

Our Mission:
"Educating under
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:

September 30: Digital Citizenship
Presentation @ 7:00 pm

October 4-8: Fire Prevention Week
October 4: 2nd Grade to Primghar
October 5: Fire Truck Rides (PK-4)
October 6: School Picture Day!
October 7&8: No School – Heartland
Convention

October 16: Honor Band Auditions @
Storm Lake

October 18-22: Reading Week #1
October 18: Local Interscholastics
October 25: Area Interscholastics
Speech @ Rock Valley
October 28: Junior High Orchestra
Festival @ UCHS
October 29: End of Quarter 1 -
Dismiss @ 1:15

November 6: Harvest Sale
November 6: Honor Band Festival
@ Storm Lake
November 16: NISO (4/5)
November 17: Picture Retake Day

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

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Principal's Pen

We are a month into the school year and we have heard a lot of stories from our students. It's a lot of fun! Stories are enjoyable to tell (and hear) because the topic shared usually holds importance to the storyteller or it's simply exciting and that prompts us to look for someone with whom to share it.

At our opening day chapel, we focused on "I Love to Tell the Story", where I shared some of my favorite childhood books/stories that I used to read. Many of those books revolved around mystery or adventure and I shared them with our students because of the enjoyment I received from them over the years. I hope they read at least one of those books.

But the focus was brought back to the desire we should have to share the story of the Gospel. Why? Because there is no story greater to tell. It's the message of salvation that some have never heard! And...it's not just some

story. It's not fictional or exaggerated as were the books that I shared at the beginning of chapel. The Gospel story, as it is often referred to, is real and true. Why would we not want to share this news?

In our Jr. High devotions, I've decided to follow this theme further to help our students understand their place in God's plan (which is essentially history or HIS-story). The goal is three-fold: to know the story, grow in knowledge and love of the story, and then to go tell the story which we've simplified to: Know, Grow, and Go.

We are examining some of the main concepts of the Bible: creation, fall, redemption and restoration. These are important concepts for us, and our students, to understand the full story. We've already considered creation and how God has created us on purpose, with purpose, for a purpose. God was intentional in creating us, for a reason, for us to accomplish a task. Knowing that we have



purpose will make a difference in how we live in relation to one another.

I encourage parents and grandparents to find the time to continue these conversations with your children. Ask them about the Bible and give them opportunity to share what they *know*. Nurture their love for the Gospel and give them a safe place to talk about it and share it so that they will *grow* in their ability to *go* and share it with others.

So, what's your story? Do you talk about it? "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." (1 Peter 3:15). Share the Christ-centered hope that you have for the sake of your family, and for those who have never heard.

Fairshare Support of Sanborn Christian School

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sanborn CRC	\$ 77,820.69	\$ 3,530.42	\$ 74,290.27
Cornerstone URC	\$140,579.31	\$ 24,550.56	\$116,028.75

(as of: Sept. 2)

♥ **THANK you!**

School Board Highlights – September Meetings

September 13, 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 September 7 meeting.

Maternity leave plan for Mrs. Moss was confirmed.

A Digital Citizenship presentation is planned for September 30 from Sioux County Sherriff Dept.

Motion from the Education Committee regarding a formal student cell phone policy was supported and passed.

Executive Committee plans to meet with teachers on September 22 as part of their annual meetings together.

Building Committee reported on recent work done inside and outside of the school building.

Bus Committee reported on the state bus inspection. All buses passed.

We await a new bus to replace Bus 01.

Promotion Committee reported on upcoming Harvest Sale items. No online auction. Children's store and childcare will happen. The auction will begin at a new time this year: 3:30pm.

Finance Committee reported on the September 8 meeting. The checking account balance of \$253,968.32. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$74,008.23 for a 12 month period (July 2021 – June 2022).

Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

Minutes of the September Auxiliary meeting were approved.

Policies regarding the SCS Foundation were reviewed and discussed as part of the monthly policy reviews. Future policy reviews may focus upon suggestions from Alliance Defending Freedom regarding our Board Handbook.

Mr. Josh Krikke closed the meeting in prayer.

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

The last pop can return resulted in \$443.75. Keep dropping them off in the garage north of the school! Let's fill up that space!

Have you considered a NICSTO donation? NICSTO tax credits for donors has been increased to 75%!!

Thank you for all the silage pile help recently!! We look forward to sharing the financial benefit for your labors soon!

Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Gonnerman

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

There are many wonderful songs to sing and listen to. Christian radio stations play endless songs. But sometimes we forget how awesome and insightful humans can be too. They tell remarkable stories. As we journey through some hymns this school year, may our eyes be opened to learning and examining their words.

