#### **May 2023**

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



## Sanborn Christian School **SCHOOL BELL**





#### Calendar of Events:

May 23: 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade party

May 24: 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 pm

May 25: K-4 Field Day @ 1:30 pm

May 26: Last day of school. Dismiss @

11:30 am

May 29: Memorial Day Program @

SCS @ 10:00 am

May 31: ESA Applications are to be available

June 1: NICSTO Applications due

June 7: Summer Cleaning Night #1

June 19: Summer Cleaning Night #2

June 24: Auxiliary Golf/Steak

June 26: Summer Cleaning Night #3

June 28: Society Meeting

June 30: ESA Applications due

July 22: Auxiliary 5k Race

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Educating Under God's Word for Serving God in His World The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7

#### **Sanborn Christian School Class of 2023**

Hadassah Donovan Aubree Graves

Aleah Schreur

Anna Schreurs Dillon Van Ess

Logan Minderhoud Taalen Van Ess





Class Verse: Isaiah 41:10 - "God Will Strengthen and Uphold You"

Class Colors: Dusty Sage & Dark Coral Class Speaker: Dillon Van Ess Speaker: Mr. Sam De Groot

Graduation Ceremony: Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 7:00 pm - Sanborn CRC

### **Principal's Pen**

If you type the question "How many times does the phrase do not fear appear in the Bible?" into the Google search box, it will inform you that the phrase (or a phrase like it) will appear 365 times in the Bible.

I don't know if that is true as I've never taken the time to count that phrase every time it occurs in the Bible, but I do not have any reason to necessarily doubt the information presented either.

The graduating 8th graders chose one of those "do not fear" references of the Bible as their graduation verse. Isaiah 41:10 says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

Regardless of whether the Bible actually uses this

(as of: May 1)

phrase 365 times, it is accurate that God offers these words of comfort and encouragement to us often throughout the Bible. In fact, this concept is presented three quick times in Ch. 41 - verse 10, 13 and 14. Indeed, we really do need to hear this 365 days of the year as we are all prone to being anxious, discouraged, dismayed, and fearful.

This verse from Isaiah falls in a section where God explains that He is the helper of Israel. This is an important detail because there are many things in life that can cause Israel (us) to be anxious, discouraged, or dismayed and we need God to be our helper.

For the 8th graders, the fact that they are leaving the familiar for the unfamiliar may be an item of anxiousness.
Regardless of the situation, the comfort we

have is that God has His plan for our life that all unfolds within His timing. We need to realize it's <u>His</u> plan and it's <u>His</u> timing. Not ours.

That means we might feel frustrated or anxious simply because things are not according to our plans and our timing. We like to have control of life's situations, but ultimately. we need to submit to our all-sufficient Heavenly Father who knows what is best for us. Knowing that God is certainly able to help, strengthen, and uphold us in all times of life, as Isaiah says, is a wonderful comfort.

If you keep reading in Isaiah 41, you'll read about all the amazing things that God will do / has done for the Israelites in verses 11-19. And then verse 20 says, "so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this".



God's activity in our lives is a way others can come to know Him.

Our lives, through what God is doing, are a witness and testimony to those around us about the great God whom we serve.

This is also important for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to remember as they move to high school. They are already witnesses of God's excellent work within their lives and they have a responsibility to express that to others, just as we all do. A new school with new people is a great place to do this!

Make the most of every opportunity to promote the name of God who upholds us with His righteous right hand.

## **Fairshare Support of Sanborn Christian School**

 Budgeted
 Received
 Balance

 Sanborn CRC
 \$ 65,100.00
 \$ 57,000.00
 \$ 8,100.00

 Cornerstone URC
 \$109,200.00
 \$ 91,612.50
 \$ 17,587.50



## **Job Opportunities at SCS for 2023 - 2024 School Year**

Sanborn Christian School is actively seeking applicants for the following vacancy for the upcoming 2023 – 2024 school year:

Part-time school secretary/administrative assistant

If you are interested in these positions, or would like more information, please contact Mr. Anthony Minderhoud, Principal at sanchr@sanbornchristian.com or call the office at 729-3288.

## **School Board Highlights – May Meeting**

#### May 8, 2023

President, Brent Koldenhoven opened with devotions and prayer. All present.

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

Mr. Minderhoud gave the administrators report for information.

Education Committee reported on their May 2, 2023 meeting.

Report given on preschool aide interview. Motion supported to offer the position to Mrs. Lori DeGroot.

Dr. Rachel Wilcinot plans a presentation on the dangers of fentanyl on May 15.

An open house for Mrs. Laura Van Beek is being planned for early June in celebration of her retirement.

Executive Committee reported on updates regarding the secretarial vacancy.

Board reviewed and discussed a petition from some members of the society regarding the secretarial vacancy. Further meetings were held on May 11 and 15 regarding this topic.

