Sanborn Christian School Homenote
October 15, 2026

General School Reminders & Announcements

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED! Sanborn Christian School is facing a critical shortage of bus drivers. Our Transportation Committee is exploring options that may include community pickup locations, consolidating into two larger routes, *or potentially being unable to offer certain pickup sites*. **We are in urgent need of drivers!** The committee is willing to be flexible and work around individual schedules and availability. If you or someone you know is interested in driving, or if you have suggestions for possible solutions, please contact the school. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work through this challenge!

The Harvest Sale Committee is looking for baskets to make packages! If you have any laying around that you are wanting to get rid of, please bring them to the school office! Thank you!

Reading MONTH! - Yes you read that right… Rather than dedicating 1 week to reading we decided to dedicate 1 month of tracking your reading minutes!! **A reading log was sent home with every student last week.** Students are supposed to keep track of the minutes they are reading at home each evening. These are due back to school on Thursday, October 29!

There is 1 dress up day left for Reading Month -
October 29 - Reading minutes are due
November 4 - Pajama AND movie day!! As a reward, each student that turns in their signed reading minutes will be participating in a movie day in the school gym. Those who do not return a signed reading form, will be reading during that time. So PLEASE encourage students to read each night this month!!

From Western: You're invited to our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on **Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 PM.** Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School. We hope you'll join us!

If you plan to attend Explore Western or have any questions, please email or contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Missing Registration Forms: The office is still missing some registration forms from families. A note will be sent home with your student if you are missing any forms. **Please return those forms to the office as soon as possible**.

Immunization Audit: The O'Brien County Public Health Nurse recently completed our annual immunization audit. Families whose children have vaccines listed as "not completed" or "not up to date" **may receive a notice for informational purposes**. If your child has already received the vaccines listed or will recieve them in the future, we would appreciate it if you could provide updated documentation to the school office. This helps us keep our records up to date and prevents unnecessary notices from being sent home in the future. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Report Cards & Fall Conference Information

Report Cards & Citizenship/Behavior Forms: Report cards will be emailed to families on **Friday, October 30**. Citizenship/Behavior Forms for grades 4–8 will also be sent home that day in one envelope per family with the youngest child in grades 4–8. Please sign and return these forms to your child's homeroom teacher.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences: We will once again offer two evenings for Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences! School will dismiss at **2:00 p.m.** on both days.

- **Night #1: Tuesday, November 3** — Sign Up Here
- **Night #2: Thursday, November 5** — Sign Up Here

A Few Important Reminders:

- Conferences for grades **K–4 are 15 minutes**, while grades **5–8 are 10 minutes**.
- **All K–8 conferences will be held in individual classrooms.** Mrs. Schreur's conferences will take place in Room 204 (Band Room), and Mrs. Runia's conferences will be held in Room 122 (Academic Assistance Room). *Parents of students who work with Mrs. Runia are encouraged to schedule a conference with her to discuss their child's progress.*
- If you do not sign up for a conference, a time will be assigned for families with students in grades K–8.
- Preschool conferences are optional and may be requested if needed.

Please sign up by Thursday, October 29. If you have questions or trouble with the sign-up links, please contact the school office.

We look forward to connecting with families and discussing students' progress!

Auxiliary Announcements

Harvest Sale Meal Donations: **We ask that all moms help with the Harvest Sale meal in some way.** A list of needed food donations is included with last week's Homenote and was also sent home with families this week.

Change to the food donation drop off- We have a few different options available for food donation drop off -

- You can bring your food donations **Thursday, November 5 during conferences** and set them on the tables located outside the office.
- Otherwise, tables will be placed in the **entry way of the front doors Friday, November 6** and the doors will be open from **9 am-3 pm**.
- The **last chance** to drop off will be **Saturday, November 7 in the kitchen from 2-2:30 pm**. Once you drop off your items, please cross your name off the list.

Any questions, please reach out to Emily Spronk or Heather Bakker.

Please bring all food donations in disposable pans, pie tins, or containers. This makes kitchen cleanup much easier and allows extras to be auctioned off at the end of the serving time.

Questions? Please contact Emily Spronk (712-348-0670) or Heather Bakker (605-261-2794)

Thank you for helping make our Harvest Sale a success!

Serve & Shine 2026

WE NEED YOU!

Serve and Shine is just over a week away and we still have many spots available that need to be filled!
We are specifically looking for:
6 pickup drivers with a trailer
6 extra helpers
Tools (ladders, trimmers, etc)
Supplies (new items have been added!!)
We need your help filling these areas to make our day a success! Thank you in advance!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AAA722A7FFC25-65897432-serve

All Parents: See attached Parent Letter for specific instructions for all grades!

Preschool Parents: Participation on Friday, October 23, is optional for preschool students. Those who wish to participate are welcome to join us, but a parent or another adult must accompany them for the entire day. Please contact Mrs. Rozenboom for additional details.

