

Our Mission:

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



**Sanborn Christian School
SCHOOL BELL**



Calendar of Events:

- September 21 – 2nd Grade to Farm Safety Day
- September 27 – Preschool to the Pumpkin Patch
- September 28 - Early Dismissal @ 2pm

- October 4 - School Picture Day!
- October 5 & 6 - No School –Heartland Convention
- 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 4 – Harvest Sale
- November 15 – Picture Retakes
- November 16 – PT Conferences Dismiss @ 2:00pm
- November 17 – No School
- November 22: Dismiss @ 11:30
- November 23,24 – No School - Thanksgiving Break

**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

Referring to the sixth request of the Lord’s Prayer, the Heidelberg Catechism, speaks of our spiritual struggle. Its states that we need the Lord to uphold us and make us strong so that we may not go down in defeat to our sworn enemies: the devil, the world, and ourselves.

Although we have not referenced Q&A 127 at the beginning of this school year with our students, it overlaps nicely with our theme for the school year: prepare for battle by putting on The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20). We are called to “be strong in the Lord” so that we can take our “stand against the devil’s schemes”. We are told that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil.

In our opening day chapel and in our Jr. High devotions, I have attempted to clarify the difference between the physical and the spiritual. The physical realm makes sense to us as our senses help us

understand things around us when we see, touch, smell, taste, and hear them. It is more difficult for us to grasp the spiritual realm as that is on an entirely different level. This is why referencing physical armor, or sporting equipment, can be a helpful way for our young students to discuss and visualize the spiritual armor that is listed in Ephesians.

While we attempt to bring understanding about the spiritual realm to our students, it is imperative that we all understand what Q&A 127 and Ephesians 6 tells us. The daily struggle is not, and should not be, with one another as Christian brothers and sisters. We are not on the list as one of the enemies. As the well-known hymn puts it: the Church of God moves like a mighty army. We are not divided; all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

The devil is a deceiver. He would love for us to question who the fight is really against. His tactics of doubt and misdirection are the same as in the Garden



of Eden when he asked, “Did God really say...?”. He would love nothing more than for us to lose focus on the battle, and then to see the Army of God internally crumble.

I appreciate the medieval imagery below as it reveals many important aspects of being “one body”. Taking up shields in this manner would certainly be effective in extinguishing the flaming arrows of the evil one.



Kingdoms rise and wane, but the Church of Jesus constant will remain. Onward, then, ye people! Blend our voices in the triumph song. Glory and honor unto Christ the King.

Looking forward to a great 23.24 school year together!

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Fairshare Support of Sanborn Christian School

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sanborn CRC	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$57,500.00
Cornerstone URC	\$107,100.00	\$17,600.00	\$89,500.00

(As of 9.5.23)

THANK you!

School Board Highlights – September

September 11, 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 September 5 meeting.

Executive Committee has the annual September meeting with teachers scheduled for September 20.

Building Committee gave update on upcoming playground renovations. Work on the removal of pea gravel and turf installation in those areas are anticipated for October. A few playground equipment replacements have been ordered.

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

Gym rental policy for small SCS groups was revisited.

Bus inspection is scheduled for September 29, 2023.

Finance Committee reported on their September 8 meeting. The checking account balance of \$297,674.34. These funds include 94% 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.

Two silage piles have been covered. Another two or three are possible yet.

Update on ESAs were given.

Promotion Committee reported on their September 7 meeting which focused upon Harvest Sale Auction prep. Auctioneers are Don Krommendyk and Ron Sterk. Live auction will begin at 4:00pm.

New website is still being worked on. There's hope to launch it in a few months.

Increasing the internet speed at SCS was considered and approved.

Hot Lunch reported that the milk machine has arrived. However, there appears to have a crack in the door which has

stopped its anticipated usage for now.

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.

New prayer lists were made available to board members. Those monthly prayer lists were exchanged among board members.

August Auxiliary minutes were approved.

A portion of policies 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. Jerry Hofman closed the meeting in prayer.

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be October 9, 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.**

Athletic Physicals

It's the start of another school year! That means students in grades 5-8 will need an athletic physical for participation in sports for the upcoming year. Copies of the physical form can be obtained at the school office or at your doctor's office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Moser in the school office.



Classroom Spotlight – Mr. De Groot

September Chapel 2023
– Training in the Lord’s Army

We’re back at it; the daily schedules of learning, extra-curriculars, homework, and time with friends.

For some, it’s exciting, even refreshing to be back into the “routine.” For others, there’s the daily question of “why do we have to do this?”

