

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



Sanborn Christian School SCHOOL BELL



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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7*



Calendar of Events:

- November 24: Dismiss @ 11:30
- November 25-26: No School - Thanksgiving Break
- December 3: Christmas Program 7:00
- December 9: Dismiss @ 1:15
- December 22: Dismiss @ 11:30
- December 23-January 3: No School – Christmas Break
- January 4: Classes Resume
- January 14: End 2nd Quarter - Dismiss @ 1:15
- January 25: Early Dismissal @ 1:15

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

Principal's Pen

At Sanborn Christian School, we tend to have annual reflections about Thanksgiving. It's a time that our teachers place in front of our students to allow them to intentionally process God's blessings.

It's a worthwhile, heart-shaping, faith-building practice that we all could do more often in our schools, families, and churches.

At SCS, we are thankful for...

...beginning another year on August 24. We are in person, essentially restriction free, and healthy. We are grateful for this part of the country where we can have school in regular fashion.

...having a full faculty, staff, and coaching staff to begin the school year. It's always a blessing to have those areas filled each year.

...our building debt is below \$200,000! We are thankful for generous support!!

...great opportunities outside of the classroom for our students to explore their gifts and grow them: volleyball, interscholastic speech, honor band auditions/concert, orchestra festival, NISO, mile runs at UCHS / WCHS, and now basketball.

...programs to help grow our skills like the Summer Reading Program (a new record of 210,498 pages!), and Reading Week!

...October 29 work-a-thon event. This was a learning experience in different and good ways! It was a great experience, it was a benefit to those we helped, and we were blown away at the amount of raised funds!

...silage piles! Not two, but five!! We never anticipated that and we had great helpers along the way. It really is a great time of fellowship!

...potentially another record-setting Harvest Sale! This event continues to exceed expectations!! We are



thankful for generous donors!

...opportunities taken each month for students and staff to reflect on chapels and express their faith and understanding of our chapel studies in writing!

...a society of willing hands and support (as is evidenced by so many of these listed points)!

So please sing our Hymn of the Month with us:

"Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done..."

"O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us..."

"All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given.."

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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	\$ 47,456.32	\$ 92,822.99

(as of: Nov. 3)

THANK you!

School Board Highlights – November Meeting

November 15, 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 November 9 meeting which included:

Student progress in the Jr. High was discussed

Mrs. Moss returned from maternity leave on November 8.

Intention slips to staff will be given out in mid-December.

Executive Committee is scheduled to meet with teachers again in February 2022.

Building Committee reported on work that was completed and is in progress: connected with Henningsen to fix gym

roof leak, amending rental contract/agreement, bookcase for the library, and more.

Building Committee reported on the search for replacing Maycin Gonnerman as janitor. Motion passed to have the Minderhouds fill in beginning November 25.

Bus Committee reported on researching the possibility and feasibility of a 4th bus route in the future.

Promotion Committee reported the November 6 Harvest Sale. It was a successful day with a total of near \$77,000.

Finance Committee reported on the November 11 meeting. The checking account balance is \$222,022.82. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$74,008.23 for a 12 month period (July 2021 – June 2022).

Finance Committee is researching the possibility

of dropping CSI Life Insurance for staff and move it to Zeutenhorst Financial.

NICSTO is full for now. There might be a possibility to collect more NICSTO funds after December 1, 2021. Stay tuned!

Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

School Board visits for October and November were reported on.

Policy review included the adoption of a Statement of Faith for SCS to be incorporated into the policy handbook, as suggested by Alliance Defending Freedom, and to approve changes to Policy 125 and 130 (125 would need society approval).

Motion passed to approve Christmas bonuses for staff and faculty.

Mr. Aaron Hoftzyer closed the meeting in prayer.

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

Keep dropping recyclable cans and bottles off in the garage north of the school! Let's fill up that space!

NICSTO is currently full. Thank you!!

We may have the opportunity to collect more after December 1. Stay tuned!!

Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Runia

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” & “Now Thank We All Our God” are the songs chosen for this Thankful month of November. As we look around us each day, we can see the beauty of his creation and the changing of the seasons, as we could see in the first snowfall last week. God is so good and there is so much to be thankful for. For chapel next week the students and teachers wrote down five things they were thankful for. Our school was most thankful for our loving families, food & water, good friends, homes, & a gracious, loving God. I also love that some wrote down their hobbies like hunting, fishing, & sports.

Our first song “All Things Bright and Beautiful” was written by Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander for children in Sunday School to learn about the Apostles Creed. She was looking at the phrase “maker of heaven and earth” when she wrote this lovely little song. She bases the hymn on Genesis 1:31b “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.”

“Now Thank We All Our God” was written by Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor, in the year 1636. He was a pastor in Eilenberg, Saxony during the Thirty Years War. His town was surrounded by the Swedish army and inside the walls the town was plagued by famine and fear. Eight hundred homes were destroyed and people were dying. This put a tremendous stress on the pastors as they were preaching, caring for the sick, and burying the dead. One by one the pastors also succumbed to death leaving only Martin. Some days he would have as many as fifty funerals. Martin knew there was no healing without thanksgiving, so he wrote this hymn for the survivors of Eilenberg. It has been sung around the world ever since.

Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Runia (Continued)

As Christians, we can go through births, marriages, good health, job changes, struggles, death, and hard days, but through it all whether good or bad, we still need to be thankful for all that God has done. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us: “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Most of the time we are thankful for all the good things in our lives, but God also gives us things to challenge us and we should also be thankful for those challenges too. May we always see God’s blessing in everything around us as we are told in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Prayer and Praise...1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please lift your praise to God for...

- *A great Harvest Sale!*
- *A wonderful work-a-thon with beautiful weather! It was a great opportunity to go and serve in our community and to thank our community for their efforts in making Sanborn a great place!*
- *The conclusion of the first quarter.*
- *Mrs. Moss’ return back to the classroom on November 8.*
- *Jill Vander Werff and Maycin Gonnerman for filling in as maternity subs.*

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- *Continued safe travels to and from school every day.*
- *Our up-coming Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *The day to day operations of school, our teachers, our staff, and our students.*

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) 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) 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!

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!

SCS Athletics: Basketball Schedule

Girls and Boys

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

Boys:

Practices:

November: 22, 30
December: 2, 6, 8, 15, 20
January: 4, 12, 19, 27
February: 1, 3, 4

Games:

December 14 @ Hull PR
December 16 @ home vs. Inwood
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:

November 23, 29
December: 1, 7, 10, 13
January: 5, 10, 17, 26, 28

Games:

December 14 @ Hull PR
December 21 @ Sheldon
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January 13 @ home vs. OCCS
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Harvest Sale 2021

On Saturday, November 6, 2021 the annual Sanborn Christian Harvest Sale was held. What an exciting day it was!

SCS would like to thank all of those who were involved in this event – some of you played a visible role and many others were involved behind the scenes. Thank you to all who donated items to the Harvest Sale Concessions. All the donations really keep the costs down when preparing for such a large

event! A special thank you to the Auxiliary committee members and the Harvest Sale auction committee members! All of your time, work, effort, and dedication are fully appreciated!!

We'd also like to thank Don Krommendyk and Ron Sterk, for all their efforts in making the auction run smoothly.

During that afternoon, the sale produced close to \$77,000! This Harvest Sale turned out to be

another great fundraiser.

An official total will be available soon as final expenses are calculated and we continue to receive donations as well. On behalf of the Board and the school itself – **thank you for all of your support once again!**

It is always such a tremendous thing to watch everyone working together for the purpose of supporting Sanborn Christian and Christian

education.

Let us not forget to give thanks to our faithful God. Once again, He has demonstrated His goodness to our school and us.

May we continue to be faithful to Him, and use His blessings to further His kingdom and to teach His covenant children.

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
November 15, 2021	\$194,050

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

We have \$194,050 left to pay on this building project! Currently, the remainder of the debt is funded by one partial debenture, and internally borrowed funds. **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 of by 2025 (or sooner!).



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: Wildcat Volleyball was a Success!



Congratulations to our 7th/8th grade volleyball team on a great season!

They finished with a winning season, many competitive volleyball games, and made great strides in the end of the year tournament pool play!

