

# Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

## March 20, 2025

### Calendar

Thursday, March 20 -

Friday, March 21 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**

- Transportation Committee Mtg. – Upstairs Faculty Rm. - 12:00 p.m.

- SCHS Softball vs. Tri-Cities Prep (1) @ Pasco – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22 - SCHS Softball vs. Inchelium (1) – 10:00 a.m. @ Kiwanis Park in Yakima -

SCHS Softball vs. Goldendale (1)–12:00 p.m. @ Kiwanis Park in Yakima

Monday, March 24 - Jr. High Baseball & Softball practice begins

- Society Meeting – Elem. Gym – 6:30 p.m.

- Board Meeting – Elem. Rm. #12–immediately following society mtg.

Tuesday, March 25 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice** -

Sophomore Spring **Plant Sale Orders DUE TODAY**

- SCHS Baseball vs. Dayton (2) NL – Home – 2:30 p.m.

- SCHS Softball vs. White Swan (2) @ White Swan – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each** -

8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Citrus Fundraiser Orders DUE TODAY**

Thursday, March 27 - K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel – Elem. Gym – 8:45 p.m.

-Special vocal performance by Kindergarten & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Mom’s Hot Lunch–Sloppy Joes, Chips, Carrots, Cupcake-by donation

Friday, March 28 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**

- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

- SCHS Baseball vs. Touchet (2) – Home – 2:30 p.m.

- SCHS Softball vs. DeSales (2) - Home – 2:30 p.m.

### Advance Calendar

March 31-April 4 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

April 8 - Peek-at-Preschool Open House – 8:30-10:30 a.m. April 10 - 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Spring Band/Choir Concert @ SCRC – 7:00 p.m. April 11 - Kindergarten Round-Up –

8:30-11:00 a.m.

April 17 - Grandparents/Grandfriend Day – PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade April 17 - Noon

Dismissal – K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 18 - NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

*2024-2025 School Theme – “Experiencing the Heart of Jesus”*

*March/April Theme – Experience the Freedom of Jesus*

*“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” John 8:36*

**Reminder:** From 8:00-8:33 a.m., the front entrance on the north side of the elementary school is for students arriving by bus only. Please leave this area free from vehicle use and students arriving by car. Students arriving by car, please use the east gate entrance.

**K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel:** Please join us on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in the elementary school gym for our K-8<sup>th</sup> grade chapel. Pastor Joe Tipps will be speaking, and Andy Pence will be leading us in worship. Both Pastors are from Foundation Bible Church in Prosser. Our Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will join together to perform a special vocal number for you to enjoy.

**8th Grade Fundraiser:** The 8th grade class is selling delicious citrus fruit to raise money for their class fund. Half bushels of California navel oranges (approximately 44-48 oranges) and half bushels of California grapefruit (approximately 20-28 grapefruit) are available for \$40. Orders are due by March 26. Historically, the products from The Orange Guy in California have been great in quality and taste. You may place your order by returning the attached order form to the elementary school, contacting an 8<sup>th</sup> grader or Ms. Clark through the elementary office @ 509-837-3044 or email her at [dana.clark@sunnysidechristianschool.org](mailto:dana.clark@sunnysidechristianschool.org). If you would like to support the class but do not want the fruit, boxes can be purchased to donate to the Sunnyside Food Bank. This is a great way to support two organizations at once.

**SOPHOMORE SPRING PLANT SALE:** The Sophomore Class is currently selling flowers to earn money for their trip to Washington D.C. in 2026. Order forms are available at either school office, attached to this newsletter, and as an e-mail attachment. All orders and money need to be turned in to either school office or a sophomore student no later than **Tuesday, March 25th.** Questions? Please call Angela Golob at 509-391-5829.

**SCHS at YVC Ag Day:** A group of SCS students participated in Yakima Valley College career exploration day. YVC demonstrated a remote controlled/autonomous tractor and agricultural drones. YVC representatives also led sessions about farming practices in the valley and courses that are offered at YVC. Attendees included: Hannah Clapp, Sydney Peters, Darrin Vander Meulen, Adrian Islas, Addi Smeenk, and Ellie Roskamp.

**The SAT** will be offered to high school students on Wednesday, April 30 during the school day. This test date is predominantly for Juniors, but students in any grade can register.

Students must sign up by March 28 by paying \$30 to Mrs. Driesen. See Mrs. Haak with questions!

