



# Torchlight

Fall/Winter 2016

*Sunnyside Christian School*

Providing a Christ-centered, Bible-based, quality education for distinctly Christian living.

## Christian Education is Real Education



I once heard someone say, "Christian schools protect and isolate students from the real world. Parents who send them to Christian schools do not want their children exposed to the reality of what really goes on in this world. They want to protect them from the evil and sin that exists in the real world. They are sheltering their children."

I would say that for the most part this is not true at all. In a book that many Christian schools use to help define who they really are and what they stand for, ***12 Affirmations 2.0: Christian Schooling for a Changing World***, the author, Steven Vryhof, spells out twelve affirmations that we affirm at Christian schools. The sixth affirmation, which is an educational affirmation, says this: "*We address real problems and generate real products.*" It goes on to say that, "*Christian schooling offers learning experiences that are meaningful and relevant. Because Christian school people strive to see the world with clear-eyed honesty, they seek whole life stewardship in which work is worship and brokenness is healed. Vocational minded people penetrate the status quo and work for Christian alternatives that replace injustices and failures with peace and beauty.*"

At Sunnyside Christian School we, with God's help, do our best to live up to this affirmation. We must take our mission statement very seriously in order to do that. It says we "*Provide a Christ-centered, Bible-based, quality education for distinctly Christian living.*" Distinctive Christian living is taught in our Christian homes, here at school and in the churches our families attend. Our expanded mission statement goes on to say, "We exist to develop the whole child: spiritually, academically, socially and physically. Students are challenged to accept Christ as Savior and Lord, to develop a Christ-like character and work to their full potential in all they do."

Students who attend our school know what the real world is and how to live and work in that world. They know that the real world is God's world. Until one recognizes that, one cannot truly understand what the real world is all about. We do not shelter our students from the real world at all. We teach them that the world God created for us is the real world and has many flaws that are the result of sin. Our challenge is to bring up succeeding generations to be a transforming influence in the community in which God places them.

**Gary Kamps, Interim Administrator**



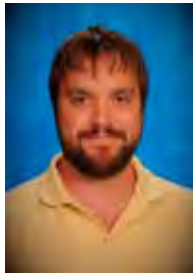
# Staff at Sunnyside Christian

## WELCOME!

*10, 30, 40 Years of Dedication to Teaching and Serving*



**Nicky De Boer**  
*High School Band*



**Patrick Elerding**  
*Maintenance*



**Elizabeth Friend**  
*Fourth Grade*



**Gary Kamps**  
*Interim Superintendent*



**Jessica Schrottenboer**  
*Seventh Grade, 5th-8th Math*



**Shelby Spear**  
*K-4 Music  
5-8 Band*



**Maaike Van Wingerden**  
*K-4 Reading/  
Math Specialist*



Almost 10 years ago, a young Gentleman walked on to the SCHS campus to join the faculty at Sunnyside Christian High School. Over the past decade Mr. Elenbaas has taught the entire English curriculum including Speech, Advanced Composition, American Literature, World Literature, grammar, and vocabulary. A number of years ago, Mr. Elenbaas also expanded an ACT/SAT Prep class offering. Even though he demands that students work diligently, he always exhibits kindness and compassion for all. Students also appreciate Mr. Elenbaas' willingness to lead the yearly hike on a mountain peak in Washington State. We thank you, Mr. Elenbaas, for your years of service to SCHS and, more importantly, to our Lord.



This year we recognize third grade teacher Mrs. Martinez for 30 years of teaching at SCS. She always strives to keep her students actively engaged. She is a dedicated teacher who puts in countless hours to provide positive learning experiences. Past students fondly recall her art projects, science experiments, her extensive classroom library, and of course her annual Pilgrim play with all the activities she plans for that unit of study. The entire school is blessed by her musical ability and her devotion to teaching and serving SCS. Thank you, Mrs. Martinez!



Forty years ago, Mr. Smeenck arrived in Sunnyside to begin teaching at SCS. While his plan was to only stay for a few years, God's plan was different. Whether it has been through teaching junior high Bible, science, PE, or geography, or through music and choir, or through coaching high school Lady Knights' basketball, Mr. Smeenck has impacted the lives of many people over the years. His dedication to Christian education, especially here at SCS, deserves recognition and appreciation. Mr. Smeenck has shared his love for the Lord and his enthusiasm for life with us all. Thank you, Mr. Smeenck, for your obedience to God's plan and for all you have given, and will continue to give, to SCS.



