

# Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

## August 22, 2024

### Calendar

- Thursday, August 23 - World's Finest Chocolate Sale begins 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Friday, August 23 -
- Monday, August 26 - Ted Brown Instrument Rental Night - Elem. Music Rm. - 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
- Board Meeting – Elem. Rm. #12 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 27 -
- Wednesday, August 28 - H.S. Retreat at Camp Ghormley – (TBD due to recent forest fire)
- Thursday, August 29 - H.S. Retreat at Camp Ghormley – (TBD due to recent forest fire)
- Friday, September 30 -
- Monday, September 2 - **No School** – Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 3-year-old Preschool  
- 1<sup>st</sup> class - 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> class – 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
- Elem. Library Begins
- Wednesday, Sept. 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 4-year-old Preschool  
-Morning class – 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
-Afternoon class – 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
- Jr. High Volleyball Practice Begins – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 5 -
- Friday, Sept. 6 - H.S. Football Game vs. Moses Lake Chr. @ S'side HS – 7:00 p.m.

### Advance Calendar

- September 10 - H.S. Volleyball vs. Walla Walla Valley Academy @ Walla Walla  
-J.V. Girls 5:00 p.m., Var. Girls 6:15 p.m.
- September 11 - Josten's Representative at SCHS for Seniors - 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- September 11 - Pre-4 & K - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Individual Student Photos
- September 18 - HS Fall Sports Photos

*2024-2025 School Theme – “Experiencing the Heart of Jesus”*  
*August/September/October Theme – Experience the Care of Jesus*  
*“But if any person loves God, that person is known by God.” I Corinthians 8:3*

## **WELCOME TO SUNNYSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR**

We are so glad to have each one of you as a part of our school family.

May God be with us and bless us as we work together to educate and guide our students to live a life for Christ. To God be the Glory!

**New Faces and Some Changes** - We want to welcome a few new faces to the SCS staff and let you know of a few staff changes for this year. **Michelle Elenbaas** is joining our staff part time to help the first grade team. **Denise Maljaars** will be extending her day to full time helping teach kindergarten and academic support. **Anita Van de Graaf** will be assisting teachers in the junior high this year. **Collin Laidlaw** will be our 6th grade homeroom teacher and helping with PE and STEM as well. **Dana Clark** will be adding Communications/Community Relations to her role. This will include the school's website and APP, so please contact her if you need anything. **Venus Rodriguez** will be making sure the elementary gym and high school Vo Ag classrooms are ready each day for use. **Danielle Ruppert** will be spending the first semester in 3rd grade doing her student teaching under Ms. Vis.

**K-8<sup>th</sup> STUDENT DROP-OFF GUIDELINES:** In order to help prevent student/traffic congestion, we are continuing the plan established for students as they arrive at school in the mornings:

- The north parking lot is for **BUS USE ONLY** from 8:00-8:30. Students who ride the bus to school will be using the front entry for admittance into the school building.
- Students who are dropped off at school by parents or others will be using the east parking lot (enter from N. 9<sup>th</sup> St. and exit onto North Ave.) and will be entering the building through the courtyard.

**Our World's Finest Chocolate Sale** for students in grades 5-8 is underway. We are again selling chocolate bars, chocolate covered almonds, chocolate caramels, and chocolate mints. Each item sells for \$3.00. Many dollars are raised for our Student Activity Fund through this major fundraiser. **Thanks for your support!**

**Elementary School Store:** There are several lunch items and snacks available for purchase at the school store, including but not limited to burritos, pizza pockets, and corn dogs. The school store takes cash only. A price list will be sent home with students on Friday. The school store is now open!

**After school student Bus/pickup changes:** If you have an end of the day change in plan for your child, please email your child's teacher (firstname.lastname@sunnysidechristianschool.org) or text the teacher, if they have provided a cell number, to indicate your change. If it is a last minute change, please make sure to call the elementary office at 509-837-3044.

**Preschool Openings:** At this time, we have openings in the 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 3-year-old preschool class and limited openings in the afternoon session of 4-year-old preschool. Contact the office (509-837-3044) today for more information and an application!

**Pre-School Classes begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.**

- Our three-year-old class will begin on Tuesday, September 3 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Our four-year-old class will begin on Wednesday, September 6 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and 12:30-3:00 p.m.

