

Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

April 30, 2020

Calendar

- May 1 -Preschool Applications/Enrollment open to the public
-K-8th Report Cards will be mailed home
-High School Report Cards will be mailed home
- May 9 -Close-Up Plant/Flower Pick-up
NEW LOCATION: 391 W. WOODIN ROAD, SUNNYSIDE
(Scott and Chris Wolters home)
NEW PICK-UP HOURS: 7:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- May 11 -Society Meeting- Virtual- more details coming soon
- June 4 -Last Day of School

2019-2020 School Theme – “Listen to the Story”

April Theme – The Story of the Mustard Seed

“He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.’”

Matthew 13:31-33

CLOSE-UP SPRING FLOWER PICK-UP is MAY 9

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NEW PICK-UP HOURS: PLANTS/FLOWERS CAN BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Questions? Please call or text Nicole Jech at 840-2932.

High School Graduation: Pertaining to SCHS graduation, we are still hoping for an in-person, live graduation after June 19 but do not know if that will be allowed. We can hope! If we will not be allowed to physically meet, we will probably use a virtual platform that has been developed by Jostens that is quite well-constructed and then have a physical, individual walk-through on-campus following all current rules. We will patiently wait as expectations change daily!

Parent Service Hours: Please feel free to turn in your service hours for the year, even if they are not completed. We will not be charging for uncompleted service hours this year. However, there is certain to be opportunities to help out this summer, and we would gladly welcome volunteers as those opportunities arise. We will be sure to publish them in the newsletter.

Parent Technology Survey: We have created a short survey that we are asking you to fill out. We want to get your perspective as to how things have gone since the school closure mandate. We also want to know how we can better serve you and your children the rest of this school year and how we can be better prepared should our start date in the fall be affected.

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Peek-At-Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up: will be presented via video on our website and social media sometime in May. We look forward to an inviting presentation from Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Long as they introduce themselves and their classrooms to potential students. We will let you know as soon as it is available and encourage you to spread the word among families with Preschool and Kindergarten age children.

Annual Society Meeting & Board Nominations: The Annual Society Meeting will be held **Monday, May 11, using a virtual platform.** The Annual Report will be emailed prior to the meeting. The following names are the approved board nominations for the upcoming Society Meeting: **Tyler Alseth, Dave Andringa, Melinda Navarrete, Jason Smeenk, and Carol VanSlageren.**

If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to submit an absentee ballot, the following guidelines will be applied:

1. Absentee ballots will be counted on the first ballot only.
2. Absentee voters must qualify to vote by constitutional standards.
3. Absentee ballots must have the name of the voter on the envelope. If there is no name on the envelope, the ballot is considered invalid.
4. Three names must be chosen on each ballot.

In order for your ballot to be counted, drop off your absentee ballot at the elementary office before 12:00 NOON on Monday, May 11th.

Tyler Alseth: Thank you for the nomination for the school board. I was born and raised in Sunnyside. After attending college at YVCC and CWU, I started teaching Middle School Math at Harrison Middle School, I currently teach at Sierra Vista Middle School. I coach 7th grade football at Sierra Vista, and the Varsity Baseball team at Sunnyside Christian High School. My wife Stacy and I attend Sunnyside First Baptist Church. We have three children who attend SCS, Ella (10th), Sadie (8th) and Gunnar (5th). We believe a Christian education is an important part of our children's future. I look forward to being able to serve the Sunnyside community.

Dave Andringa: Thank you for considering me for the SCS school board. It would be an honor to serve on the board. I believe that a Christian education is one of the primary building blocks we can provide for our children as they grow. It is our investment in their future lives. We pray that the school can help them build a strong foundation in an ever-changing world. At times it can be very trying to afford a Christian education, but our community has been blessed with SCS and we need to continue to be a light in the Valley.

