



Sanborn Christian SCHOOL BELL

January 2026



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One of 3rd grades most recent "Mystery Readers" was from Deputy Dorhout & her canine Big Mac! Thank you to Deputy Dorhout and Big Mac for the visit! Look inside for more info on 3rd grades "Mystery Reader"!

Upcoming Events

- January 20 - Boys Bball @ Ireton
- January 21 - Teacher PD - Dismiss @ 2pm
- January 22 - G/B Bball @ home vs Hull
- January 27 - G/B Bball @ home vs. Sheldon
- January 28 - Teacher PD - Dismiss @ 2pm
- January 31 - Girls Basketball Tournament @ UCHS
- February 4 - Teacher PD - Dismiss @ 2pm
- February 7 - Boys Bball Tournament @ WCHS
- February 12 - All School Chapel & Theme Shirts
- February 12 - PTC @ 3:00pm. Dismiss @ 1:30pm.
- February 16 - No school
- February 23-27 - Reading week #2
- February 25 - Teacher PD - Dismiss @ 2:00pm
- February 26 - JH Choir Festival @ UCHS
- March 4 - Hearing Screenings
- March 4 - Teacher PD - Dismiss @ 2:00pm
- March 6 - Preschool Round-Up
- March 12 - All School Chapel & Theme Shirts
- March 13 - Kindergarten Round-Up
- March 13 - End of Quarter 3 - dismiss @ 2:00pm



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

PRINCIPAL'S PEN



"Just Enough": Learning to Depend on God

Psalm 73:25 says, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you."

Are you and I able to say the same thing as Asaph, the writer of this psalm? Does God truly eclipse everything else in our lives?

In light of our theme for the month, we explored similar questions during recent junior high devotions by asking: When it comes to something you need, would you prefer "not enough," "just enough," or "more than enough"? As expected, most students preferred "more than enough." Peas were the notable exception, and many students were more than happy to have "not enough" of those (myself included!). In general, however, having "more than enough" provides a sense of comfort, contentment, and confidence for the students especially when it came to money, number of friends, vacation time, battery life, food, and more.

Many of us would also fall into the "more than enough" category. After all, who really wants "not enough" or even "just enough" when it comes to important things?

Over a couple of days, we discussed the importance of depending on God. One day we looked at Exodus 16 and the Israelites' gathering of manna. God instructed them not to collect "more than enough", but only "just enough" for each day. Each morning required renewed dependence on God to supply their daily needs, except on the Sabbath when they were not to gather manna. When some disobeyed and collected extra, the Lord reminded them of their dependence by allowing the manna to rot and to be filled with maggots.

Another day, we examined three Old Testament feasts described in Leviticus 23 and 25: the Sabbath Day, the Sabbath Year, and the Year of Jubilee. Each included intentional times of rest when the Israelites were not to sow, plant, or reap. Once again, God was calling His people to depend on Him during these seasons of rest, even while their neighbors continued their work.

A recent devotional I read referred to this behavior as "godly detachment". Godly detachment is the quiet surrender of our grip on the things we value so that God remains our greatest desire - kind of like what Psalm 73 stated.

When we cling too tightly to outcomes, possessions, or even good desires, our hearts slowly shift from trust in God to my own control. Godly detachment teaches us to enjoy God's gifts with gratitude while trusting Him enough to release them or to do without.

Consider the widow's offering recorded in Mark 12. She placed two small copper coins into the offering which was everything she had to live on. It may not have felt particularly heroic, but it was an expression of godly detachment from earthly concerns.

In that act, she demonstrated that each day was a joint venture with God, whose storehouse is never depleted. We might worry and fret about our future, yet we must continually be reminded that everything depends on the Lord. This is not a life of apathy, neglect, or avoidance of responsibility. Rather, it is the recognition that our relationship with God is the hub around which everything else turns, and that it must remain primary over all other wants and desires.

Who gives you health? Who brings your children home safely each day? Who makes the crops grow and provides our daily bread? Who gives us work? Who surrounds us with good friends and healthy relationships? Who brings applicants to fill open positions? Who sustains this school year after year?