Building Committee reported on additional playground options that they are researching.

Transportation Committee reported on the need to have a bus windshield chip fixed. This is scheduled for May 17.

Promotion Committee reported that they found a replacement member for Steph Kuperus.

An upgrade to the current SCS website is in the works.

Finance Committee reported on the May 4 meeting. The checking account balance of \$58,811.54. Sanborn Christian's average monthly expenses total \$80,521.57 for a 12-month period (July 2022 – June 2023).

Motion passed to approve the 2023.2024 budget.

Mr. Minderhoud submitted the annual CSI accreditation report on April 20, 2023.

Monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

An early enrollment through JMC will be sent out and due from families by May 22 in preparation to the ESA applications opening on May 31. The final registration is still intended for mid-July.

Nominations for new Board members took place. Out-going members are Brent Koldenhoven, Brent Vander Werff, Jon Covey.

Board members reported on their April visits to classrooms.

Policy section 400 to 417d were reviewed.

Mr. Jon Covey closed the meeting in prayer.

#### Staffing Updates:

Earlier this year, Mrs. Anna Bootsma was hired as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade homeroom teacher for the 2023.24 school year.

Mrs. Jessica Schreurs has been hired to teach 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade science for the 2023.24 school year in addition to her current duties as K-8 art teacher.

Mrs. Lori DeGroot has been hired as our preschool aide for the 2023.24 school year.

We are glad to have you all fill those roles at Sanborn Christian School next year!

## **Classroom Spotlight – Mr. De Groot**

As we close our 22-23 school year, I am convinced that there is no better way to end than with the 10th commandment. Even phrased in the negative, as we see it in Exodus 20:17, "You shall not covet" is a commonly accepted phrase. A quick search of quotes about coveting will show that even unbelievers of certain philosophies can get on board with it! Coveting's self-destructive nature is clear, at times, even to fallen man. The reason it's a great way to end, however, is not because of its wide acceptance, but because of this command's overarching implications.

Coveting is a matter of the heart. No matter where you look in scripture, that's what we see. When Ahab desires in his heart the vineyard of Naboth, he covets. When David sees and desires his neighbor Uriah's wife, he covets. When the rich fool in Jesus' parable sees all he already has, he covets, and then rests self-assured in his own solution. What strikes me most about all three of these examples of coveting, however, is what ties the three men together – they all covet not out of want or need, but out of the excess they already have. This, then, is the root of coveting: misplaced desires.

In chapel this month, we looked at how God created us "very good" with good desires. Desire itself is not the problem. In the fall, however, our desires are naturally fallen, and in our new life in Christ, they need to be trained. A well-trained dog can be a faithful protector, a loving pet, and a useful companion. A poorly trained dog will try to pull and control. We need to train our desires, not let them pull us around.

The reason for this, ultimately, is because coveting is a heart matter. As a heart matter, it means that coveting gets the whole of our being involved. In each example of coveting above, the sin of coveting, which started at the heart, ended up in a greater sin – murder, adultery, lying, blasphemy, idolatry. This final command shows us how in the law, any infraction breaks the whole law. This can only point us to Christ, as we see our own hopelessness in the law.

### **Classroom Spotlight – Mr. De Groot (Continued)**

In our new life in Christ, we are as Paul talks about so many times, set free from the law so that we can live in Christ. In Jr. High devotions this year, I've focused on this concept by looking at Psalm 119 throughout the first half of the year (how good God's law is and how great God is) and then looked at Galatians in this last quarter (how great God is in Christ's sacrifice). Our life is now a life lived in the joy of Christ. It's a life lived under our theme for the year where we "love God" and "love our neighbor." It's a life lived with the kind of comfort our theme verse for the month gives us in Hebrews 13: "be content with what you have, for [God] has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.""

In 7th grade this month, we have been studying the Pilgrim's Progress now that we've wrapped up our unit on poetry by expressing through poetry. In Bible, we're just starting a lightning speed overview of church history from the Middle Ages to today, and in English we're in the final stages of a research paper. It's wonderful to see the students continuing to grow in their ability to express themselves clearly and fluently in each subject.

### **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

Our unpaid balance is under \$40,000! 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.



## **Please support SCS by 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! <u>ALL</u> 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!

## 15th Annual SCS Golf Tournament

**SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023** 

SANBORN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

80's Theme!



Dress up with big hair, funky head bands, and all the bright colors!