Thanks to Coach Postma and Coach Stange for all of their time again this season!

Pictured:

Back row (L-R): Coach Postma, Anna Schreurs, Aubree Graves, Aleah Schreur, Addison Sybesma, Mia Bakker, Avery Rozenboom, Coach Stange

Front Row (L-R): Olivia Spronk, Autumn Wolfswinkel, Madi Krikke, Sage Kuperus, Hadassah Donovan

Honor Band



On Saturday, October 16, Logan Minderhoud, Avery Rozenboom, and Anna Schreurs auditioned for spots in the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association Jr. High/Middle School Honor Band. Logan auditioned on alto saxophone, Avery on flute, and Anna on clarinet. Avery and Anna were selected to be in the NWIBA Honor Band this year. The Northwest Iowa Band concert was presented on Saturday, November 6 at Storm Lake High School

Great work, kids!! Appreciation is given to all the students for taking the time to audition. May each of you keep using your talents to give praise and honor to God!



OPUS

This fall, four Sanborn Christian students auditioned for OPUS Honor Choir. These students were Caleb Kuperus, Colby Olson, Colten Rozenboom, and Avery Rozenboom. OPUS is sponsored by the Iowa Choral Directors Association and is an opportunity for 5th-9th grade students to be part of a large, high quality music ensemble.

It is very difficult to qualify for OPUS. Over 3,000 students auditioned and approximately 700 students were accepted. Each student had to sing an excerpt from a challenging choral piece, learn a scale, and also sing "America". The students were recorded without accompaniment. Even though the students did not

qualify, it was a great learning opportunity and confidence builder.



Welcoming A New Staff Member to SCS!!



My name is Del Spronk. I was raised on a farm on the valley road between Edgerton and Chandler, MN with a sister and three brothers. I graduated from Edgerton Christian, Southwest Christian, Dordt College and Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL. I am also a Navy veteran. I have been married to Jolene Kay Bootsma for 50 years having four children (Amy, Clint, Clay & Joel) and 15 grandchildren. I am enjoying my retirement and working hard at trying to earn the Sanborn Christian School bus driver rookie of the year award.

Work-A-Thon

Praise the Lord! We are so thankful for all the support and help from our family and friends for this year's Work-A-Thon fundraiser! What a joy it was for our kids to have the opportunity to work hard for others and to shine God's light into our community. We were able to raise a little over \$20,000 for our school! However, the lifetime lessons of working for our neighbors and serving the Lord is invaluable. Thanks again for making this possible.

"Let your light shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

Scrip News

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)

Josh Krikke (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.

NO ORDER Monday, Nov 22.

Next order Nov 29.

****REMINDER- There will be NO ORDERS on Dec 20 & Dec 27. Please get your holidays orders in early!!****



Amazon- 3% (2%)
Starbucks- 8.5% (4.5%)
Home Depot- 7% (4%)
Bath & Body Works- 19% (12%)
Buffalo Wild Wings- 12% (8%)
Panera Bread- 13% (8%)
Subway- 7% (4.5%)
Ulta- 8% (6%)
TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods- 10% (7%)
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic- 18% (14%)
Shutterfly- 11.75% (9%)
JCPenney- 7% (5%)
Pizza Ranch- 11% (8%)

Outback- 12% (10%)
Zappos.com- 12% (8%)
Chilis- 19% (11%)
Applebees- 18% (8%)
Barnes & Noble- 13% (8%)
Texas Roadhouse- 10% (8%)
Red Robin- 11% (8%)
Children's Place- 15% (12%)
Lowe's- 7% (4%)
Kwik Trip- 9% (4%)
Cabelas- 15% (10%)
Under Armour- 18% (11%)
AND MANY MORE!

Check out the RaiseRight App or Shopwithscrip.com for all of the bonuses!

Smaller denomination Gift Cards Available in Cash & Carry

Wal-Mart- \$10
Amazon- \$10
Target- \$10
Barnes & Noble- \$10
Starbucks- \$5
Bath & Body Works- \$25

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

Nov 29 (NO ORDER Nov 22)

Dec 6, 13 (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/>

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