God does. Remember what God challenged Moses with in Numbers 11? God said, "Is the Lord's arm too short?". That truth ought to humble us, for He does not owe us any of it.

In essence, this is what "Give us this day our daily bread" is all about. The Catechism (Lord's Day 50, Q&A 125) reminds us that we ask God to provide for all our physical needs so that we may know that He alone is the source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor His gifts can do us any good without His blessing. God calls us to give up our trust in creatures and to place our trust in Him alone.

Live life as a joint venture with God in humble godly detachment from earthly concerns. What a way to begin 2026!

Mr. Anthony Minderhoud



School Board Highlights

JANUARY 12, 2026

- Vice-President Lee Vellema opened with devotions and prayer. Quint DeGroot was absent with notification.
- Agenda for the meeting, and past minutes, were approved.
- Mr. Minderhoud gave the administrator's report for information.
- Education Committee reported on their January 5 meeting.
 - Current and future staffing scenarios and openings were discussed and reviewed, along with potential interested candidates.
 - Board members reported on their visit with staff members on December 18 and 19 which were held to discuss intentions, suggestions, and anticipations for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Executive Committee plans on meeting with faculty and staff in February.
- Building Committee gave update on some items that are being worked on in, and around, the building.
 - New exterior doors on the Junior High wing (north, east, and south) could potentially arrive in February.
 - Wiring for fobs to all exterior doors was accomplished during Christmas break.
 - Dimmer switches were put in for Grades 1 - 3 during Christmas break.
 - Some bathroom urinals and toilets were fixed during Christmas break.
- Transportation Committee reported that:
 - We are actively searching to fill one bus route driver vacancy for 26.27
 - Bus 17B which hit a deer earlier this year has been repaired and is back in service.
 - We await the next bus inspection date.
- Promotion Committee reported on their January 9 meeting. Brandon Espey will be replacing Aaron Alons on the Harvest Sale Auction Committee.
- Finance Committee reported on their January 8 meeting.
 - The checking account balance of \$647,912.29. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$111,843.53 for a 12-month period (July 2025 – June 2026).
 - New 4 yard dumpster arrived.
 - Information from the Heartland Salary Survey was reviewed and discussed.
 - NICSTO donations not only reached our allotted total, but also surpassed that as well.
 - Preliminary compensation portions of the 26.27 budget were discussed.
- Old / New Business
 - Long range board goals and vision were reviewed.
 - Some inquiries for the 2nd grade opening, JH opening, custodial opening, and bus driver opening were discussed and reviewed.
 - Auxiliary letter was received and discussed.
 - Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.
 - Agenda for the Board workshop, to be held at Dordt on February 5, was reviewed.
 - Board policy review for this month was tabled until February.
 - Reminders were given of various Board appointments.
- Mr. Seth Irmiter closed the meeting in prayer.
- Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2026.

Classroom Spotlight

Mrs. Schreuer

Give us This Day Our Daily Bread



We have been studying the Lord's Prayer this year, and it has been such a blessing. This month our focus is on the part of the prayer that says, "Give us this day our daily bread." According to the Heidelberg Catechism, "Give us this day our daily bread" means: Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that You are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor Your gifts can do us any good without Your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in You alone.

When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, God gave manna every day—just enough for that day. He cared about the Israelites and He was faithful to provide for them what they needed each day. He also wants us to learn to depend on Him every single day for everything that we need. Look back at your life so far! Has he provided for you? That shows His faithfulness! "All I have needed, His hand hath provided." That is reason for praise, for gratitude, and complete trust!

Each January, I try to think of a word of the year. Something that I want to focus on for 365 days. I was praying about what word to choose, and "TRUST" was the word that God laid on my heart. So this year I want to remember in every situation to trust in God's plan and in His faithfulness. He has been so good to me. He has provided for me every day of my life. He knows what's best and sees the big picture, even when I can't. Whatever happens during the day, I am trying to not worry, fret, or be discouraged. I am trying to say instead, "I trust you, Jesus." God wants us to depend on Him for everything. He wants us to think of Him, talk to Him, and ask Him for help and for guidance from the moment that we wake up until we lay our heads down at night.

