

Our Mission:

*“Educating under God’s Word, for serving God in His world.”*



# Sanborn Christian School SCHOOL BELL



Calendar of Events:

October 16 – Reading Week #1  
October 17 – Local Speech Night  
October 23 – Area Speech @ RVCS  
October 27 – End of Quarter 1  
Dismiss @ 2:00

November 3 – Report cards go home  
November 4 – Harvest Sale  
November 7 – NISO (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)  
November 15 – Picture Retakes  
November 15 – Thanksgiving Meal  
November 16 – PT Conferences  
Dismiss @ 2:00pm  
November 17 – No School  
November 22 – Dismiss @ 11:30  
November 23,24 – No School -  
Thanksgiving Break

December 1 – Christmas Program  
@7:00 PM  
December 7 – Dismiss @ 2:00pm  
December 14 – Bball @ Hull PR  
December 21 – Dismiss @ 11:30am  
December 22 - January 2 – No School  
Christmas Break

January 3 – School Resumes!

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

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

## Principal’s Pen

What do you worry about?

Worry can be a response of distress to the circumstance of life, and it can come in a couple of forms: worry can be a sinful fear which results in our desire to control all the possible outcomes, *or* it can be a right / proper concern of the burdens of life in context of trying to be faithful to God.

We are prone to respond to circumstances with a wrong worry as we allow our minds to be preoccupied on all the potentially terrible results. This leads to our tendency to attempt to control as many outcomes as possible which can have a negative “domino effect” on other areas of life.

We cannot always relate to the worries of others as we may not understand why a particular issue is such a looming subject to another. Rather than dismissing those unrelatable worries that seem trivial, a more helpful approach would be to take the time to listen and help one another respond to those issues from the standpoint of trusting God. Gently

demonstrate God’s record.

God calls us to follow Him, and that takes trust. We all need to establish, or re-establish, trust in God if we are to follow Him. Deepening our trust in God will lead to faith in God which will be evidenced in our overall obedience and faithful response to Him. We need to continue to grow in this, but also to lead and guide our children in this area.

We tend to trust people who has proven themselves to us. This is why it’s essential to be in God’s Word regularly and often. We have an entire book that demonstrates God’s trustworthiness page! Let us lead our children and students through the Bible so they can also learn this.

I took our Jr. High students through a quick look at Psalm 37. David wrestled with things he faced that I might not be able to relate to at the moment, but the directives are clear for us: do not fret (vs. 1, 7, 8) and trust / wait in the Lord (vs. 3, 5, 7, 34). Because He promises his care (vs. 16,



23, 24, 28, 37, 40). Is this actually true? Yes! Keep reading the entire Bible. Book after book describes how God can be trusted!

As adults, we need to genuinely trust God with all areas of life and discuss these things with our children – and be prepared to navigate difficult conversations since trusting in God does not mean that all situations will automatically turn out as we desire them to. After all, we still need to balance that God’s ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). Prayer and thanksgiving can both be good remedies to our worries and are good starting points for us all.

Our children are often mirrors of our attitudes and beliefs, so what are we having our children reflect? What spiritual disciplines are active in your life, in your home, in our school, in our churches that put your family in a position to be drawn into trusting God more fully?

## Fairshare Support of Sanborn Christian School

	Budgeted	Received	Balance
Sanborn CRC	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$54,500.00
Cornerstone URC	\$107,100.00	\$26,775.00	\$80,325.00

(As of 10.2.23)



# School Board Highlights – October



## October 10, 2023

President, Quint DeGroot opened with devotions and prayer. All members present.

Agenda for the meeting, and past minutes, were approved.

Mr. Minderhoud gave the administrators report for information.

Education Committee reported on their October 3 meeting.

Executive Committee reported on their September 20 with SCS staff.

Building Committee gave update on upcoming playground renovations. Work on the removal of pea gravel and turf installation has begun.

Building Committee reported on the conference room renovations. Some ventilation work is needed yet, and we are awaiting new tables and chairs yet.