While there are many reasons for school, sports, and working through relationship highs and lows, perhaps the most pointed reason that God sets before us is for training. School is, by nature, a place of training. More broadly than that, however, Scripture suggests that childhood is a place of training.

Our theme verse for the month is Proverbs 26:6: “Train a child in the way he should go, and when

he is old he will not turn from it.” As we begin to dive into our theme on the Armor of God from Ephesians 6, I wanted to start where any soldier starts – basic training.

Before even gearing up for war or entering the battlefield in any real sense, it’s first necessary that a soldier train. He trains with his weapons, he trains his body, he trains his mind, and he learns the skills that are essential to his survival on the battlefield. Once he is in the heat of war, surrounded by difficulty, and tired from the constant grind, he can rely on his training, even when his instincts might fail him. This is exactly what we hope for with our children.

Ephesians reminds us that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but is against sin, temptation, and the

devil himself. This is no simple, easily mastered enemy! By God’s grace, the victory is ultimately won, but this side of glory, the battle still rages.

Before throwing our children into the midst of this battle, we train them. Then, even when their instincts fail them, they can rely on the training from their youth: training in righteousness through God’s word, training in trust through prayer, training in self-discipline by taking every thought captive to Christ, training in thankfulness through praise. Once trained, our prayer for our children is that they are equipped and ready for the battle that we face each day in a fallen world. Praise God, that the war is won!

In Jr. High this year, we jumped right in academically. In English, we’ve been writing letters, paragraphs, and

character description while implementing our basic grammar marks.

In Bible, we’ve started our Old Testament unit with 7th and 8th grade as we see God’s formation of all things and then the special covenants, He established from the beginning onward.

Computer Science has also gotten off to a strong start with building paper towers, trying out “blocky” code, and doing some reintroductions to digital organization. In each of these areas, we’ve been practicing our skills daily to train not just our minds, but our worldview and hearts as well.

As always, we appreciate your support, covet your prayers, and especially look forward to a great year as we seek to further “train up” our children here at SCS!

Prayer and Praise...1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please lift your praise to God for...

- *The establishment of devotional small groups (Disciple Groups) for a second year that can meet each Thursday together to attempt to build student leadership and comradery.*
- *All the silage piles that are covered (they’re all done!), and the safety during the work.*

Please lift your prayers to God for...

- *Smooth transitions to the new school year for new faculty / staff members, students, new families, and new routines.*
- *Safe and good bus rides to and from school each day.*
- *Planning and preparation for the November Harvest Sale.*

Harvest Sale – Saturday, November 4 !



During the past years, Sanborn Christian has benefited from this sale! Funds collected from this sale go to the General Fund, interscholastics, and the library. **The SCS Annual Harvest Sale will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, with a goal of \$70,000.** 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 6, 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 4.** 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 on September 14 or 15. 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.



6th Grade Conservation Day

On Thursday, September 7, the Sixth-Grade class attended the Annual O'Brien County Conservation Day outdoor classroom. We are one of the only counties in Iowa that has a Conservation Day from year to year. The students spent the day at the Prairie Heritage Center near Sutherland where they participated in many activities. The sectionals included information about furs, properties of water, a predator and prey game in the prairie grass, throwing spears with atlatls, soil health, a prairie life simulation, how to care for bees, and a fishing station. The students really enjoyed the rotations and learned a lot from the presenters. We were blessed with a beautiful day filled with sunshine, laughter, and great memories. What a fun way to enjoy the creativity of our God who molded and designed the amazing world we inhabit.



1st Grade Butterfly Tagging

The 1st graders spent a morning tagging butterflies at Miller Park. Lindsey Kleinhesselink, O'Brien County Naturalist, talked to the 1st graders about the life cycle of a butterfly and then went out to tag a butterfly. When you tag a butterfly, you put a little sticker on the outside part of the wing, so that when they migrate down to Mexico if someone catches a butterfly they can track to see where that butterfly came from. The 1st graders had a fun morning tagging Monarch butterflies!



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
September 11, 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.



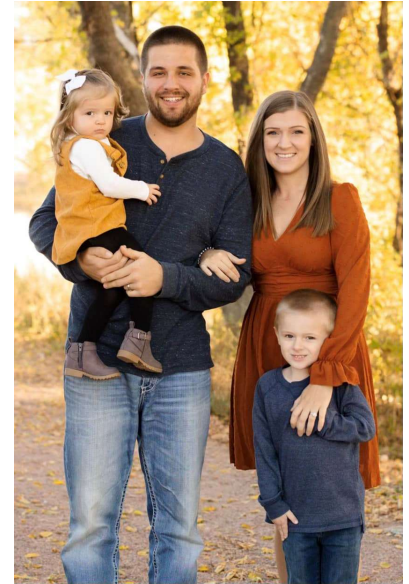
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Have You Considered Becoming a Foundation Member?

