

Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

May 1, 2025

Calendar

- Thursday, May 1
- Friday, May 2
- Booster Club Auction Continues Online
 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - 4th Grade Field Trip to Whitman Mission – Walla Walla
 - SCHS Softball vs. Dayton (1) NL – Home (Senior Night) – 3:00 p.m.
 - D.C. Trip Fundraiser Dinner – SCHS gym – 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Booster Club Auction Item Preview – SCHS Gym – 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Booster Club Dessert Auction & Heads or Tails Game–SCHS Gym–6:00 p.m.
 - Booster Club Online Auction Ends at 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3
- D.C. Trip Spring Flower Sale Pickup – SCHS Parking Lot – 9:00 am -12:00 pm
 - Booster Club Auction Item Pickup – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 - SCHS Junior/Senior Banquet (JSB) – Vander Muelen Shop – 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 5
- Jr. High Baseball vs. Highland (2) @ Highland – 3:30 & 5:30 p.m.
 - Board Meeting – Elem. Rm. # 12 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - Lower Valley 5th Grade Band Festival – Toppenish Middle School – 6:30 p.m.
 - SCHS Softball vs. Dayton @ DeSales – 3:00 p.m.
 - SCHS Baseball vs. Waitsburg – Home – 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 7
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**
 - 1st & 4th Grade Mother's Tea - Elem. Gym - 9:30 a.m.
 - Jr. High Softball vs. Kittitas (1) @ Kittitas Secondary School – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 8
- 9th & 10th Grade Field Trip to Greek Orthodox Monastery/Maryhill Museum
 - 11th & 12th Grade Career Shadow
- Friday, May 9
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - 9th & 10th Grade Field Trip to Wanapum Cultural Center/Wanapum Dam
 - 11th & 12th Grade Career Shadow

Advance Calendar

- May 12
- May 12
- May 13
- May 16
- May 16
- May 16
- May 19-20
- May 21-22
- May 29
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- Lower Valley 6th Grade Band Festival @ Prosser Housel MS – 6:30 p.m.
 - Building & Grounds Committee Mtg. – Elem. Rm #12 – 5:30 p.m.
 - Promotion Committee Mtg. – Elem. Rm. #12 – 5:30 p.m.
 - Transportation Committee Mtg. – Upstairs Faculty Rm. – 12:00 p.m.
 - 8th Grade Day @ SCHS - 12:45-3:15 p.m.
 - PreK-4th Grade Spring Program – Elem. Gym – 7:00 p.m.
 - 5th-8th Grade MAP Testing – 8:40-10:05 a.m.
 - K-4th Grade MAP Testing – 8:40-10:15 a.m.
 - K-8th Chapel with 8th Grade Recognition - Elem. Gym - 8:45 a.m.
 - Dad's Hot Lunch

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

May/June Theme – Experience the Joy of Jesus

“Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven.” Matthew 5:12

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9. Please take some time next week to make sure our teachers feel appreciated! Encourage your student to write their teacher a handwritten note or draw a picture. And thank you, teachers, for all you do for Sunnyside Christian School. We are blessed to have you!

PreK-12th Grade Dress Code: We are asking for parent help concerning dress code. Several students are wearing skirts/shorts that are too short, leggings/bike shorts without being covered by a longer shirt, cropped/sleeveless shirts and shirts with inappropriate slogans that do not meet dress code. With the warmer weather and current fashion trends, it can be difficult for kids to adhere to the dress code. Please help your child make appropriate clothing choices. Thank you.

CHAMP CAMP Basketball Registration: The basketball camp is open to students (girls & boys) who will be in grades 1st-8th next year. Camp will be held Monday, June 9-Wednesday, June 11. Camp times for 1st & 2nd graders will be 8:00-9:15 a.m., 3rd-5th graders will be 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and 6th-8th graders will be 1:00-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 for 1st – 2nd grade and \$50.00 for 3rd – 8th graders, which includes the camp fee and a t-shirt to be given to participants on the last day of camp. The order form is attached to this newsletter. Return the order form and money to the elementary office by Thursday, May 15th. The camp is run by SCHS Girls Basketball Head Coach, Stormee VanBelle, and the Lady Knights!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch: PTF is excited to host our annual Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch on Tuesday, May 13th at both campuses! Our teachers are looking forward to this special day, and we can't wait to celebrate them — but we need your help to make it happen. To sign up contact PTF: ptf@sunnysidechristianschool.org or **Call/Text 509-643-8825**. **Thank you** for helping us make this a wonderful celebration for our amazing teachers!

Staffing Needs: We want to take a moment to thank some of our staff members who will not be returning next year. Justin Faber, our junior high math teacher and athletic director, will be getting married and moving to Iowa. Lauren TerHune, our kindergarten teacher, will be moving closer to family in Oregon. We are grateful for the time and investment these individuals have given to SCS, and we wish them God's blessings for the future. Keep them in your prayers as they transition to where God is leading them next. We may have additional changes and staffing needs for next year. If you or someone you know is interested in teaching at SCS, please let us know.

2025-2026 Enrollment: Thank you for the many responses to the reenrollment email! It is important to fill out enrollment as soon as possible so we can determine classroom needs for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have questions or have not received the email, please call the elementary school office at 509-837-3044.