## Sunnyside Christian Thrift Shop

*To God Be The Glory!*

The Thrift Shop was awarded the Finest Antiques/Second Hand Store in the Lower Yakima Valley by the Daily Sun News readers. The Thrift Shop Staff and Board are humbled and blessed by this award. Thank you



to all of you who had the vision and faith to start the Thrift Shop and all of you who, over these twenty years, have given your time and talents to make the Thrift Shop a success. We are overwhelmed by your love for God and Sunnyside Christian School, and we

strive to carry on this great tradition. God promises in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We, with the school community, are working hard to continue to keep Sunnyside Christian School a viable option for our children. Our children are a gift from God and a great responsibility! As Christians, we have to do everything in our power to educate our children to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind. Soli Deo Gloria!

## Celebrating the birth of our Savior

December 8 was an evening spent by many SCS families enjoying the gift of music. Because there wasn't a fall concert, the event started with some lighter pieces by the high school band. The SCS Honors Choir then transitioned into celebrating the birth of our Savior with a song titled "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." The 5th grade band made their first appearance and it was evident to all how hard they have been working to play their instruments! Ms. Spear led the 6-8 band through a beautiful arrangement of "Joyeux Noel",



and Mr. Smeenk was heartily welcomed back as the director of the 5-8 choir. The high school band also played a fast paced "American" version of the "Ukrainian Bell Carol." The concert ended with a mass band number of well-known Christmas Carols. As a closing prayer, the audience sang "Silent Night", while the 5-8 choir sang "Peace, Peace." It was a beautiful way to end the night remembering that on that silent night so long ago, our Savior was born so that He might bring peace to the earth and to all who believe in Him.

## Pre K-4 Christmas Program



The SCS family came together on December 20th for the Pre K-4 Christmas program, which began with two special numbers by the preschool children and continued with a humorous musical titled, "Sheep in Heavenly Peace," by Little Big Stuff. Ms. Spear directed, with accompaniment by Mrs. Martinez, as the 4th grade class showcased their acting skills through the fun compilation of Bethlehem characters, including a ragtag bunch of shepherds, an angry camel, and some poignant messages about the birth of Christ. There were two upbeat combined K-4 songs, "A Little More Peace" and "Good News," and each grade sang a special song that corresponded with various scenes throughout the program, ultimately building towards a clearer understanding of Jesus, Lamb of God, our one true Shepherd.



## PRAYER SQUARE



Each day, the K-8 students meet for Prayer Square in the gym. We pray, sing, read the Bible, and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Christian flags. On November 8, U.S. Veterans were invited to Prayer Square, where they were introduced to the students by name and military assignment. Together, students, teachers, and Veterans sang "God Bless America." Then, each student shook the hands of the Veterans, thanking them for their service to our country. We were thankful to have Veterans in attendance from WWII and Vietnam and the Iraq War.

## SUNSHINE DAYS



Sunnyside's Sunshine Days parade is a great way to let our community know about SCS! Linda Werkhoven decorated her bus, and our parents and students filled the seats to wave to parade goers. Several students and parents walked alongside the bus also, handing out candy.

## Junior High Chocolate Sales



Congratulations to our top sellers this year! Thank you to all the students who sold chocolate for SCS. Also thank you to all who supported our students and school. We had a successful fundraiser!

- Kelli Candanoza
- Brianna Roskamp
- Sydney Banks
- Nathan Moore
- Matthew Roedel

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## BOOSTER CLUB

37TH ANNUAL SCS

BOOSTER AUCTION

SATURDAY,

APRIL 29, 2017

Be on the lookout for more details to come!



## Jr. High A & B Team Volleyball



**Back Row:** Ryen Bonzi, MacKenzie Evans, Sydney Banks, Jenna Andringa, Jakilyn Schmahl, Alicia Gibbons.

**Middle Row:** Heather Tate, Ellie Bosma, Malloree Simpson, Brea Rip, Ella Alseth, Kelli Candanoza.

**Front Row:** Violet Bosma, Kierstin Thomas, Kylie Tolman, Shelby Driscoll, Tayler Bonzi, Henrietta Prins, Johanna Van Slageren, Cora Werkhoven.

## Jr. High A & B Team Basketball



**Back Row:**

Colton Berg, Daunte Ramos, Armando Jimenez, Matthew Roedel, Kolby Thomas, Taj Sohi, Tyler Groeneweg, Justin Van Wieringen, Jordan Lemon, Kevin Snyder.

**Front Row:**

Carson Smeenk, Dash Bosma, Jaden Jech, Sawyer Jansen, Nathan Moore, Nehemiah Rodriguez, Cole Wagenaar, Carson Duim, Isaac De Boer.

## Kinder Bear Day



The Kindergartners celebrated Bear Day for the letter B, and it was an all-day party! They read

their books to their bears, and went on a school-wide bear hunt to gather lots of yummy treats that start with a B. They rode the bumpy bus with Mrs. Broersma, and waved bye-bye to Mrs. Long's boss. Their fifth grade buddies provided banana bread treats with butter, and they ended their day with bear games.