**REGISTRATION AT 1:30** 

**SHOTGUN START AT 2:00** 

~9-hole event ~4-person best ball ~pin prizes ~best dressed, best cart, best team name prizes ~mulligans available for purchase \$5 each ~ pick a putt available for purchase \$10 per team

Golf and Meal: \$70 per player OR \$280 per team

Meal Only: \$30.00 per person (If you're not interested in golfing, but would like to join us for a
fun evening out to support SCS please come for a buffet at 5:45 PM)
Steak or Pork Chop:

#### \*REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday, June 10, 2023\*

Mail registrations to Sanborn Christian Golf Tournament <u>PO Box 42</u>, Sanborn, IA or email team registration information to Carrie at carrieanema@yahoo.com, or put in Carrie's church mailbox.

Make checks payable to: Sanborn Christian Golf Tournament

Team Name:	(Be Creative!)
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# Special Activities at Sanborn Christian School $8^{th}$ Grade Science Fair







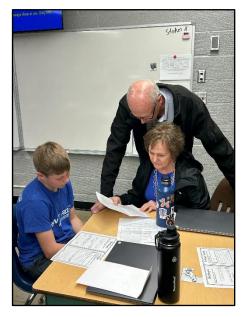




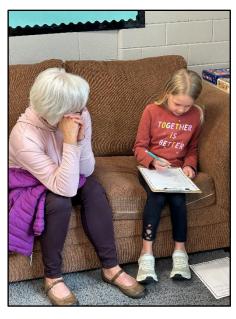




## Grandparents Day











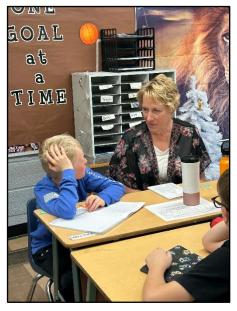


## Grandparents Day













## Field Trips



Preschool



Kindergarten



1<sup>st</sup> Grade



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



4th Grade

## Field Trips



5<sup>th</sup> Grade



6<sup>th</sup> Grade



7<sup>th</sup> Grade



8<sup>th</sup> Grade



#### **Library News**

The SCS Librarians are thankful for the financial support from our families through the Harvest Sale and Auxiliary Projects. This school year we were able to add 140 books. A special thank you to our library readers, who aid in the book approval process by reading through *every new book*, helping decide if they are good choices for our Christian School (library.



Also, thank you for encouraging and reading to your children this school year. Have a wonderful summer and remember to include reading as a fun summer activity.

### **Summer School Cleaning**

Are you ready? It is that time again! Cleaning schedule is in this month's School Bell and can also be found on the school's website. Please mark your calendar for the date you have been assigned to work. The dates are **Wednesday, June 7**; **Monday, June 19**; and **Monday, June 26**.

We will be cleaning and moving items from 7:00-10:00 pm each night of the schedule. If you are not able to be there the night you have been assigned, please trade for the other night. PLEASE DO NOT JUST SKIP! Parents of kindergarten students are asked to help with cleaning. Also, eighth grade parents are asked to give us one more year of school cleaning. We need all our parents to contribute to the effort. If you have any questions, please contact Building Committee member Chad Van Beek. Thanks in advance for your cooperation! The schedule will also be posted on our website and can also be found in this edition of the School Bell.

#### **5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk**

Attention all Runners and Walkers: **Saturday July 22**, will be the Sanborn Christian 5K and 1 mile Fun Run in conjunction with Sanborn Railroad Days! Stay tuned for the registration QR code and more details! Pre-registration deadline is July 1. Be sure to follow the Sanborn Christian 5K Facebook page! We are looking forward to a new route this year with our Start/Finish being near the Clubhouse! Come support SCS in a fun and healthy way!

#### **NICSTO**

For those who would like to send in an application for the NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) program, the **applications will be due** to the office no later than Thursday, June 1, 2023. These applications must be based upon 2022 tax information and **must be accompanied with a copy of the 1040** to be considered. Families who have children in grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> are eligible for NICSTO. If you qualify, please consider applying.

The other NICSTO eligibility guidelines are located below. The application is inserted in this edition of the School Bell and is available on the SCS website (<a href="www.sanbornchristian.com">www.sanbornchristian.com</a>) under the NICSTO link. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mr. Minderhoud.

The funds that are available are due to the generous NICSTO donations that occurred over during the 2022 school year. Thanks again to all those generous donations!!

Use this Graph to determine your	No. In Family	Federal Poverty  Income Guidelines	NICSTO GUIDELINES Household Income
Eligibility	2	\$19,720	\$78,880
	3	\$24,860	\$99,440
	4	\$30,000	\$120,000
	5	\$35,140	\$140,560
	6	\$40,280	\$161,120
	7	\$45,420	\$181,680
	8	\$50,560	\$202,240
For each additional	member	\$5,140	\$20,560

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### Sanborn Christian School Summer Cleaning Schedule 2023

May 19, 2023

Dear Parents,

Once again, we are requiring all parents to help with the summer cleaning of the school building. A schedule for this cleaning has been set up and you are asked to come on the date listed below to help. If you are unable to come on your assigned evening, you must switch with someone from another day or arrange for a substitute (please let Chad Van Beek know who you switched with). The assumption is that where a single name is listed both parents or two adults will be cleaning that evening. Jr. High and High School age students must work with the parent who brought them. Please make arrangements for your younger students and children on the night you clean.