Building Committee reported on the possibility of needing to find someone to do snow removal.

Bus inspection of September 29 revealed a few minor issues – mainly updating tags on the fire extinguishers.

Finance Committee reported on their October 9 meeting. The checking account balance of \$325,360.42. These funds include 100% of ESA payouts for the first semester, and the requested NICSTO funds. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$87,225.57 for a 12-month period (July 2023 – June 2024).

Building expansion debt is still at \$23,000.

SCS received \$48,000 for coverage silage piles this fall.

Promotion Committee reported on their October 9 meeting which focused upon Harvest Sale Auction prep.

Motion approved to increase SCS Board contribution to the auction.

Motion approved to purchase an auction software to be used at the live auction.

New website is still being worked on.

Increasing the internet speed at SCS has been done.

Long Range Planning has a CSI accreditation meeting schedule for October 26 with the CSI representative that will be

overseeing our visit in 2024.

Long range board goals and vision were considered for information.

Preliminary budget and staffing conversations for 24.25 were held.

Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

Library committee minutes were approved.

Reports were given regarding September board visits to school.

A portion of policies 460 from the Board Handbook were reviewed. No changes were deemed necessary to those policies at this time.

Reminders of board visits and times were given.

Mr. Jeremy Van Ess closed the meeting in prayer.

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be November 13, 2023.

**Please consider a financial donation to NICSTO!**

**This provides SCS with tuition funds to distribute to qualifying families and provides the donor with 75% tax credits.**

**Donations need to be received by December 1, 2023.**

**There is a lot of room for additional donations.**



## **Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Alons**

Many of us are familiar with the Armor of God found in Ephesians 6:10-17. In this passage, Paul calls us to "stand firm" and protect ourselves in spiritual warfare by putting on the whole armor of God. The "Belt of Truth" is the first piece of this armor and serves as a foundational element for the Christian's defense. The imagery of the belt of truth is derived from the attire of Roman soldiers in Paul's time. Just as a soldier's belt held together their armor and weapons, truth functions as the foundational piece that holds our spiritual armor together. For us, truth signifies both living in honesty and adhering to God's Word, the ultimate source of truth. By embracing and living according to the truth in God's Word we are better equipped to resist deception, falsehood, and the spiritual attacks of the enemy. The Belt of Truth, is a reminder to seek and stand on the solid foundation of God's truth in a world filled with distractions and lies, ensuring that our faith and spiritual resilience remain unwavering in the face of adversity.

## Classroom Spotlight – Mrs. Alons (Continued)



In John 14:6 it says, "Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" By recognizing Jesus as "the truth," it reinforces the fact that all aspects of our Christian life, from faith to righteousness, are deeply rooted in Christ Himself. Without Christ, we have no truth and have no protection. In conclusion, the "Belt of Truth" is not just a concept but a personal connection with Jesus, who is the source of all truth and the cornerstone of our faith.

On a different note, this fall in our Kindergarten class, we've learned about our community helpers. We've explored the roles and responsibilities of the police officers, who ensure our safety, and the firefighters, who protect us from fires and emergencies. We even had a special visitor come to our classroom and talk about being a firefighter and fire safety. Thank you, Cody Stange! We've also explored the vital role of the post office and its friendly mail carriers who deliver letters to our homes. We even made a trip to the Sanborn post office to mail letters to a special person each student picked. It's been fun to see the children's understanding of how these community helpers contribute to the well-being of our town.



## Prayer and Praise...1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please lift your praise to God for...

- *The return of Mrs. Bakker to the school kitchen after her maternity leave.*
- *Favorable weather and helping hands for the upcoming Work-a-thon on October 20.*
- *Substitute teachers who are willing and able to fill in at SCS.*
- *The playground update that is currently happening.*
- *A good and safe volleyball season.*

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- *Kevin Gonnerman as he recovers in the hospital after his recent accident, and for Mrs. Gonnerman as she is away from school as a result.*
- *Planning and preparation for the November Harvest Sale.*

## Silage Pile – THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Board and the Finance Committee, a word of thanks is given to all of those who took time to come and cover the silage piles at the Van Ess, and Roorda Dairies!