Think of one of your favorite people in the whole world. What if you could have that person by your side all day? My mom is in heaven now, but she was my favorite person. Just knowing her presence was near gave me so much courage and peace. Before she passed away, she and I had a conversation. I told her, "I don't know what I will do when you are gone." And she answered, "You have the Lord. He will be by you every second. He wants to help you. He wants you to talk to Him, to run to Him." Even though I can't see Him, His presence is right beside me. And what peace and courage that can give. Every day you, too, can depend on the Lord to help you through whatever you are facing— a test, if someone hurts your feelings, if you are feeling shy, or angry, or confused. While you are walking down the hall, driving in the car.... check in with Him. He is right there! The God of the whole universe—who can do anything! He is walking right beside you as your Father and your Helper!

In the Lord's prayer, it all ties together. God is our Father. No one can love like a Father loves His child. He wants us to run to Him with our worries, struggles, needs, and also with our sadness. And because He is our Father, we can trust Him. We can say to Him, "Thy will be done. Give us today our daily bread ... the things You know that we need, not just the things that we want." Our Father will carry our burdens and sadness, and He will provide what we need for each day! He is faithful!

Lamentations 3:22-34, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion, therefore I will wait for him.'" Every day, our loving Heavenly Father gives us new mercies, new blessings. All we have needed, His hand has provided. Great is Thy Faithfulness!

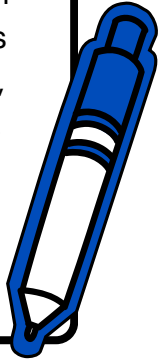


Pre-School Round Up

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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 2026-2027 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, 2026, please check the appropriate blank and return this form to the school office by February 12, 2026.

Pre-school Round Up will be held on Friday, March 6 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 (2026-2027)

_____ 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.

Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

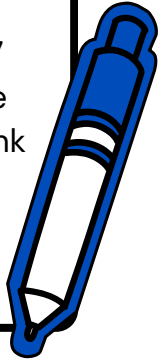
If you have any questions regarding this form or Sanborn Christian School, please feel free to call the school office (712) 729-3288 or speak to any member of our staff or board. Thank you for your input.

Kindergarten Round Up

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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 2026-2027 (Kindergarten is 4 full days per week: Mon - Thurs). If your child will be five years old by September 15, 2026, please check the appropriate blank and return this form to the school office by February 12, 2026.

Kindergarten Round Up will be held on Friday, March 13 from 8:30am-12:45pm Please stay tuned for more information.



_____ **Yes**, we plan to enroll our child in Kindergarten at SCS next year (2026-2027).

_____ 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.

Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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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
- Mrs. Cindy Koldenhoven for her faithful work as our bookkeeper over the years. She has transitioned this position to Mrs. Laura Hoftzyer. Mrs. Hoftzyer will take over the bookkeeper position fully on January 19.
- continued generosity of our SCS community as particularly shown through surpassing our NICSTO goals
- beautiful weather to begin this new year which makes our transportation a bit simpler

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- our faculty and staff as they consider their intentions for the 2026-2027 school year. May God provide clarity in those decisions as they seek His will for the future
- smooth transition back into the school routine, and for healthy relationships for all in the building as we enter the 2nd semester



A few more snow pictures to remember the beautiful snow fall we had in November & December!

SCS Job Opportunities:

Janitor / Custodian - part-time; salaried; effective immediately.

6th grade / middle school teacher - full-time; salaried; for 26-27 school year.

2nd Grade Homeroom - full time; salaried position; for 26-27 school year.

Bus Driver - part-time; paid by the trip; for 26-27 school year.

Athletic Director - part-time; stipend available; for 26-27 school year.

Contact Mr. Minderhoud at sanchr@sanbornchristian, or at 712.729.3288, for more details or for an application.



Church Contributions:

	Budgeted	Received	Balance
Sanborn CRC	\$23,400.00	\$12,000.00	\$11,400.00
Cornerstone URC	\$43,200.00	\$22,500.00	\$20,700.00

(As of 1.5.26)

♥ **THANK you!**



Some of the board members delivered and handed out cupcakes just before Christmas break! Thank you!