We will work from 7:00 to 10:00 PM (if needed). We must have everyone's cooperation in the project. Parents of K-8 students are required to help, including parents of graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Preschool parents are not required to clean. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

When you arrive at school, please sign your name on the sheet provided and then check with Ana Tovar for your job assignment. If you have any questions, please contact Chad Van Beek (712-348-1284).

Wednesday, June 7	Monday, June 19	Monday, June 26
Kent Billings	Heather Aaron	Cyle Carlson
Jake De Groot	Aaron Alons	Jeromy De Kok
Jesse Graves	Joah Bakker	Dan Donovan
Matt Hartog	Jon Covey	Brandon Espey
Jerry Hofman	Sam De Groot	Turner Hicks
Brent Koldenhoven	Aaron Hoftyzer	James Klynsma
Josh Krikke	Jon Hoogers	Luke Kreykes
James Miedema	Nate Krikke	Andy Prins
Anthony Minderhoud	Chris Kuperus	Josh Rydberg
Shane Sybesma	Aaron Nystrom	Stefan Sybesma
Heath Ten Kley	Scott Roorda	Chad Van Beek
Jeff Van Beek	Corey Rozenboom	Jeremy Van Ess
Chad Van Ess	Nate Schreur	Brent Vander Werff
Chet Vander Velde	John Schreurs	Alan Visser
Lee Vellema	Joel Spronk	Rachel Wilcinot
Phillip Westra	Chris Van Beek	William Wolfswinkel
Andy Wright	Larissa Van Dyke	
	Cory Verbrugge	

#### 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. lowa taxpayers can receive a tax credit up to <u>75% of their donation</u> that supports families who need tuition assistance and deduct the gift on Federal Income Tax. <u>How does it work?</u>

- 1. You must owe lowa 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 lowa tax form.

**Example:** If you contribute \$1,000 to NICSTO, you will receive a <u>75% tax credit</u> 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 lowa 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 1, 2023.

#### **NICSTO** Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization

#### **CONTRIBUTION FORM FOR DONORS**

This completed memo must accompany your contribution
A formal lowa 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.

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Taxpayer Name	Date of Contribut	Date of Contribution			
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Name the institution/school you wish to be the	e beneficiary of this donation	on: Sanborn Christian School			
You contribution may be mailed or delivered to	o one of the following addr	esses:			
NICSTO		Sanborn Christian School			
Attn: Pete Van Velzen		Attn: Anthony Minderhoud			
811 7 <sup>th</sup> Street		405 W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street			
Sheldon, IA 51201		Sanborn, IA 51248			

### **Memorial Day Program**



Sanborn Christian is hosting the community Memorial Day Program! Plan on joining us on the morning of Monday, May 29, 2023 as our middle school band will play, and grades 4-8 will sing. We would love to have high school/college students, parents, and community membrs join our band! If you or someone you know would be interested in playing, please contact the school office. We will begin practice that morning at 9:15 am.

## SCS Board Members for 2022-2023

President: **Brent Koldenhoven (2023)** 

Vice-President:

Quint De Groot (2024)

Secretary: Aaron Hoftyzer (2023)

Treasurer: **Jon Hoogers (2025)** 

Building Committee Chair: Chad Van Beek (2025)

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.

### **Scrip News**

#### Next order May 22.

(The office will only be open on Friday, May 26 until 11:30 for pick ups. If you don't pick up on Friday, orders will be available for pick up TUESDAY, MAY 30 at Sanborn Chiropractic!)

#### **Graduation is right around the corner!**

Check out these brands with gift cards available for \$10 and under.

McDonald's, Amazon, Starbucks, Walmart, Bath & Body, Target, Subway, Barnes & Noble, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Pizza Ranch.

For a complete list, check RaiseRight.com or the app!

**Scrip will be moving to Sanborn Chiropractic for the summer!** You can drop your orders off there Monday by 5 pm or in the drop box at school! Orders will be available for pick up there also on Friday's after 9 am.

Hours: Monday- 8:00 am- 6:00 pm

Tuesday- 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Wednesday- Closed

Thursday- 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Friday- 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

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.)

- May 15, 22, 29 (Orders placed on May 29, will need to be put in the drop box at School!)
- June 12, 19, 26 (No order June 5)
- July 10, 17, 24, 31 (No order July 3)
- Aug 7, 14, 21, 28

#### **Bonuses**

Pet Smart- 7% (5%) Under Armour- 16% (11%) Little Ceasar's- 11% (8%)

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