I am a graduate of Arlington Christian School and also of Dordt College '93. I met Jody Sudenga (SCS class of '94) and have been married for 17 years. We have been blessed with four wonderful children – Jenna- 11th grade, Taylor- 8th, and Aiden and Brett- 6th. All of our children are involved in the church youth programs, the various sports programs, 4H, and FFA. We are members of Sunnyside CRC. I work for Animal Health International as an outside salesman. Jody is an ER nurse at Prosser Memorial Hospital.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Melinda Navarrete: I am grateful and honored to receive this nomination to serve on the SCS board. My husband, Raúl, and I are truly blessed to have two of our three children enrolled in SCS. Our oldest daughter, Areessa, is in third grade, and has been attending SCS since preschool. Our five-year-old son, Evan, is dual-enrolled in preschool/kinder, and we plan to enroll our two-year-old, Keira, in 2021.

My husband and I grew up in a Catholic home with strong family values instilled in us. Respect, responsibility, gratitude, and faith were the foundation of our upbringing. I strongly believe in a central Christian education, and I am determined to continue these values in the lives of my children and home.

I was born and raised in Sunnyside and met my undoubted supporter, my husband, while I was in college. I attended Washington State University and lived in Pullman for seven years. I graduated with a master's degree in Spanish Literature and Culture, a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, and I had the opportunity to teach Spanish for the university for two years. Shortly after college, I moved back to Sunnyside, and my husband and I got married and purchased a property where we now reside and run a small business in fabrication, as well as a welding and diesel repair shop. I have been teaching as a full-time faculty member for the last thirteen years at Yakima Valley College. My research interests include Spanish for Heritage Learners with a concentration of Spanish in the US, second-language acquisition with an emphasis on language production, translation, and pedagogy. I love spending time with my family, friends, reading, photography, calligraphy, organizing, tidying, cooking, teaching, and creating art.

Thank you for considering me to serve on the SCS board. I am committed to supporting the SCS and the community to the best of my ability. With God, all things are possible.

Jason Smeenk: I am honored to be considered for the SCS school board. I graduated from SCS along with my wife Tamera in 2000. Tamera and I have 6 children, Carson 9th, Adalee 7th, Maylee 5th, Weston 3rd, Devon 1st, and Brynlee is 3 years old. We reside in Sunnyside where I operate a dairy farm. I am a member of the United Reformed Church of Sunnyside. Christ-based education is very important to us as we lay the Christ centered foundation for our children's future.

Carol VanSlageren: My name is Carol VanSlageren. My husband Dirk and I live and work on a dairy farm in Granger. I am also involved in volunteering at SCS and at the Sunnyside CRC as a GEMS Counselor and Sunday School leader. Our 4 daughters have graduated from or are attending SCS. I believe that an effective Christian school is one that works together with the family and church to meet the educational needs of its students. Thank you for considering me as your representative on the SCS school board.

Current 3-year-old Preschoolers: Application packets for next year's 4-year-old class have been sent out. As always, you will have first priority for registering your child for the 4-year-old class **until May 1**; then applications will be open to current K-12 school families and the general public.

Current K-12 Families with Potential Pre-schoolers: If you have children in grades K-12 at SCS and have a child you plan to enroll in preschool for the 2020-2021 school year, **IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO THAT SOON**. Class sizes are limited and **registration will be open to the general public on May 1**. If you have not registered prior to May 1 and the class is full, there will not be a spot for your child. Please contact the office via email at julie.broersma@sunnysidechristianschool.org and we will gladly mail you an application. Or, download the application from the website at www.sunnysidechristianschool.org. Please keep in mind that on May 1, registration will be open to the general public and all preschool students will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis from that time forward.

Boxtops

Boxtops for Education are going digital. Please continue to help our school in this way:

1. Download the Box Tops for Education app onto your phone from Google Play or the App Store.
2. Customize the app to see bonus offers from stores you shop at. The customize button is found at the top of the screen.
3. When you buy participating boxtop products, scan your receipt within 14 days and earn money for SCS.

The scanner sometimes takes several tries but will usually work – sometimes you need to zoom in and take several photos to get all parts of the receipt.

Over the course of the Boxtops for Education program, SCS has earned over \$21,500, please continue to help our school in this way. If you have questions, please contact the elementary school office.