We had many volunteers who came out to work alongside Bethel CRC (Sioux Center) and many volunteers to work on our own piles! We appreciate your willingness to be available upon short notice, for your work, and for the fellowship that was had during the process!

From these piles, we received \$48,000 which is more than what was anticipated as we budgeted \$16,000 for "extra fundraising activities" (silage piles and pop cans). We look forward to being able to cover some piles again next year!!

# Volleyball Schedule

## Practices:

August 24                      October 2  
 August 28                      October 9  
 August 29                      October 11  
 August 31                      October 16  
 September 5                    October 17  
 September 7  
 September 8  
 September 13  
 September 18  
 September 22  
 September 25

## Games:

~~September 9 Round Robin Tournament~~  
~~September 12 @ Worthington Christian~~  
~~September 14 @ Home vs. Sheldon~~  
~~September 19 @ HPRCS~~  
 September 21 @ Home vs. Ireton  
 September 26 @ Home vs. RVCS  
 October 3 @ HCS  
 October 10 @ Sheldon  
 October 12 @ SCCS  
 October 19 @ Home vs. OCCS  
 October 21 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
April 1, 2022	\$116,911
April 1, 2023	\$38,500
October 10, 2023	\$23,000

**Our unpaid balance is under \$25,000!** 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**

## 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 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!

# SCS Work - A - Thon

The students and staff of SCS are getting excited for the upcoming Work-A-Thon fundraiser on Friday, October 20! Please consider donating to help support our students through service work and loving their neighbors! Some people around the community have been contacted for work we can do for them, and they are excited and thankful for these services! You can donate online at <https://bit.ly/SCSworkathon> or you can fill out the donation letter below and turn it in to school.

**Help! We need donations/items to lend for the day!** Anyone is welcome to join us! You can sign up through our signup genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAFA928A3F5CF8-44874070-scsworkathon#/>.

Thank you for your continued support for our school and for helping create a servant's heart in our children. We pray this day will point others to our amazing heavenly Father while we work, encourage, and spread His love. We love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

The rain date for the Work-A-Thon will be Friday, October 27.

"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

## TO SPONSOR A STUDENT AND MAKE A DONATION FOR THE 2023 WORK-A-THON

Please choose a payment option:

**Complete this form and return it with your donation by October 12:**

Sanborn Christian School Auxiliary  
Po Box 42  
Sanborn, IA 51248

Please make checks payable to  
**Sanborn Christian School Auxiliary**

OR

**Make an online donation by October 12:**

Go to <https://bit.ly/SCSworkathon> or use the QR code. Choose "Get Tickets".

There is a place for you to indicate the student you are sponsoring.



Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: ( ) \$10 ( ) \$25 ( ) \$50 ( ) \$100 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations are tax deductible. Sanborn Christian will provide a receipt for donations over \$250. For donations under this amount, please indicate if you would like a receipt emailed to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please email or mail a receipt for this donation.

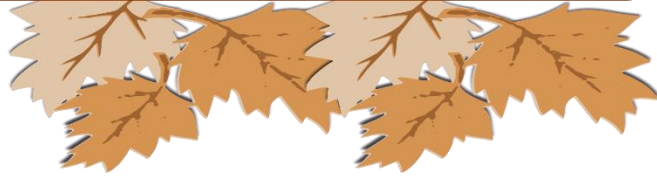
**Thank you so much for your time and generosity!!**





# Harvest Sale

## Saturday, November 4, 2023



**Food served from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
(Cost for the meal is a free-will donation)**

*Menu:*

Shredded Pork Nachos or Sandwich, Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Chips, Pies, & Desserts

**The children's store will open at 3:00 pm**

*Check-in at the Finance Table*

**Silent Auction: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

**General Auction – 4:00 pm**

*Doors open at 2:00 pm*

**Childcare will be available for ages 1-4!**

*\$20/kid*

*\*\*Bars, pop, and other snacks will be available for purchasing during the auction*

### Childrens Store

Watch for more details on the children's store the day of the sale! Each child can purchase one item from the store.