**PEEK at PRESCHOOL** will be held on Tuesday, April 8, for NEXT YEAR's 3-year olds and NEW 4-year olds. Potential preschoolers and parents are invited to stop by for an "Open House" between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to "peek" around the classroom. There will be preschool class and registration information available at the open house. 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 2025 are invited to register their children for our Kindergarten Roundup. This year's Roundup will be held on Friday, April 11, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Please contact the school office (837- 3044) 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.

**Afterschool STEM groups** will resume for the 1st-4th grade students. Letters were sent home today. Please see the letter for information and sign up forms. The program will begin after spring break.

**Clothing Reminders for all Pre-School thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents:**

- **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Students are welcome to wear shorts to school.** • Temperatures can still be cool in the spring. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for those occasional cool days.
- **Please refer to the following K-8<sup>th</sup> Dress Code highlights for this time of year:**
  - School clothing should be neat, clean and in good taste. This prohibits styles that are too short, tight, or baggy. *Tops should be long enough to avoid a midriff and should cover the entire shoulder. This means tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not allowed!* Clothes should not have questionable slogans and/or sayings.
  - Students in grades K-8 may wear shorts to school during the first and last quarter of each year. If you question the weather, send appropriate clothes along to school, as students will not be allowed to call home for a change.
  - Students in grades 5-8 are not allowed to wear leggings as their primary outerwear. Shirts/sweaters worn over leggings must be at least mid-thigh in length, same as shorts and skirts.

**AUCTION NEWS:**

Procurement packets have been handed out. Please hand in forms no later than Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> to allow sufficient time to get items entered. If there is a business you would like to ask for a donation or would like to help in getting donations, please call or text Fransisca Vander Muelen at (509) 439- 2538.

The online auction will tentatively run from Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Items will be available for pickup on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Specific times, dinner/preview night, and other information will be provided as the auction gets closer.

A Google Doc Spreadsheet will be going out today to Classroom Coordinators regarding the classroom auction projects. If you are a coordinator and did not receive this email, please contact Misti Riel at (509) 830-4101.

If you are interested in selling raffle tickets, please contact Tamera Smeenck at (509) 830-3506. Prizes include:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - 2025 Yamaha Kodiak 700 four-wheeler,

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - a \$500 Costco gift card

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - cooler filled with meat. Tickets are \$5 each.

## Thrift Shop News

Remember SC Thrift Shop as you do your spring cleaning! The Thrift Shop will take your gently used clothing, home décor, linens, etc. Please drop your donations off in the back of the store. Store hours are Monday through Saturday 10-4.

Do you need service hours for school? The Thrift Shop has laundry you can do in the comfort of your own home. One basket of laundry equals one service hour.

Do you have an abundance of hens & chicks? We are working on Booster Auction center pieces and would appreciate any extra hens & chicks you might have!

**SCS Annual Reports:** are being sent home with students today. Please take a moment to read through them prior to the Annual Society Meeting on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the **SCS Elementary School gym.**

## **Important Society Meeting Information:**

At our annual meeting on **Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** important items will be placed before the society for vote. We encourage all members to attend the meeting, as some of the items are only available for vote in person. We will vote on new board members, the proposed budget for 2025-2026 including tuition rates, and motions from the board concerning a proposed building project. Below you will find an explanation of the policy that states who is a member of the Sunnyside Christian School Society, and two motions that will be brought before the society for a vote concerning our consolidation of our campuses and our Forward Together Campaign. **NO ABSENTEE VOTES** will be allowed on these motions; only members present at the meeting may vote on them.

According to the Constitution and policies of Sunnyside Christian School, as explained in the 3000 section of our school policy book, the purpose of the Society is to allow the stakeholders of the school to vote on important issues. Society members are those who support the mission of Sunnyside Christian School and the education offered. All **parents** and **guardians** of children attending the school are members of the society. All persons who are eighteen years or older and financially support the school by donating at least \$50 per year are members of the society. As a member of the society, voting at meetings and participating in activities of the school are encouraged. Chris Clapp, Brian Newhouse, and Scott Wolters will be completing their three year term of service.

Our ballot for the three positions will include **Stacy Alseth, Matt Eddie, Rob Faber, Corinne George, Robin Camping Haringa, and Jennifer Sanchez.** Biographies for our nominees are included in this newsletter. All entities of Sunnyside Christian School will provide an annual report.

