Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter
March 25, 2021

Calendar

Thursday, March 25 -
Friday, March 26 -HOT LUNCH- Cheese Pizza- $1.50/slice
-Transportation Committee Meeting- Elem. Office- 8:45 a.m.
Saturday, March 27 -HS Baseball vs. Pomeroy(2)- at SCHS- 11:00 a.m.
- HS Softball vs. Pomeroy(2)- at SCHS- 11:00 a.m.
Monday, March 29 -
Tuesday, March 30 -HOT LUNCH- Pepperoni Pizza- $1.50/slice
-Class Photos- beginning with Pre-3 at 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, March 31 -
Thursday, March 2 -
Monday, March 29 -
Tuesday, March 30 -HOT LUNCH- Pepperoni Pizza- $1.50/slice
-Class Photos- beginning with Pre-3 at 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, March 31 -
Thursday, April 1 -Grandparents Day Chapel- Elementary Playground- 11:00 a.m.
-Class Photos- beginning with Pre-3 at 8:45 a.m.
Friday, April 2

Advance Calendar

April 5-9 - NO SCHOOL- Spring Break
April 20 - Peek at Preschool
April 23 - Kindergarten Round-Up
April 24 - Booster Auction
April 27 - SAT at SCHS

2020-2021 School Theme – “God’s Promises”
March Theme – Jesus’ Promise to Rise from the Dead

“On the third day He will be raised to life!”

Matthew 20:19b

Grandparents Day Outdoor Chapel
Thursday, April 1, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Please park in the East parking lot and enter through the courtyard. We will also have the gate to the playground open for you to park there. We will have chairs set up for all grandparents. Your grandkids will be able to sit in front of you on the grass.

Pastor Bob North will lead us in a few songs and share a short message.

Special music will be provided by the 7th and 8th grade classes and 1st grade.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Class Photos for Pre-3 and Kindergarten thru 8th grade will be taken next Tuesday, March 30. Photos will be taken outside, without masks. Order forms are going home with students today. If you would like to order photos, please have your student bring their order form and money to their classroom that morning. Also, plans are being made to take the Pre-4 class photos at another time.

High School Baseball & Softball Spectators: Games are open to the public as long as mask and social distancing guidelines are followed.

Next School Year Bus Drivers Needed: Sunnyside Christian School is looking for a bus driver(s) for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in getting your Class B CDL for bus driving, we will help pay for the classes. Please contact Brad Van Beek (837-3044) or Jeremy Thomas (830-4421) for more information.
**ELEMENTARY HOT LUNCHES:** Each year the SCHS Junior Class offers hot lunches for students to purchase on specified days. The profit then benefits their class trip to Washington D.C. This year they continued to offer Domino's pizza on Tuesdays (Pepperoni) and Fridays (Cheese) for $1.50 per slice. **Beginning Wednesday, April 14, they will have hot dogs, nachos, and chicken nuggets available for $1.50 each.** These items will be available every Wednesday throughout the remainder of the school and orders are placed in the students’ classroom similar to pizza orders.

**CLOSE-UP SPRING PLANT SALE:** The Sophomore Class is currently selling flowers to earn money for their Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. in 2022. **All orders and money need to be turned in to either school office or a sophomore student no later than Thursday, April 1st.** Questions? Please call Beth Jansen 509-840-0651.

**Peek at Preschool** will be held on Tuesday, April 20 for NEXT YEAR's 3-year olds and NEW 4-year olds. **This year we will have a new format!** Potential preschoolers and parents are invited to stop by anytime between 8:30-9:30 a.m. to “peek” around the classroom. At 9:30 there will be a parent meeting, while the preschoolers go outside for a short recess. The morning will wrap up by 10:00 a.m. If you would like your child to attend, please contact our office at 837-3044.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP:** All families with children who will be five years old on or before the end of August 2021 are invited to register their children for our Kindergarten Roundup. **This year’s Roundup will be held on Friday, April 23, 8:30-11:00 a.m.** Please contact the school office so that we can plan to include your child in the day's activities. **If your child currently attends our 4 year-old preschool program, we include them in our Roundup Day plans unless you let us know differently.** If you know of anyone who is interested in having their child attend Kindergarten Roundup, please have them call the elementary office (837-3044).