**"Ted Brown Instrument Rental Night"** is Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the SCS Elementary Music Building. Ms. Spear notified parents and students of the event. Please refer to the notification for more information.

### **Bell Times**

**Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**, please note the following bell times. The first bell rings at 8:30 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 8:33 a.m. Please plan your morning accordingly. If your children do not ride the bus, please drop them off between 8:15-8:25 a.m. Please have your students here early enough so they have time to get organized and in their classrooms BEFORE the tardy bell. Dismissal time is 3:06 p.m.

**High School - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades**, please note the following bell times. The first bell rings at 8:22 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 8:25 a.m.! You are required to sign in/out in the office anytime you arrive late or leave during the school day. If you arrive after school has started for Periods One (1) and Six (6), you will need an admittance slip from Mrs. Driesen to be admitted to class. If you need to leave in the middle of class, visit Mrs. Driesen BEFOREHAND with your note and get an excuse slip to leave. Dismissal time is 3:15 p.m.

**Bus Routes:** Keep in mind that pick-up and drop-off times may still fluctuate in the first few weeks of school. **Please be patient with our staff and bus drivers as we navigate through these routes. If you are in the neighborhood, please stop by school and pick-up or drop-off your child(ren). If we all work together the buses will save time, miles, and fuel.**

**STUDENT PICTURES:** Individual student pictures will be taken for all students in the AM & PM 4 year old preschool class and Kinder thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Student retakes and photos for the 3 year old preschool classes will be taken on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunizations:** If your 7<sup>th</sup> grader or 8<sup>th</sup> grader has not had a tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis immunization in over 5 years, they must have a Tdap Booster. If you took advantage of the opportunity to take care of this during the summer, please inform Ms. Duim at the elementary office of these updates.

**Sports physicals are required for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders, junior high, and senior high students (grades 6-12) participating in interscholastic activities.** You must have your physical form turned in before you can participate in practices. Jr. High students- turn your completed physical forms into the office. High School students- turn your completed physical forms into your coach or the high school office. Please take care of getting a physical now. NOTE- WIAA rules make sports physicals good for TWO YEARS.

**School Directory** - We will be printing and publishing our school directory soon. Parents, please check the information in the FACTS parent portal for accuracy of information. You can access/change information in the Family Portal via online and by logging into the Parent Portal through the App. If you **do not** wish for some or all of your contact information to be available to school families, please contact the elementary office. The directory will be available via the parent portal and in published form.

**Have you turned in your 2023-2024 Service Hours?** If not, please do so by Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Lost your form? Stop at the elementary office for a new one. All hours not completed will be billed to you at \$10.00 per hour in October.

**Newsletters:** A weekly school newsletter goes home with the youngest student in each family on Thursdays. We also send an e-mail version of this newsletter to families who provide us with an e-mail address. If you have a family member who would like to stay informed of current school happenings and information, we would be happy to add them to our e-mail list. Simply call the elementary office and provide us with their e-mail address.

## **IMPORTANT BEGINNING of the YEAR PAPERS**

**The following forms will be sent home with your youngest child next week:** Milk Order Form, Federal Grant Form, Chrome Book Agreement, school insurance form, etc. Please take the time to complete the forms and return them to school ASAP. If you need additional forms or information, please call the school office at 837-3044.

**HOT LUNCHEES:** 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 will once again offer pepperoni pizza on Tuesdays and cheese pizza on Fridays for grades K-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The high school students may also purchase pepperoni pizza on Tuesdays and Fridays. On Wednesday's hot dog, nachos, or chicken nuggets are available for purchase for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades only. The price for these items is yet to be determined. Also available, for high school students only, is Senior Hot Lunch. This fundraiser supports the Senior Class Trip and is available for purchase on Thursdays for \$5.00 per plate. See the high school announcements for the meal provided that week. **Hot Lunches will begin Tuesday, September 3.**

With Hot Lunches starting up we will continue implementing the order/payment system through your FACTS parent portal. You, the parents, can prepay through the financial tab. Cash at the time of ordering will still be accepted, but we would like to try and move away from cash payments for hot lunch. Hot lunch orders can be placed directly through the lunch tab in your parent portal or the lunch icon through the school app. With your permission, your child may place their order at school with their teacher and the teacher can enter the order online. Parents of high schoolers can place orders online too. High School students who have online orders will need to follow instructions that are listed in the daily announcements.