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!

Welcoming New Staff Members to SCS!!

My name is Tanner Moser and I am the new secretary at Sanborn Christian! I grew up in Sheldon, Iowa and lived there until we moved to Sanborn when I was 12. I am married to Dustin Moser who was born and raised in Sanborn and attended Sanborn Christian! We've been married for 7 years and have 2 children. Our son, Brooks, is 5 and starting preschool this year at Sanborn Christian, and our daughter, Emmy, is 2 ½. Prior to receiving this job at SCS I worked as the administrative assistant at the Sheldon Police Department for 2 ½ years. Sanborn Christian has already been a blessing to our family, so I am looking forward to seeing what else God has in store for us here at SCS!



My name is Lori De Groot and I am the new Pre-school Aide Teacher at Sanborn Christian School. I am originally from Ontario, Canada where I grew up on a dairy farm. I moved to Northwest Iowa 12 years ago to go to college where I studied Early Childhood Education. In 2013 I graduated from college and married Sam De Groot. I then worked as a Preschool Teacher in Alton, IA for 2 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. During the time I had at home with my 2 kids, I started up an in-home daycare business that I have done for the past 5 years. While I loved my time of working with kids in my home, I am excited to be back in a classroom setting!

I'm Ann Bootsma! I am excited to be teaching at Sanborn Christian this year! I grew up in Sheldon and attended Sheldon Christian and Western Christian. I graduated from Dordt University in 2019, so this will be my 5th year of teaching. I previously taught 3rd grade at La Canada Elementary in California and at Sioux Center Christian. My husband, Luke, and I live in Boyden. My husband works for Boer and Sons, owns Bootsma Cutting, and is also in the Air Force Reserve. I love the close-knit community at Sanborn Christian and the opportunity I have to partner with the staff and students' parents to help students learn about God and His creation and to grow in their faith.



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 7th Street
Sheldon, IA 51201

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



Aug/Sept 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
Back to School Open House		Tavern Chips Baby Carrots Grapes Dismiss @ 1:20	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Applesauce	Meatball Sub French Fries Banana	
28	29	30	31	1	2/3
Poppysed Chicken Biscuit Broccoli Pears	Soft Shell Taco Potato Ole's Apples	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Corn Fruit Cocktail	Pizza Curly Fries Oranges	Chicken Patty on a Bun Mashed Potatoes Pineapple	
4	5	6	7	8	9/10
No School Labor Day	Crispito Spanish Rice Pepper Strips Peaches	Lasagna Breadstick Green Beans Grapes	Grilled Ham & Cheese Potato Wedges Tropical Fruit	Bacon Cheeseburger Casserole Dinner Roll Peas Oranges	
11	12	13	14	15	16/17
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Bread Green Beans Applesauce	Nachos Corn Salsa Pears	Sheet Pan Pancakes Sausage Yogurt Banana	Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw Apples	Pigs in a Blanket French Fries Grapes	
18	19	20	21	22	23/24
Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread California Veggies Mandarin Oranges	Quesadilla Corn Tropical Fruit	Turkey/Cheese Sandwich Chips Cucumbers Apples	Baked Potato with Toppings Breadstick Fruit Cocktail	Breakfast Flatbread Hashbrown Strawberries	
25	26	27	28	29	30
Tator Tot Hotdish Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll Pears	Meat & Cheese Burrito Potato Ole's Banana	Creamed Chicken on a Bun French Fries Grapes	Corn Dogs Chips Baby Carrots/Celery Pineapple	Italian Dunkers With Meat Sauce Potato Wedges Broccoli Applesauce	

One Mile Prediction Run

On Wednesday September 13th Unity hosted a one-mile prediction run. We had 9 students participate! Well done, Wildcats!



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)

Cody Stange (2026)

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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

Orders will be ready for pick up after 9 am and going home with students!

Next order: Sept 18

Sept 2-29 Kwik Star- 9% (4%) Kwik Star Grocery- 15% (10%)

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.)

- Sept 18, 25
- Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 (**No order Oct 2**)
- Nov 6, 13, 27 (**No order Nov 20**)

Bonuses

Shutterfly- 12% (9%)

DoorDash- 8% (3%)

Check out RaiseRight for the complete list of bonuses!

Don't forget the ship to home option that is available for some gift cards! Check out Raiseright.com or the RaiseRight app for a complete listing of bonuses!

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