I have chosen to focus on the hymn Amazing Grace. But what do we know about the word grace? Grace is a free gift from God. Grace is God's unmerited favor. God gives us grace daily. How do we show grace to our family? Students? Friends? Co-workers? Is it easy? No, it is not always easy. We may

expect others to show grace to us, but it can be hard to extend grace to others who do things to us. but to give grace, we need to slow down and look at the situations that need grace and to treat others with compassion like God shows to us. Ask yourself.....How am I modeling grace for my students? Kids? Spouse?

Co-workers? Friends? In I Timothy 1:14 it says, "and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ-Jesus." God's grace overflows!

As we go throughout the school year, my prayer is that we can show God's Amazing Grace to those around us!

Welcoming A New Staff Member to SCS!!

Hi, my name is Maycin Gonnerman....most of you know me already. I attended SCS, Western, Dordt, NCC and Iowa Lakes. I graduated with a double major in Ag Business and Ag Production.

I enjoy spending time with my friends and family (especially my 2 nephews), golfing, and spending time outside. I am also a Girls Club Counselor at Cornerstone URC.

I am currently working part-time at New Life Nutrition and also the janitor at SCS. I am looking forward to a great year!



Prayer and Praise...1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please lift your praise to God for...

- *Maycin Gonnerman filling our custodial position.*
- *The healthy and safe arrival of James Kayden, newborn son of Mrs. Moss and her husband, Dilan.*
- *Jill Vander Werff and Maycin Gonnerman who are filling Mrs. Moss' maternity leave.*
- *The many, many willing workers on the regularly scheduled silage piles, along with the extra ones that we weren't planning on. It's good work that literally has our society working shoulder to shoulder!*
- *The dairies that offered silage piles for us to cover*

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- *Continued safe travels to and from school every day.*
- *A well-received Digital Citizenship presentation on September 30.*
- *The day to day operations of school, our teachers, our staff, and our students.*

Congratulations!



Our SCS family wants to celebrate with Mrs. Moss and Dilan with the birth of their son James Kayden on September 21!!

Congratulations!! God is good!!

Volleyball Schedule

Practices:

August 25	September 30
August 27	October 4
August 31	October 14
September 2	October 15
September 3	October 22
September 7	
September 10	
September 14	
September 20	
September 23	
September 28	

Games:

September 9 @ Home vs. RVCS
 September 16 @ Sheldon (vs. Sheldon & Ireton)
 September 21 @ Hull PRCS
 October 5 @ SCCS
 October 11 @ Hull Christian
 October 19 @ Home vs. Sheldon
 October 21 @ Home vs. OCCS
 October 23 Tournament @ WCHS

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
September 2021	\$249,050

Our unpaid balance is \$249,050! We hope to decrease this even more with the matching funds from the Hostess Supper!! Currently, the remainder of the debt is funded by debentures issued to society members, and some 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.



2025

Harvest Sale



During the past years, Sanborn Christian has benefited from this sale! Monies collected from this sale go to the General Fund, interscholastics, and the library. **The SCS Annual Harvest Sale will be held on Saturday, November 6 with a goal of \$60,000.** Please mark this date on your calendar to come out and have a great time supporting Sanborn Christian School.

Remember that you, and all the other attendees, make our annual Harvest Sale a success!

The Harvest Sale Committee and Sanborn Christian School Board are busy collecting donations. If you have an item you wish to donate, please contact the school office at 729-3288 by Friday, October 8, so that it can be advertised on the sale bill.

Additional items needed for the Harvest Sale include baskets and packaging material for putting together the class baskets. You can drop it off at the school at your convenience. Thank You!

Class Photos

Student school pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, October 6**. Preschool through grade 8 pictures will start at 8:30 am. Be sure your students wear something they would love to have their picture taken in. The order forms have been sent home with each child. Even if you are not ordering pictures, your student will be asked to take a picture for the class composite. The order form still needs to be turned in even if you are not ordering pictures.



NICSTO

Sanborn Christian has already received \$31,002 of the \$62,020 that we are able to receive! THANK YOU! There is still room to donate to our NICSTO fund, and there could potentially be room to donate over and above the \$62,020 as there was last year. Please consider the opportunity! See more information on the following pages of this School Bell.

NICSTO funds should be fully collected by the beginning of December. There is still time, but we encourage you not to wait too long in case it fills up quickly. Thank you!!

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!