## Memorials

*We gratefully acknowledge these memorial gifts.  
Thank you to all who remembered loved ones  
this way.*

**Winifred Van Hill**



## Junior High "Math is Cool"



On November 4, ten 7th and 8th graders participated in the Math is Cool competition. The 8th graders won 3rd place honors in their division and received a plaque. Our alternates, Sydney and Matt, earned 2nd place honors with their alternate team. Sydney also received the highest score in our school. Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade Sunnyside Christian "Math is Cool" team!

## K-8 Thanksgiving Celebration



The Junior High Student Council helped start a new tradition this year! As always, the Mom's Hot Lunch was serving a Thanksgiving meal before our November break. But the Student Council suggested it to be served family style this year! The older students were paired with younger ones to help with plates, and they all sat together at tables in the gym. The tables were covered with white butcher paper with crayons and coloring pages available. After a time of student-led devotions and prayer, all the students enjoyed their Thanksgiving feast with their friends from different classrooms!

## High School "Math is Cool"



On October 27th, 22 students, 4 parents, and 1 frazzled teacher headed to Spokane for the annual Math is Cool competition. For the students, the day consisted of a series of rounds with different types of questions and rules and ended with the college round, which is where two teams square off and compete to answer a question first. (Think Jeopardy, but with teams and every category is math.) The Sunnyside Christian 9/10 graders won 2nd in their division, and the 11/12 graders won 4th in their division! Because of the great team scores, SCS has been invited to send one 9/10 grade team and one 11/12 grade team to the Master's Math Competition at Moses Lake High School!! Thanks to all the parents and support that made this great event possible!!

Mr. Van Dam

## Preschool Mission's Bags

In September, the SCS preschoolers donated nearly 150 pounds of school supplies to a preschool in South Africa. On October 9, these supplies were hand-delivered to the children, along with a hand-painted bag by each SCS preschooler filled with a piece of candy, a small toy, crayons and a coloring book. The goodie bags were delivered by Rosie and Ashley Haak, Marilyn Van Oostrum, and Dylan and Alyssa Struikmans, all SCS alumni or alumni parents! The Zulu children were so excited and thankful!





# 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

**T**hank you to all who participated in our 22nd Annual SCS Foundation Golf Tournament! On June 4, 17 teams arrived at Black Rock Creek Golf Course to tee off under a beautiful sunny sky! Listed below are the businesses and individuals who support our Golf Tournament. Without them, our Tournament would not be a success. Please give these businesses your patronage!

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*Prize Donors:* Black Rock Creek Golf Course, Canyon Lakes Golf Course, Columbia Point Golf Course, Mt Adams Country Club, Desert Aire Golf Course, Bovine Herd Health, Black Angus Steakhouse, Outback Steakhouse, and Olive Garden.

\*Thank you to Pepsi, who donated all the pop and water for our tournament!

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The SCS Foundation gratefully acknowledges memorial gifts given in memory of **Mark Wierenga** and **Brady Bofman**.

Thank you to all who remember loved ones in this way.



Don't forget to join the SCS Foundation's Legacy Group! The Group was formed in 2015 to provide a way for donors to be a part of an annual addition to the Foundation's endowment fund. Members pledge to donate \$50 per year for singles and \$100 per year for couples. Visit [www.scsfoundation.com](http://www.scsfoundation.com) to join today!



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

JR High Choir Singing at Sunnysides' 1st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Alyssa Martin playing "Taps" at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony



Picture is courtesy of Daily Sun News

## SCS Caroling at local Nursing Homes



## Cocoa & Cookies

A huge thank you to all who baked/donated cookies and helped with serving cocoa and cookies at the Lighted Implement Parade on December 3. We served 20 gallons of cocoa and nearly 1,500 cookies to our community! Thank you, also, to Stacy Bosma who coordinated the project again this year! It is much appreciated! We are looking forward to next year and blessing our community again.



Happy New Year!

SCS students serving at the Union Gospel Mission in many different areas







### SCHS 2016-2017 FFA



With another huge turnout this year, the FFA Club at SCHS has had an exciting and successful year thus far. Our FFA chapter contributed \$3,000 to the aid of our landscaping project. We would like to thank Henry Van Oostrum, who started the processes of removing the old landscape for the school, Kyle Van Belle Excavating for the large landscaping rocks, as well as John Van Wingerden with Van Wingerden Landscaping for the help of planting the plants and the arrangement of the landscaping around our school. We worked two Saturdays to get the project done. All the hard work paid off and gave the grounds a rejuvenated look. FFA advisor, Mr. Sylling, helped members to elect our leaders this year. Our Officers are: President, Blake Van Belle; Vice President, Ryan Roedel; Secretary, Nico Roskamp; Treasurer, Justin Faber; Reporter, Adrian Heffron; and Sentinel, Cade Bosma.