Items will be \$10 for all ages!

### Class Basket/ Items!

Pre-K – Freezer Meals

K – Soccer Nets

1<sup>st</sup> – "Let It Glow"

2<sup>nd</sup> – Razor Rip Rider & Portable Pickleball Net with Paddles

3<sup>rd</sup> – "The Great Outdoors"

4<sup>th</sup> – Junior Wolfpack

5<sup>th</sup> – Couples Bridal Shower

6<sup>th</sup> – Chrome Book & Air Pods

7<sup>th</sup> – "Straight Com"

8<sup>th</sup> – Off to High School



The Committee and School Board are busy collecting donations. If you have additional items to put on the sale, please contact the school office by October 21 so that it can be advertised on the sale bill.

Also, please bring donated items to school by Oct. 28.  
Thanks!

### Look for these great items on the sale!

- Eyevac Touchless Vacuum
- King of Christmas 7.5ft Prelit Christmas Tree
- Ninja Foodi 2 Basket Air Fryer
- Nitro Pison Break Barrel Rifle
- 2 Sun Dolphin Kayaks & Paddles
- 5lbs of Honey
- Wake Board
- KAE Faceline & Bag
- Rechargeable Powersports Amplified Sound Bar
- Tineco Vacuum/Mop
- Inflatable Kayak
- 24" Huffy Girls Bike
- Various Corn & Bean Seed
- Women's Golf Club Set
- Load of Crushed Rock

- 1 Year Family Pool Membership
- 2 Tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre in Branson, MO
- 1/2 Day Rental on 2-Seater or can use value to upgrade at Black Hills Wilderness Edge Adventures
- Bridges Bay Condo Stay (3-night & 4-night stay)
- Fly 2 couples to Sioux Falls for the day or evening of your choice
- "Ride to School in Style"
- Up to 6 tickets to the Omaha Zoo & \$200 Cash
- Shrimp Boil (20 People)
- Progressive Supper
- Charcuterie Table (Feeds 12-14)
- Authentic Mexican Meal (10 people)

**...And so much MORE!!**

# 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 deducts 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 \$650 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, \$650 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 \$750 that you can use to help SCS eliminate the remaining building debt. Once again, SCS benefits by \$1,750 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 1, 2023.**

**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 late December or early January.  
**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  
Attn: Pete Van Velzen  
811 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sheldon, IA 51201

Sanborn Christian School  
Attn: Anthony Minderhoud  
405 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Sanborn, IA 51248

## **Interscholastics**

The students at Sanborn Christian School have been blessed with many varied talents. Therefore, it is necessary to give the students as many opportunities to develop and use their talents as possible. On October 17, the sixth through eighth grade students will perform speech selections before family, friends, and judges at Sanborn Christian School. The evening will be an enjoyable, learning experience! What a privilege it is to see these young people continue to strengthen their talents and use them to praise God! Thank you to all the parents, for encouraging the students with their speeches. Also, a special thank you to our volunteer speech coaches Elizabeth Carney, Sara Hofman, Lisa Van Beek, Holly Rozenboom, Laura Van Beek, Tonja Hoogers, Halle Andringa, Briana Visser, Steph Kuperus, and Lori De Groot. Sanborn Christian appreciates your donations of time, effort, and skill in working with the students!