October 2021

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
				1	2/3
				Italian Dunkers With Meat Sauce Broccoli Applesauce	
4	5	6	7	8	9/10
Hamburger Helper Casserole Cheese Sandwich Cooked Carrots Apples	Soft Shell Taco Pepper Strips Spanish Rice Peaches	Ranch Chicken On a Bun Curly Fries Fruit Cocktail	No School	No School	
11	12	13	14	15	16/17
Spaghetti Breadstick Green Beans Tropical Fruit	Mexican Chicken Flatbread Potato Ole's Pears	Tator Tot Hotdish Biscuit Applesauce	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Banana	Pizza Burger French Fries Pineapple	
18	19	20	21	22	23/24
Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheesy Potatoes Oranges	Nachos Corn Peaches	Hot Beef Mashed Potatoes Bread Apples	Italian Pasta Bake Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	Sausage Gravy on a Biscuit Scrambled Eggs Strawberries	
25	26	SCS WORK-A-THON 27	28	29	30/31
Ritzy Chicken California Veggies Cinnamon Roll Tropical Fruit	Enchiladas Mixed Veggies Banana	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips Carrots Grapes	Pepperoni Pizza Pocket French Fries Mandarin Oranges	Hot Dog on a Bun Curly Fries Apples Dismiss 1:15	

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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Next order will be Sept 27.

NO ORDER Oct 4.

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

Sept 27

Oct 11, 18, 25 (NO ORDER Oct 4)

Nov 1, 8, 15, 29 (NO ORDER Nov 22)

******ORDERS PLACED ON NOV 15, WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP MON NOV 22!******

Dec 6, 13 (NO ORDER Dec 20, 27)

Business Bonuses:

Arby's- 12% (8%)

Kwik Trip- 9% (4%)

Kwik Star- 9% (4%)

Sonic- 12% (8%)

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/>

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.

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.

NICSTO Tax Credit

(Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization)

Explanation for DONORS

The state has recognized the need to support taxpayers who wish to support Christian education. Iowa taxpayers can receive a tax credit up to **75% of their donation** that supports families who need tuition assistance and deduct the gift on Federal Income Tax. **How does it work?**

1. You must owe Iowa state income tax.
2. You must make out a check to NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) and designate it to Sanborn Christian.
3. Complete the "Contribution Memo" and send it with the check to Sanborn Christian.
4. NICSTO will send you a letter of receipt for your Federal Tax information.
5. In early January, you will receive a tax credit certificate to attach to your Iowa tax form.

Example: If you contribute \$1,000 to NICSTO, you will receive a **75% tax credit** or \$750 on your IA income tax. In addition, you may claim some of that on your federal income tax.

Your money will be used for families who qualify for NICSTO at Sanborn Christian School.

Would you like to have your Iowa income taxes go to Sanborn Christian to help with the tuition scholarships AND pay down the building debt at the same time...or for it to go to Des Moines?

If you have an IA income tax liability of \$750, you could give \$1,000 to NICSTO which would then provide SCS with that \$1,000 to be used for tuition scholarships. Then when you do your tax work in March/April, you will receive a tax-credit of \$750 from the State of Iowa. You could then give this \$750 refund to Sanborn Christian to help eliminate the debt on our school. Sanborn Christian benefits by \$1,750 through a \$1,000 gift: \$1,000 to NICSTO, \$750 to building debt.

For those who are at least 70.5 years old, we encourage you to give from your IRA (you may use your RMD) to NICSTO. If you give \$1,000 from your IRA you do not need to include it as taxable income on your return. SCS receives that \$1,000 for NICSTO tuition scholarships, plus you will receive a state income tax credit of \$650 that you can use to help SCS eliminate the remaining building debt. Once again, SCS benefits by \$1,650 on a \$1,000 gift!!

Really?

Yes! The NICSTO program has been around for years and has been a benefit to both the recipient (SCS) and the donor (you). **This is a great tax benefit to those who will be paying taxes on their income.**

If you wish to donate, please fill out the donor sheet (included in the School Bell) and return it to SCS by December 3, 2021.

NICSTO Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization

CONTRIBUTION FORM FOR DONORS

This completed memo must accompany your contribution
A formal Iowa Tax Credit Certificate will be sent to you in January of next year.

NOTE: IA Income Tax Credits have been increased to 75%. It was 65% in previous years.

Taxpayer Name

Date of Contribution

Address

Amount of Contribution

City

State

Zip Code

Taxpayer I.D. No. (Social Security No.)

Telephone Number

Name the institution/school you wish to be the beneficiary of this donation: **Sanborn Christian School**

You contribution may be mailed or delivered to one of the following addresses:

NICSTO
204 Kentucky Ave. NW
Orange City, IA 51041

Sanborn Christian School
405 W. 2nd Street
Sanborn, IA 51248

SCS Work-A-Thon



On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 27, our students will be going into the community to let God's light shine through them through our Work-A-Thon fundraiser!

They will be working hard through various acts such as fall clean up; making and delivering meals; making and sending out cards to shut-ins, missionaries, widows/widowers, etc.; picking up garbage around town; washing windows; the jobs are endless!

More information to come but be expecting an informative packet around the beginning of October that will be coming home with your kids (one per family), which will also include the sponsor sheets that you will be sending out.

We're looking forward to serving our community and raising money for our school through this!