Kindergarten Parents: We would love for your Kindergartener to participate in this special service day on Friday, October 23, even though it's a non-kindergarten day for them. They will be working with their assigned Disciple Group and will need to be picked up at 1:00. Please let Mrs. Alons know if your Kindergartener will be participating.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

Athletics

Basketball season will be here before we know it! Mr. Cyle Carlson will be coaching both girls and boys teams again this year. Parents of 6-8th graders - if your child is **NOT** planning on participating in basketball this year, please let Mr. Mills or Heather Bakker know by **Wednesday, Oct 21, 2026**. If we do not hear from you, we will assume your child is playing and will be assigning drivers for the away games. Practices for basketball will be starting at the beginning of November.

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER COACH NEEDED! Sanborn Christian School is looking for a coach for our **6th–8th grade boys' and girls' soccer teams** for the 2026–2027 season!

- **Stipend available**
- Season runs approximately **April–May 2027**

If you are interested in helping coach and invest in our students through soccer, please contact **Heather Bakker** for more information!

Athletic Physicals: All students in grades 5-8 need an athletic physical for participation in sports for the 2026-2027 season. If your child has had a physical please bring it to the school office or if you need a copy of the physical form please contact the school or it may be obtained from your doctor.

Jr. Knights Basketball Season is approaching and we would like to invite boys to join us for the following opportunities:

3rd-8th Grade Boys Basketball **CAMP** - November 9, 10, & 12

Sign up by October 31, 2026. A $20 late fee will be added after this date.

3rd-8th Grade Jr. Knights Boys Basketball

Sign up by October 17, 2026. A $20 late fee will be added after this date.

Please **complete a separate form submission for each activity and for each student** wanting to participate. Thank you!

Harvest Sale Announcements

The Harvest Sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 and will be right around the corner. If you wish to donate to this, please bring your donation to the school! Donations are greatly appreciated. Be sure to join us for a day of "FUN"draising for our school!

We are in need of baskets to make packages! If you have any laying around that you are wanting to get rid of, please bring them to the school office! Thank you!

T-Shirt Design Contest Update! Voting is underway for our T-shirt design contest! Keep an eye out for an announcement as we get ready to reveal the winning design. We received over 50 submissions—thank you to all of the students who took the time to participate and share their creativity!

Harvest Sale Class Baskets: Each class will once again be putting a "Class Basket" together for the Harvest Sale. Last year, we paired classes together, this year, we will leave that up to your discretion.

- PK/K - Sporting Event Survival Bag for Younger Siblings
- 1st/2nd - Car Care/Detailing
- 3rd/4th - Freezer Meal & Cookbook
- 5th - "Scoot, Snack, & Roll"
- 6th - Family Game Night
- 7th - "A Little Love for Mom"
- 8th - Western Christian Wolfpack Basket

Be sure to check out the "SCS Harvest Sale" Facebook Page! As the sale approaches we will be sharing previews as well as doing a "Presale"!

Reminders from the Office

JMC: We encourage parents to continue to log in to JMC throughout the 2026-2027 school year to stay up to date with your student's progress. Parents who have students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to set missing work and/or grade alerts for their students, if that would be a potential concern for you. If you have any questions about JMC or need help with your login, please contact the office. .

Parents: If you would like a non-aspirin pain reliever available for your child at school, please label it with your child's/children's name and bring it to the office.

Lunch Announcements

Next Weeks Lunch Menu:
Monday: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Oranges
Tuesday: Nachos, Corn, Peaches
Wednesday: **8th Grade Favorite** - Chicken Nuggets, Baked Potatoes, Watermelon, Brownie w/ ice cream
Thursday: Italian Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail
Friday: **Serve and Shine Day!** Hot Dog, Chips, Carrots, Cucumbers, Grapes, Cuties, Cookie

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Scrip News:

Orders will be ready for pick up after 9 am on Friday, Oct 16 and going home with students!

Next order: Oct 19

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

- Oct 19, 26
- Nov 9, 16, 30 **(No order Nov 2, 23)**
- Dec 7, 14 **(No order Dec 21, 28)**
- Jan 4, 11, 18, 25

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE! PLEASE WATCH E-MAIL & FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES!

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!

Reminder: **All orders** must be **submitted** by **12pm** on **Monday's**! If you place an online order, please have payment to school by 9 am 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 Heather Bakker immediately so I can do my best to get it corrected for you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 15	VB @ RVCS @ 4pm
October 19	VB Practice
October 20	VB @ OCCS @ 4pm
October 22	VB Practice
October 23	Serve and Shine (Work A Thon)
October 23	End Q1 - Dismiss @ 2:00pm
October 24	VB Tournament @ WCHS - Transportation on your own
October 28	Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm

November 3	PTC from 3:00 - 8:00pm - Dismiss @ 2pm
November 5	PTC from 3:00 - 8:00pm - Dismiss @ 2pm
November 6	**No School**
November 7	Harvest Sale
November 18	Dismiss @ 2pm
November 25	Early Dismissal @ 11:30am
November 26,27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 4	SCS Christmas Program
December 9	Dismiss @ 2:00pm for Teacher PD
December 22	Dismiss @ 11:30am for Christmas Break
December 23-Jan 3	Christmas Break
January 4	School Resumes
January 15	End Q2 - Dismiss @ 2:00pm