead.

Sometimes fear and anxiety can crowd out our ability to trust in God's faithfulness. The truth is that no matter how bleak something looks now, God has a plan to work that thing for your good. This whole life is a rehearsal for the celebration we will have in heaven, so we celebrate now what God has already done, is doing, and will finish someday. We face struggles in our lives, but we trust God enough to praise Him and celebrate the outcome we know is coming. Even through death, God wins. We are more than conquerors through Christ who strengthens us. The victory is ours, but the battle belongs to the Lord. He has already won!

## Preschool News from Mrs. Rozenboom:

Preschool this year looks a little different! With 14 students, I have an aide (Mrs. Lori De Groot) helping me. Some of the highlights from the year so far have been learning about the solar system, decorating a box in our classroom to look like a gingerbread house, shaving cream letters on our tables, and a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch back in October. We are looking forward to transitioning to the New Testament in our Bible curriculum and learning about some of Jesus' miracles. We also continue to work our way through the alphabet, learning letter names and sounds.





# SCS Basketball Schedule!

(Subject to Change)

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

## BOYS:

**Practices:** January: 22, 29, 31 and February: 2

## Games:

- January 25 @ HCS
- February 3 – Tournament @ WCHS

## TWO PARENTS WATCHING JUNIOR BASKETBALL

"Which one is your boy?"  
 "Why?"  
 "I wanted to tell him how rubbish he is"  
 "You cant say that he is only a kid, how would you like it if i said that to your boy?"  
 "You have done that all game"  
 "Who is your boy?"  
 "The referee"

**THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK**



## GIRLS:

**Practices:** January: 24, 26

## Games:

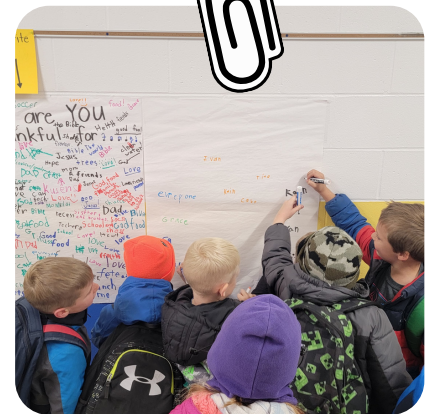
- January 25 @ HCS
- January 27 Tournament @ UCHS



## Weather Reminders

Don't forget to check for late starts, early outs, and cancellations on our website ([www.sanbornchristian.com](http://www.sanbornchristian.com)) 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!



A few students writing down what they are thankful for this Christmas



4th graders on Ugly Sweater Day



## Fairshare Support

	Budgeted	Received	Balance
Sanborn CRC	\$63,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$38,000.00
Cornerstone URC	\$113,400.00	\$53,550.00	\$59,850.00
(As of 1.2.24)			

♥THANK you!





# PRAYER & PRAISE

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16.17



"REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,  
GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES..."

### *Please lift up your praise to God for...*

- A safe and refreshing Christmas Break.
- Those of our community who were willing to share stories of God's faithfulness with our student body during January's chapel.
- ESAs and the 2nd semester funding.
- Being 1/2 way through the academic year already. The 2nd semester starts this week!
- The building expansion / renovation debt has been fully paid!

### *Please lift your prayers to God for...*

- Mrs. Donovan (our head librarian) and her family in the passing of her mother-in-law.
- Safety in travels to and from school and after-school events.
- The continued plans that have already begun for the 24.25 school year.
- The beginning of the "Accreditation 2024" process.



## 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 \$50.00 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!

## Did you Know...



- There are plans to remove the pea gravel on the east side of the playground and to place turf in that area? **If you are interested in assisting in offsetting the cost of this additional project with a donation, please contact Mr. Minderhoud at [sanchr@sanbornchristian.com](mailto:sanchr@sanbornchristian.com) or contact the office at 729-3288.**
- The final Harvest Sale Auction total was \$106,910.55? **This is a new record high for Sanborn Christian!**
- The pop can garage was emptied in November and resulted in an additional \$727.55! **Please keep filling the garage with your cans!! NO GLASS BOTTLES, please.**



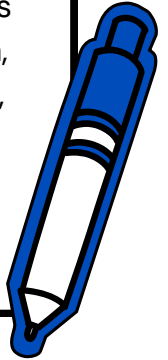
3rd graders made  
gingerbread houses

# Pre-School Round Up

**Sanborn Christian School**  
**405 W . 2nd St**  
**Sanborn, IA 51248**

The Education and Finance committees of Sanborn Christian School are making plans for the next school year, so it is important that we have an accurate projection of the incoming Pre-school class for 2024-2025 as possible (Pre-School is 3 mornings per week from 8:30 to 11:30 on Mon, Wed, Thurs). If your child will be four years old by September 15, 2024, please check the appropriate blank and return this form to the school office by February 15, 2024.