SCS Athletics: Basketball

(Subject to Change)



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

Boys:

Practices:

January: 19, 26

February: 2, 3, 5, 6

Games:

January 20 @ Ireton

January 22 @ home vs. Hull

January 27 @ home vs. Sheldon

February 7 - Tournament @ WCHS

Girls:

Practices:

January: 23, 29, 30

Games:

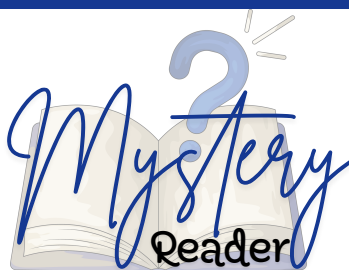
January 22 @ home vs. Hull

January 27 @ home vs. Sheldon

January 31 - Tournament @ UCHS



**Go
Wildcats!**



3rd grade has a "Mystery Reader" come into their classroom every week.

Anyone can sign up! There are a number of openings for the remainder of the school year. If you are interested in participating in this please contact Miss Huizenga directly OR call the school office!





2026

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7/8
Sheet Pan Pancakes Sausage, Hashbrown Yogurt Strawberries	Tator Tot Nachos Corn Fruit Medley	Ravioli Garlic Bread Cooked Carrots Applesauce	Potato Or Tomato Soup Ham & Cheese Sliders Carrots/Celery Oranges	MiniCorn Dogs French Fries Mixed Fruit	
9	10	4th Grade Meal 11	12	13	14/15
Hamburger Hotdish Biscuit Mixed Veggies Pears	Soft Shell Taco Corn Tropical Fruit	Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Smile Fries Mandarin Oranges Brownie w/ Ice Cream	Pepperoni Pizza French Fries Banana	Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheesy Potatoes Pineapple	
16	17	18	19	20	21/22
No School	Meat & Cheese Burrito Spanish Rice Peppers Applesauce	Lasagna Breadstick Broccoli Pears	Sub Sandwich Chips Cucumbers Grapes	BBQ Chicken Flatbread Potato Wedges Pineapple	
23	24	5th Grades Meal 25	26	27	28/1
Cheesy Sausage on a Bun Curly Fries Fruit Cocktail	Pulled Pork Nachos Peppers Peaches	Popcorn Chicken or Teriyaki Chicken Rice, Ceasar Salad Fruit Cup Slushie Scotcheroos	Meatball Sub Cheesy Potatoes Mixed Fruit	Creamed Chicken on a Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Banana	
2	3	4	5	6	7/8
Tavern Chips Baked Beans Apples	Texas Straw Hats Garlic Bread Corn Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Noodle Casserole Dinner Roll Green Beans Grapes	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Applesauce	Grilled Cheese French Fries Pears	

Scrip News

Orders will be ready for pick up Friday, 1/16/2026 after 9 am and going home with students!

Next order: 1/19/2026

New in Cash & Carry: Jimmy John's (8%)- \$25, Texas Roadhouse (8%)- \$25, TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods/Sierra (6%)- \$25, Culver's (4%)- \$10 & \$20

DISCOUNTED GIFT CARDS- Hardee's \$10 (4 available) Buy them for \$5 each! Contact Heather or Tanner if you are interested in purchasing these!

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

- January 19, 26
- February 2, 9, 23 **(No order Feb 16)**

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

Bonuses

Old Navy/Gap/Athleta- 18% (14%)

Under Armour- 18% (11%)

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: Online orders must be **submitted** by **12pm** 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 Heather Bakker immediately so I can do my best to get it corrected for you!



Weather Reminder

Don't forget to check for late starts, early outs, and cancellations on our website (www.sanbornchristian.com) under "News" and then look for "Weather Related 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!

SCS BOARD MEMBERS

2025-2026

President:

Quint De Groot (2027)

Vice-President:

Lee Vellema (2027)

Secretary:

Heath Ten Kley (2028)

Treasurer:

Jeremy Van Ess (2026)

Building Committee Chair:

Lee Vellema (2027)

Bus Committee Chair:

Cody Stange (2026)

Jerry Hofman (2026)

Brian Visser (2027)

Seth Irmiter (2028)



Become a Member of the Sanborn Christian School Foundation!

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!

Asbestos Information

In compliance with regulation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, in June 2025 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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