### **Forward Together Campaign:**

Motion 1 – The SCS Board recommends to the society the construction of adequate facilities to move PreK-8th grades onto the high school campus located at 1820 Sheller Rd. 70% of the cost must be secured through cash and pledges prior to the commencement of construction, with the total cost not to exceed \$27,000,000

Motion 2 – SCS Board recommends WDS Construction to lead us through this project. The goal is to begin construction in Spring 2026.

70% of “yes” vote needed to move forward to show solidarity  
Absentee ballots will not be accepted for the building project motions as information is shared at the meeting prior to the vote.

### **Board Nominee Biographies:**

**Stacy Alseth:** Thank you for considering me for the SCS school board. My husband Tyler and I have been married for 23 years, and we have three children. We live in Sunnyside and are both teachers. Although we aren't alumni of SCS we knew that we wanted our three children to have a Christ centered education. Our two daughters (Ella and Sadie) graduated from SCHS, and we currently have a son (Gunnar) in 10th grade. I am a member of Sunnyside First Baptist Church. I am currently on the promotion committee, and I have also served on the thrift store board. Sunnyside Christian has been instrumental in helping us provide a faith foundation for our children. I would be honored to serve on the board to further the work that has been started as we move forward in providing a Christian education for our community.

**Matt Eddie:** I thank you for thinking of me for this chance to serve on the board. I am a high school grad of SCS and went straight into farming after high school. I married my high school sweetheart Leah (Bosma) a few years out of school. We currently have 4 kids so far..... ages 9, 7, 4 years old and a 19-month-old. My goal is to raise our children up knowing God and equipping them with the full armor of God and knowing how to use each piece of the armor. I want them to fully understand and believe that faith always overpowers fear, and that is accomplished by trusting in God 100% for everything. My family's motto is “Faith Over Fear”.

**Rob Faber:** I grew up in Iowa where I attended Christian school from kindergarten through high school and then Dordt College. After I graduated from law school my wife Sonya and I moved to Sunnyside. I have been an attorney in Sunnyside for almost 26 years. Sonya and our children, Justin, Ross and Brea, are all SCS alumni and also continued their education at Dordt College/University. Justin is currently a teacher at SCS. We are members of the United Reformed Church of Sunnyside. Sonya and I are youth group leaders at our church and recently started helping with Citywide/Young Life. Christian education has been a large part of our lives, and we are thankful for the blessing that Sunnyside Christian School has been to our family.

**Corinne George:** It would be an honor to serve on the SCS school board, thank you for considering me in the upcoming election. I am a 2000 graduate of Sunnyside Christian School, attending from K-12 grades. Upon graduating I completed my Elementary Education Degree followed by a master's degree in educational administration. I have taught at both private and public schools across 3 different states. I strongly value Christian education, coupled with high caliber instruction. Choosing private school should provide the Christian foundation we desire for our children, but it should also provide exceptional academic achievement. As a board member it would be my goal to help spur SCS into greater academic success. I feel passionate about this for all SCS students, but especially for my 3 children Seth-7th grade, Adilee 6th grade, Uriah-3rd grade.

**Robin Camping Haringa:** Thank you for considering me for the SCS school board. I grew up in Southern California. I received my B.S. and DVM degrees from the University of California, Davis. After graduation, I married my husband Erik and we moved to California's Central Valley where we lived and worked for 6 years. Next, we moved to Sunnyside where I work as a dairy veterinarian and my husband works for his family's dairy. We have 4 children who all attend SCS - Ethan (6th grade), Hendrik (3rd grade), Lainey (1st grade), and Blake (pre-4). We are members at Sunnyside CRC and try to stay active and involved in our school, church, and community.

**Jennifer Sanchez:** I am honored to have been nominated for the SCS school board. My husband Val and I were born and raised in Sunnyside and received our education in the Sunnyside School District. We have been blessed to be able to send our daughters Devan and Emmalee to SCS since pre-school, they are now in 7th and 9th grades. We realize how important Christian education is for children. We attend Remnant House

Church in Grandview and Devan, and I help serve in Children's Ministry. I am a registered nurse and have worked in the Sunnyside School District, so I have experience working with school administrators, teachers, support staff, coaches, students and families to achieve the best possible outcomes for students. I currently work for Heartlinks Hospice and Palliative Care and provide care and support to patients and families in our community. It would be my privilege to be able to give back by serving on the board, thank you for your consideration.