**Pre-school Round Up will be held on Friday, March 15 from 8:30am-11:30am. Please stay tuned for more information!**



\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we plan to enroll our child in the SCS Praising Paws Pre-school next year (2024-2025)

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ As a potential incoming Preschool family, would you be interested in seeing the Pre-School program expand from it's current 3 mornings per week to 4 mornings per week? **Yes or No?**

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.

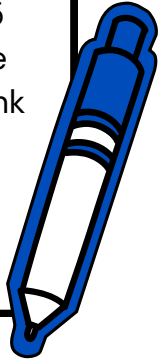


# Kindergarten Round Up

**Sanborn Christian School  
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The Education and Finance committees of Sanborn Christian School are making plans for the next school year. It is important that we have an accurate projection of the incoming Kindergarten class for 2024-2025 (Kindergarten is 4 full days per week: Mon – Thurs). If your child will be five years old by September 15, 2024, please check the appropriate blank and return this form to the school office by February 15, 2024.

**Kindergarten Round Up will be held on Friday, April 5 from 8:30am-12:45pm Please stay tuned for more information.**



\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we plan to enroll our child in Kindergarten at SCS next year (2024-2025).

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ As a potential incoming Kindergarten family, would you be interested in seeing the Kindergarten program expand from it's current 4 days per week format to 5 days per week or a transition to 5 days per week by the 2nd semester? **Yes or No?**

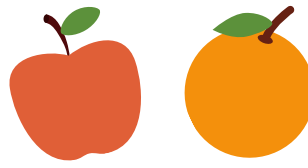
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## Welcome Miss Andringa!

Hello, my name is Halle Andringa, and I live in Sanborn, Iowa. I am currently in my last semester at Buena Vista University. In May I plan to graduate with a major in Elementary (K-6) Education with an endorsement in middle school math and science. I plan to be with the sixth graders from January 3 to March 3. I will spend the majority of my time co-teaching with the other sixth-grade teachers. Somewhere in the middle of these eight weeks, I will gradually gain full responsibility for these students' core classes, and I will ease out of this position during the last few weeks. I am ecstatic to be working with Sanborn Christian for these first eight weeks of student teaching.



Kindergarteners on Christmas  
Pajama Day



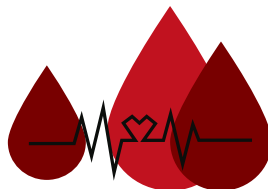
5th graders spreading their holiday cheer  
by wearing red & green

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Sanborn Christian is hosting a blood drive!**

Wednesday,  
February 28, 2024  
In the SCS gym

**Watch for more details to come within the next month!**





# 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
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 Carrots/Celery Banana	Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Mixed Fruit	
5	6	7	8	9	10/11
Hamburger Hotdish Biscuit Mixed Veggies Pears	Soft Shell Taco Corn Tropical Fruit	Roast Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes California Veggies Applesauce	Bubble Pizza French Fries Banana	Ranch Chicken Smile Fries Mandarin Oranges	
12	13	14	15	16	17/18
Sub Sandwich Chips Cucumbers Grapes	Meat & Cheese Burrito Spanish Rice Mixed Vegetables Applesauce	BBQ Chicken Flatbread Potato Wedges Pineapple	Chicken Patty Waffle Fries Peaches	No School	
19	20	21	22	23	24/25
No School	Pulled Pork Nachos Peppers Peaches	Lasagna Breadstick Corn Apples	Meatball Sub Cheesy Potatoes Mixed Fruit	Creamed Chicken on a Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Banana	
26	27	28	29	1	2
Cheesy Sausage on a Bun Curly Fries Pears	Quesadilla Potato Oles Mandarin Oranges	Poppyseed Chicken Dinner Roll Green Beans Grapes	Tavern Chips Baked Beans Apples	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Applesauce	



# Scrip News

Next order: Monday Jan. 22

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 22, 29
- Feb 5, 19, 26 **(No order Feb 12)**
- March 4, 11, 18 **(No order March 25)**

## Bonuses

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!



*Preschoolers enjoying snacks during their Christmas Party*



*Mrs. Bootsma , our 3rd grade teacher, wore a Christmas outfit every school day of December!*

**SCS BOARD  
MEMBERS  
2023-2024**

**President:**

Quint De Groot (2024)

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Chad Van Beek (2025)

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**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.

**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.

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