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**Dear SCS Community,**

Ruth and I have decided to move back to Michigan this summer, and I will be accepting a new position there. This was a hard decision for us and we made it with a heavy heart. We would both appreciate your prayers as we make plans to leave Sunnyside. I will maintain my commitment to lead SCS through the remaining of what has been a challenging (yet rewarding) year at the school.

Sincerely,

Brad Van Beek

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**Dear SCS Community,**

The board would like to take the opportunity to thank Brad (and Ruth) for their past four years of service at Sunnyside Christian School. We know this has been a difficult decision for them, and we wish Brad and his family God’s blessing on their future endeavors! The past two school years have especially presented a significant challenge with restrictions and uncertainty related to the COVID pandemic, and we appreciate Brad and all the staff at SCS as they have led our response in order to have a successful year of ensuring in-person learning. God’s blessings have been evident even in these uncertain times!

The board is committed to the mission of SCS to provide a Christ-centered, Bible-based education, equipping students to fulfill their responsibilities to God, the Christian community, and the world. We have already started a search process for a strong, Christian leader to maintain our commitment to high quality, Christian education. While we understand the search process may take time to identify the right candidate for the position, we are also exploring interim options for leading the school during the transition period. **If you have any suggestions for candidates (either in the interim or for the full time candidate) please reach out to Tyler Alseth (tyler.alseth@sunnysidechristianschool.org)**

In addition, with the assistance of Terry Kok, a prior teacher and administrator at SCS, the board will be undertaking a strategic planning effort this Spring and early Summer to help guide the vision of SCS over the next five years. We will be seeking input and volunteers from the staff of SCS, parents and members of the SCS society as we undergo these efforts. **If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any members of the SCS Board of Directors. We request your prayers for the school and the board as we seek God’s guidance on the leadership and vision He has for the school.**

To God be the Glory,

The SCS Board of Directors
**Thrift Shop News**

Are you feeling the winter blues? Stop by the Thrift Shop and peruse our spring and Easter decorations. Is your child ready for baseball/softball season? The Thrift Shop has a variety of cleats, pants, and gloves to choose from.

Do you need to complete some service hours? The Thrift Shop has been blessed with a plethora of clothing that needs to be washed and hung. Stop by and pick up some baskets of clothing to launder at home or volunteer at the Thrift Shop washing and hanging clothing.

Are your hens and chicks (plants in your garden) out of control? Would you consider donating a few to the Thrift Shop? We are working on our Booster Auction Projects and would love to add some hens and chicks to our adorable containers.

**AUCTION NEWS:**

Procurement packets: Please hand in forms no later than **April 14th** to allow sufficient time to get items entered. Items turned in after April 14th will not be included in the auction booklet.

We are working on a letter for families that will outline the auction week. The online auction, tentatively, will begin online on Tuesday, April 20th at 6 PM and end Friday, April 23rd at 6 PM. Items are to be picked up Saturday, April 24th at the high school gym from 1-4. During the week, a to-go dinner will be put on by the Sophomore class for a Close-Up Fundraiser. Stay tuned!

**Raffle:** This years’ raffle is starting. Tickets are available in the elementary or high school office. We are looking for families that are willing to sell tickets to friends and family. If you can help with this, please let the auction team know and we will provide you with tickets. This is a great way to help, and we would greatly appreciate it! Tickets are $5 each.

The prizes are as follows:

1st: Hustler MDV (side by side/utility vehicle) (picture coming soon)
2nd: Wyld Gear cooler filled with meat
3rd: $100 Bon Vino’s Gift Card

A special thanks to our raffle sponsors: Sunnyside Ford New Holland, Sageview Veterinary, Floris Livestock LLC, Trevor Wagenaar, Tolman Electric, and Double ‘R’ Hop Ranches. We are still in need of additional sponsors. If you own or know of a business willing to do so, please contact Tamara or Misti.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call/text Tamara Smeenk at (509) 830-3506 or Misti Riel at (509) 830-4101.

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**Sunnyside Christian School Foundation**

**Golf Tournament Fundraiser**

**June 5, 2021**

If you would like to sponsor the golf tournament fundraiser please contact the Sunnyside Christian School Foundation Office 509-837-2050 or sonya.faber@sunnysidechristianschool.org