

# Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

## May 11, 2023

### Calendar

- Thursday, May 11
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Spokane
  - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Wanapum Dam
  - 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Shadow
- Friday, May 12
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - \$1.75/slice
  - Kindergarten Round-Up – 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
    - Parent meeting @ 10:30 a.m.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mother’s Tea – 9:30 a.m.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class Field Trip to the Yakima Arboretum
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Spokane
  - SCHS FFA select members at the FFA State Convention in Tri-Cities
  - SCHS Fastpitch vs. DeSales (2) @ Walla Walla – 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 13
- SCHS Baseball District Playoff Game vs. Odessa
    - @ Liberty HS in Spangle – 1:00 p.m.
    - If the boys win, they earn a State allocation and will play again at 4:00 p.m. in a seeding game.
- Monday, May 15
- Jr. High Baseball vs. Union Gap (2) – Home – 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
  - Jr. High Fastpitch vs. Walter Strom (1) @ Cle Elum – 4:00 p.m.
  - Building & Grounds Committee Mtg.- Elem. Rm. #1 – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - \$1.75/slice
  - K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Testing – Reading – 8:35 -10:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 17
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH - Hot dog, Nachos, Nuggets - \$1.75 each
  - K-4<sup>th</sup> MAP Testing - Math – 8:35 – 10:15 a.m.
  - Jr. High Fastpitch vs. Mt. Adams (1) – Home – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 18
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Whitman Mission
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Testing - Reading - 8:35-10:15 a.m.
  - Education Committee Mtg. – Elem. Rm. #1 – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 19
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - \$1.75/slice
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Testing – Math – 8:35 – 10:15 a.m.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at the SC High School – 12:50 – 3:15 p.m.

### Advance Calendar

- May 22
- Promotion Committee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
- May 24
- K-12<sup>th</sup> 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash – 1:15-3:00 p.m.
- May 25
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Chapel – 8:45 a.m.
  - Dad’s Hot Lunch – BBQ Hamburgers
  - SCHS Sports/Drama Banquet
- May 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Planetarium in Pasco
- June 1
- 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Band/Choir Concert – S’ side CRC – 7:00 p.m.
- June 3
- Foundation Golf Tournament

## 2022-2023 School Theme – “God’s Faithfulness”

*Faithful to SCS for 75 Years, Faithful to His Children for a Lifetime!*

*May Theme – Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*At the beginning of every new day, God’s compassion, kindness, and blessings are fresh and new. “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”*

*Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)*

**Annual Society Meeting—New Board Members:** At Monday night’s Society Meeting the following individuals were re-elected to the SCS Board: Dave Andringa and Jason Smeenk; Laura Eisenga was newly elected to the board. We would also like to thank out-going board member Tyler Alseth for his dedication and service to SCS as a Board member.

**2023-2024 School Year Registration:** We are working on fine tuning our new online registration system for next school year. The information and link will be emailed to our families soon. Please watch your emails for more information. The new system is a learning experience for all of us, please be kind. Call either school office if you need further instructions.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP:** This year’s Roundup will be held tomorrow, Friday, May 12, 8:30-11:00 a.m. A parent meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. If your child currently attends our 4 year-old preschool program, we include them in our Roundup Day plans unless you let us know us differently.

**A Special Thank You:** to the promotion committee and volunteers who provided lunch for the staff on Monday in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. Also, thank you to the parents/students who brought in treats for our teachers. Your thoughtfulness and time were greatly appreciated by our staff!

**A Huge Thank You:** from the Sophomore Class for your support of their annual plant and flower sale. It was another very successful fundraiser, and your support is greatly appreciated! Also, a huge shout out to SunWest Growers for their amazing support! We could not have had such a successful sale without them. Happy planting!

**Library News:** Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, will be the last day for students to check-out books from the library. On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK! Please take a few moments to look around at home for any library books you may have lost. Thank you!

**School Cleaning:** Sign-up forms were attached to last week’s newsletter and digitally attached to this newsletter. Return to form ASAP, lists are being compiled for publication in the May 25 newsletter. If you do not return a sign-up form or pay \$350, your name will be listed as “not signed up” as a reminder to please do so. Thank you!

**School Service Hours:** Just a reminder that service hours are due prior to the beginning of the next school year. Service hours from 2022-2023 that are not completed at that time will be billed \$10/hour on your September tuition statement.

**Pre-School Applications:** PRE-SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Parents are highly encouraged to turn in their pre-school applications as soon as possible. Currently the preschool 4 year old morning class is full, however, there is space available in the afternoon class.

**Sunnyside Christian Childcare** Center is offering a school age summer program for kids who finished Kindergarten to Third grade. Call SCCC at 509-831-1509 if you are interested.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at the High School:** On the afternoon of Friday, May 19, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be visiting the high school campus to get a taste of life at the high school and all the opportunities ahead for them at SCHS next year.