2025-2026 Preschool enrollment is now open. All applications and enrollment are done online. Open time slots are now filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes are filling up fast! Get your enrollment completed ASAP to secure a spot in the classroom.

Beginner Lower Valley Band Festival Info for 5th Band Parents: Our 5th grade band will be participating in the Beginner's Lower Valley Band Festival, which takes place on *Tuesday, May 6th*, at Toppenish Middle School. Students will leave on a bus from SCS at 2:35 p.m. Please see the google doc Miss Spear has sent to 5th grade parents for more information. The performance for the community begins at 6:30pm in the Toppenish M.S. Gym. Parents will pick up their students from Toppenish M.S. after the program, around 7:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Spear if you have questions.

SCHS BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: The high school **baseball team** will be playing a league post season game against Waitsburg on Tuesday, May 6th, at 10:00 a.m. at SCHS. See the bracket below for more games. SCHS is hosting the baseball tournament and there will be multiple baseball games played on Tuesday at SCHS. The high school **softball team** will be playing in a league post season game against Dayton on Tuesday, May 6th at DeSales in Walla Walla at 3:00 p.m. See the link below for updates. These games are WIAA events, and **admission** will be charged, **\$7.00/Adult or \$5.00/student or seniors.**

Baseball: https://www.wpanetwork.com/wiaa/brackets/tournament.php?act=view&tournament_id=4753&school_year=2024-25&district=6&sport=6&class=0

Softball: https://www.wpanetwork.com/wiaa/brackets/tournament.php?act=view&tournament_id=4760&school_year=2024-25&district=6&sport=15&class=1B

Lower Valley Band Festival Info for 6th Band Parents: Our 6th grade band will be participating in the 2nd year Lower Valley Band Festival, which takes place on *Monday, May 12th*, at Prosser Housel Middle School. Students will leave on a bus from SCS at 2:40 pm. Please see the shared google doc that Miss Spear has sent to 6th grade band parents for detailed information. The performance for the community begins at 6:30pm in the Prosser Housel M.S. Gym. Parents will pick up their students from Prosser Housel M.S. after the program, around 7:00 pm. Please contact Miss Spear if you have questions or if you are not the adult picking up your child(ren).

Library News: Tuesday, May 13th, will be the last day for students to check-out books from the library. On Tuesday, May 20th, 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!

SCHS FOOTBALL: Current 7th-11th Graders interested in playing SCHS Football next school year will be attending football camp Monday, June 16 through Wednesday June 18. **Coach Thomas needs a commitment from each player who will be participating in football camp by Monday, May 12th.** See attached letter/form for more information or contact Mr. Thomas at 509-830-4421.

School Cleaning: Sign-up forms are attached to this week's newsletter. Return the form by Thursday, May 15th. Lists are being compiled for publication in the May 22 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!

AUCTION NEWS:

A letter outlining the auction week was sent out. The online auction began on Tuesday and **WILL END TOMORROW**, Friday, May 2nd at 10 PM. Items are to be picked up Saturday, May 3rd at the high school gym from 9-12. Raffle and dinner tickets can be purchased on the event website.

In addition to the dinner and viewing of online auction items on Friday, May 2nd, there will be a live dessert auction and a game of heads and tails.

The auction website address is: <https://charityauction.bid/SCSKNIGHTS25>

Please visit the website and support the auction as proceeds are used to help various programs within the school. In addition, the Sophomore class will be hosting a pulled pork dinner during the preview tomorrow night, tickets can be purchased online.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call/text Tamara Smeenck at (509) 830-3506, Fransisca Vander Muelen at (509) 439-2538, or Misti Riel at (509) 830-4101.

D.C. TRIP DINNER: The Sophomore Class is hosting a dinner for the Sunnyside Christian School Annual Booster Auction. Dinner will be served tomorrow, Friday, May 2 from 5:00 PM until 7:30 PM, at the SCS high school gym. Come support your students as they begin raising money toward their Junior Class trip to Washington D.C. Auction items will be available for viewing during this time. Tickets are available through the auction website and at the door. Dinner price is \$18.00/adult and \$10.00/kid. Hope to see you there for a great night of food, fun and fellowship.



Sunnyside Christian School Foundation Golf Tournament: The 31st Annual SCS Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Black Rock Creek Golf Course in Sunnyside. The tournament begins at 8:00 a.m. and is a 4-person scramble. Golfer registration forms are attached to this newsletter or available by scanning the QR code. If you would like more information, please contact the foundation office: scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org or call 509-837-2050. Registration forms are also available online on the school website by clicking the quick links tab, SCS foundation tab, Golf Tournament tab. Registrations are due by May 30, 2025.



SCS Foundation Golf Tournament Sponsors: Calling all businesses! Would you like to sponsor a hole at the annual Golf Tournament? For \$250 you will get a full color 24x24 sign that will be posted at a hole during the tournament, as well as your business name featured on the SCS Foundation FB page post tournament, and on the Daily Sun's page. The tournament is being held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Black Rock Creek Golf Course in Sunnyside. If you would like to sponsor a hole, scan the QR code. For more information, please contact the foundation office: scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org or call 509-837-2050.