## November 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
30	31	1	2	3	4/5
Ravioli Breadstick California Veggies Pears	Tator Tot Nachos Corn Grapes	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Dinner Roll Banana	Pepperoni Grilled Cheese Curly Fries Cucumbers Mixed Fruit	Teriyaki Chicken or Popcorn Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple	Harvest Sale
6	7	8	9	10	
Tavern Chips Carrots/Celery Apples	Mexican Lasagna Chips/Salsa Mandarin Oranges	Million \$ Spaghetti Garlic Bread Mixed Fruit	Chicken Strips French Fries Oranges	Hot Ham & Cheese Mozzerella Sticks Applesauce	
13	14	15	16	17	18/19
Cheeseburger Mac Casserole Dinner Roll Green Beans Pears	Soft Shell Taco Potato Ole's Pineapple	Thanksgiving Meal	Hot Dog French Fries Tropical Fruit  Dismiss 2:00	No School	
20	21	22	23	24	25/26
Cream Turkey on a Bun Mashed Potatoes Applesauce	Pizza Smile Fries Pears	Dismiss @ 11:30 No Lunch Served		No School	
27	28	29	30	1	2/3
Chili Cinnamon Roll Cooked Carrots Apples	Quesadilla Spanish Rice Peppers Peaches	French Toast Sticks Sausage Hashbrown Grapes	Tator Tot Hotdish Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Patty on a Bun Mashed Potatoes Tropical Fruit	



# Fire Prevention Week 2023



On Wednesday October 11, the Sanborn Fire Department came with two firetrucks and gave our PK-4<sup>th</sup> graders a ride around town! The kids were able to sit on top of the trucks and wave to people who came out to see us.

**Thank you, Sanborn Firefighters!!**

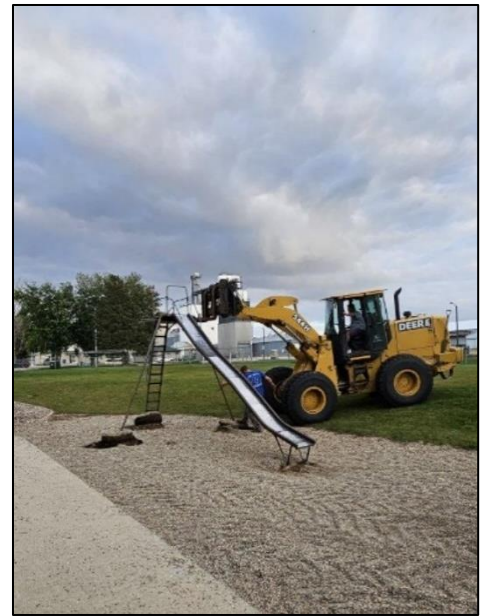


# Playground Progress!!

There has been a lot of activity on the playground recently! Some of the older equipment has been removed and a gaga pit has been installed. The gaga pit has already proven to be a huge hit with the students! Be watching for more updates as we anticipate more equipment!

Thank you to those who have so graciously put in your time to get started on this!

There has been a lot of progress on the new turf installation on the south side of the building. Look at the progress when you are around school!



## SCS Board Members for 2023-2024

President:

Quint De Groot (2024)

Vice-President:

Chad Van Beek (2025)

Secretary:

Andy Prins (2024)

Treasurer:

Jon Hoogers (2025)

Building Committee Chair:

Jeremy Van Ess (2026)

Bus Committee Chair:

Josh Krikke (2024)

Jerry Hofman (2026)

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## Scrip News

Orders will be ready after 9 am Friday & going home with students.

Next order: Oct 16

**Fareway-** is now available through RaiseRight at 3%! It is available in \$25 and \$100. I will make this change on the order form soon!

**Bonus Fest-** Every weekend in October, Friday-Sunday. Check the RaiseRight app or RaiseRight.com for bonuses!

**NEW-** SCS Scrip now offers **ACH debits** for your orders! Instead of writing a check each week for your order, you can fill out the attached form, which will give me permission to debit your account for the amount of your order. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out, and I will try to get an answer! This will be a learning process for all of us!

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.)**

- Oct 16, 23, 30
- Nov 6, 13, 27 (**No order Nov 20**)

### **Bonuses**

Bath & Body Works- 17% (12%)

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!



*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 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.