**Track and Field Day:** Each year, on the last day, we have a track and field day for the students. It is a great time to enjoy some healthy competition and to end the school year. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING TO BE THERE PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO SCHOOL ASAP. This is important so that fair races can be scheduled prior to the Track and Field Day. Please do not take your child(ren) home until ALL their races are complete. There is no bus service following track and field events. Parents, grandparents, you are welcome to join us- put the date on your calendar!

### **BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION NEWS**

The Booster Club has leftover commemorative Bluetooth speakers. If you are interested in one, we will be selling them at cost for \$25 each. Please contact Fransisca Vander Meulen at 509-439-2538.

A huge “Thank You” for the overwhelming support of this year’s Booster Club Auction! The final numbers are still being tallied. A special thanks to our procurement team, classroom project moms, and those that helped with auction set-up. A very special “**Thank You!**” goes to all those who donated items, bid on items, and to the main ladies who make this auction happen! Thank you to Tamera Smeenk, Misti Riel, and Fransisca Vander Meulen!

**SCS is working on updating contact information** for our past staff, student & alumni database, for all those who have worked, attended (even for a short time) or supported SCS in any way. Currently our multiple databases are out of date and missing a lot of information. We would like this information so we can put this into a single new streamlined database for SCS records.

Pass this along to siblings, parents, grandparents, and family or fill out their information for them. Even if the person is no longer with us, we would still like historical information about their time at SCS.

Everyone **please return** the digital attached form, or the information without the form will be fine too, even if you do not want mailings or information. This is for the SCS database.

***Thank you in advance for your help with this project.***

### **Sunnyside Christian School Foundation Golf Tournament**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual SCS Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Black Rock Creek Golf Course in



Sunnyside. The tournament begins at 8 am and is a 4-person scramble. If you would like a golfer registration form or more information, please contact the foundation office: [scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org](mailto:scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org) or call 509-837-2050. A digital registration form attached to this newsletter and available online at [www.scsfoundation.com](http://www.scsfoundation.com)

Registrations are due by May 26, 2023

Below you find a letter reminding us of our foundation. SCS exists to develop children to be disciples of Christ, and all we do is based on His truths. From curriculum to personal interactions, Biblical discipline is fundamental. Many alternate theories and ideas are being introduced into curriculum recently, and in light of that, we want to remind our school community that we adhere to Christian principles. Please take a moment to read the article written by Dean Wagenaar. It appeared in the Torchlight a few years ago, but its truths still ring true today. As registration materials will be sent home soon, we want to thank you for your support of Christian education.

“What is truth?”, the now infamous question that Pilate asked Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, has continued to resonate and demand an answer for every single individual and generation in human history.

Ironically, Pilate looked the source of transcendent, absolute truth directly in the face but failed to recognize Christ’s very essence, maybe because of apathy or inconvenience or misunderstanding but more likely because Pilate did not want to stand firmly rooted and administer Biblical justice in the face of tremendous peer pressure.

Nonetheless, Pilate’s question should still echo in the ear of every person! What is the absolute source of truth and, therefore, what is truth?

Our culture reels as it swipes and grasps, attempting to locate a truth standard by only searching inside the materialistic box, today’s conventional model of interpretation. Our country’s majority have been educated for years that truth is now relative, that no one belongs to a larger story because that metanarrative does not exist, and meaning comes only from what each individual derives to give preferential worth. Any wonder that ethics and righteousness are disappearing at warp speed!

But we need to pause, to reflect and refocus, and to return to the foundational meaning of truth, a meaning that stands the test of ALL time because it is grounded in a source outside the box, in THE source that created and sustains the universe. Therefore, truth defined is that which corresponds to God’s perception of reality because God’s perception of reality is never distorted or tainted because God is the source and fountain hood of all truth, and transcendent truth emanates from His very character and nature (Sproul, TTP).

Without understanding and committing to follow God’s truth-the only transcendent source of right/wrong-God’s sovereignty, reality, standards, and presence will continue to be eclipsed, ignored by an increasingly secular culture that refuses to acknowledge man’s sinful nature and instead worships at the feet of man-centered humanism.

Let us then, as Christ-followers, be committed to deeply knowing God and His absolute truth that He reveals in His special revelation, His Word. Let us grab that truth and infuse it into the foundations of every specific endeavor and area of Sunnyside Christian School. Let us visibly live out our need for redemption and then sanctification so that we can carry God’s Spirit and truth into an unrooted culture to reclaim lost souls for God’s Kingdom in God’s World.

May we all daily walk with the guidance of The Holy Spirit in God’s truth!