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### 2016-2017 Football Cheerleaders



Hollie Tate, Destiny Fonseca,  
Jennifer Espindola

### SCHS FOOTBALL 2016-2017



**Back Row:** Brennan Rip, Tanner Foster, Luke Wagenaar, Coach Thomas, Justin Faber, Ross Faber, Chance Marsh.  
**Middle Row:** Blake Van Belle, Kyler Marsh, Lucas Dykstra, Eric Villalobos, Blaze Bosma, Adrian Heffron, Johnny Heffron, Nico Roskamp.  
**Front Row:** Malakai Perez, Lane Marsh, James Jimenez.

### Homecoming Royalty 2016-2017



**Seniors:** Kristen Broersma & Tanner Foster  
**Juniors:** Hollie Tate & Luke Wagenaar  
**Sophomores:** Krista Den Hoed & Kyler Marsh  
**Freshmen:** Sophie Halma & Levi Newhouse



# Lady Knights Volleyball VARSITY



**Top Row:** *Assistant Coach Eisenga, Kristen Broersma, Emily Banks, Madison Bosma, Coach Dalrymple.*

**Middle Row:** *Andrea Werkhoven, Alyssa Martin, Rachel Werkhoven, Annelise den Hoed, Krista Den Hoed, Lauren Cervantes*

**Front Row:** *Destiny Fonseca, Sailor Liefke, Aydan Harrington*

# JUNIOR VARSITY



**Top Row:** *Coach Eisenga, Madison Twigg, Emily Broersma, Abby Bravo, Coach Dalrymple.*

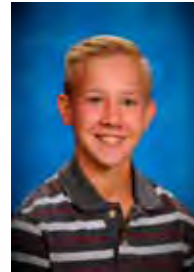
**Middle Row:** *Annalies Roskamp, Sophie Halma, Rachel Werkhoven, Kayla VanWieringen, Brooklon Struikmans.*

**Front Row:** *Grace Van Belle*

# CONGRATULATIONS

*To our Lady Knights Volleyball team for placing fifth at State and to our Knights Football team for placing 3rd at State. We are proud of you all!*

# Students of the Month



*September:*  
**John Prins**  
**Sophomore**



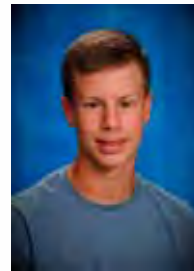
*October:*  
**Ross Faber**  
**Sophomore**



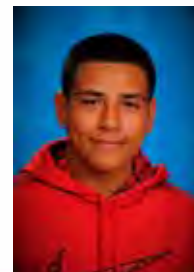
*November:*  
**Erik Van Dyke**  
**Junior**



*December:*  
**Abby Bravo**  
**Sophomore**



*January:*  
**Bode Jansen**  
**Freshmen**



*First Quarter  
Most Improved:*  
**Eric Villalobos**  
**Sophomore**



## 2015-2016 SCHS KNIGHTS & LADY KNIGHTS



**Back Row L to R:**

Lane Marsh, Kyler Marsh, Lucas Dykstra, Brennan Rip, Ross Faber, Justin Faber, Cade Bosma, Luke Wagenaar, Chance Marsh.

**Front Row L to R:**

Matt Beltman, Anthony Mendoza, Blaze Bosma, Levi Newhouse, Bode Jansen, Austin Prins.



**Back Row L to R**

Aydan Harrington, Cobi Van Slageren, Abby Bravo, Madison Bosma, Emily Banks, Kristen Broersma, Krista Den Hoed, Alyssa Martin, Sailor Liefke, Madison Candanoza

**Front Row L to R**

Jimena Hilario, Marika Van Slageren, Sophie Halma, Brooklon Struikmans, Annalies Roskamp, Grace Van Belle.

### 2016-2017 Banner Boosters:

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KINDERGARTEN CLASS



PRESCHOOL CLASS

These **Kindergartners** are excited to invite next year's class to Kindergarten Round-Up! On Friday, April 21, from 8:30-11:00, your child will interact with Mrs. Long and participate in fun activities. All children who will be five years old on or before August 31 are invited to attend. Kindergarten Round-Up provides an excellent opportunity for parents to experience the blessings of a Christian education. Attending the Round-Up does not commit a family to attend Sunnyside Christian School. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office at 837-3044. If you know of someone who would like a call or an invitation, please call or e-mail Laura Eisenga at 830-1894/laura.eisenga@sunnysidechristianschool.org.

Join the fun at **Preschool Preview Day!** Your three and four year-olds are invited to Mrs. Hughes' classroom for a time of exploring and learning on April 25, from 8:30 to 10:30. We would love to have your child join us and discover the possibilities for next year. Call the school office (837-3044) to sign up.