

Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

August 28, 2025

Calendar

- Thursday, August 28 - 1st-4th MAP Testing – Math – 8:40-10:15 a.m.
- H.S. Retreat at Camp Ghormley
- Friday, August 29 -
- Monday, September 1 - **No School** - Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 2 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
- 1st Day of 3-year-old Preschool – 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Elem. Library Begins
- Wednesday, Sept. 3 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**
- 1st Day of 4-year-old Preschool
-Morning class – 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
-Afternoon class – 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 4 -
- Friday, September 5 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
- H.S. Football vs. Moses Lake Christian @ Moses Lake – 7:00 p.m.

Advance Calendar

- September 8 - Promotion Committee Meeting – Elem. Rm. #12 – 5:00 p.m.
- September 9 - H.S. Volleyball vs. Walla Walla Valley Academy @ Walla Walla
-J.V. Girls 5:00 p.m., Var. Girls 6:15 p.m.
- September 10 - HS Fall Sports Photos
- September 11 - Pre-3 & K - 12th Grade Individual Student Photos

2025-2026 School Theme – “Experiencing the Heart of Jesus”

August/September/October Theme – Experience the Love of Jesus

“May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.” Ephesians 3:19

Pre-School Classes begin on September 2nd.

- Our three-year-old classes will begin on Tuesday, September 2, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Our four-year-old classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3, from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Preschool Openings: At this time, we have limited openings in the 8:30 a.m.-10:30 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!

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. **Denise Maljaars** will be teaching Kindergarten full time. **Sandy Vis** is transitioning from 3rd grade to K-4th grade reading/math support. **Michelle Elenbaas & Nicolette Green** will be co-teaching 3rd grade. **Lisa Leyendekker** will be our 5th grade teacher. **Lexi Kuiken** will teach our 7th grade homeroom and Bible, and 6th - 8th grade math. **Taylor Wutzke** is assisting at the High School with Vo-Ag courses. **Collin Laidlaw** is taking over the Junior High athletic director duties.

K-8th STUDENT DROP-OFF GUIDELINES: In order to help prevent student/traffic congestion, promote safety for all, and minimize classroom disruption, 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. 9th St. and exit onto North Ave.) and will be entering the building through the courtyard.
- If your student arrives after the tardy bell (8:33 a.m.). Please come to the office to sign in your student and a member of staff will give the student a "checked in" ticket and walk them to their classroom if needed.

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.**

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 you have a change of plans after 12:00 p.m., the day of the change, please make sure to call the elementary office at 509-837-3044. Most teachers are not able to check emails or text messages before the end of the day.

Our World's Finest Chocolate Sale for students in grades 5-8 is underway. We are again selling chocolate almond bars for \$2.00 each, and chocolate covered almonds, chocolate caramels, and chocolate mints for \$3.00 each. 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 last week. The school store is now open!

STUDENT PICTURES: Individual student pictures will be taken for all students on Thursday, September 11th, 3 year old Preschool and Kindergarten thru 12th grade. Student retakes and photos for 4 year old preschoolers will be taken on October 17th.

Have you turned in your 2024-2025 Service Hours? If not, please do so by **TOMORROW, Friday, August 29th.** Lost your form or did not record it through your parent portal or app? You can write them on a paper and turn it into the elementary office or email sheryl.duim@sunnysidechristianschool.org.

Bell Times

Kindergarten through 8th 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 - 9th-12th 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.

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 requested correspondence in enrollment. If you have a family member/friend who would like to stay informed of current school events 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.

Please submit school activity information to be included in the newsletter no later than Wednesday morning prior to the Thursday publication. Call 509-837-3044 or email the information to sheryl.duim@sunnysidechristianschool.org.

Sports physicals are required for all 6th 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 practice. 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.**

7th Grade Immunizations: If your 7th grader or 8th 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 the elementary office of these updates.

School Directory - We will be printing our school directory soon. Parents, please check the information in the FACTS parent portal for accuracy of information. You can access your 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 or if you have a change of address/phone number, please contact the elementary office. The directory will be available in published form.

Janitor Needed for Elementary School Gym: If you are interested, stop by the elementary school office for an application.

IMPORTANT BEGINNING of the YEAR PAPERS

The following forms were sent home with your youngest child TODAY: Milk Order Form, Federal Grant Form, Chrome Book Agreement, school insurance form, etc. These forms are stapled inside of the calendar sent home for families. 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 LUNCHES: 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. Online ordering usually opens on a Sunday and you can place the order for the entire week. This year they will once again offer pepperoni pizza on Tuesdays and cheese pizza on Fridays for K-8th grades. The high school students may also purchase pepperoni pizza on Tuesdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays hot dogs, nachos, or chicken nuggets are available for purchase for K-8th grades only. Each item will sell for \$2.00 apiece. 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 2.**

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 arranged with the teacher, your child may place their order at school through 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.

FACTS Parent Portal: Did you know there is information accessible on your FACTS parent portal? There are also multiple ways to access that information. You can log on through www.factsmgt.com at "Log In Here" on the top of the screen. Under "For Families" click on "Family Portal Login". Enter the district code, scss-wa, and your username and password. Once you're in your parent portal under "School" you can access the calendar, student classes, and in Resource Documents you can find the weekly newsletter and sports schedules. Under "Student", your students' grades, homework, report card, attendance, etc. can be seen. This is also where you would place your child's lunch order. Under "Family" you can see the family information, preferences, and you are able to enter your service hours in this section. Service hours for 5th-8th grade students can also be entered here however, high school students need to fill out a paper form to turn into the high school office. Under "Financial" you can see your tuition balances and your family prepaid lunch accounts. This is also where you will add money to your prepaid lunch account.

All this information can also be accessed through the school's app. Upload the app by searching for Sunnyside Christian School WA.

AAU Basketball Starts Soon! Parents of 1st- 8th grade boys and 2nd – 8th girls, we are excited to announce that AAU basketball will be starting up again soon. Practices will commence the week of October 6th and Saturday games (six in total for Fall session) will start on October 18th. If your child already plays a Fall sport that conflicts with the AAU schedule, they can play in the Winter session which starts in January. If this is the case, please email Erika and let her know.

We need to register players, teams and coaches soon which means we need to hear from you no later than **Friday, September 12.** If your child is interested in playing and if you're interested in coaching, please access the "General Information" and "Registration" tabs in the Google doc https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DZqJ7CW--yRcTK-JHg7WNT8AtBG9h5SFVpfd_u6VkQA/edit?usp=sharing (accessing this link via the newsletter email or SCS app will be easiest and the link will be a hyperlink). You **DO NOT** have to purchase an AAU card until the teams have been determined. For any questions, call/text Erika at 509-840-1955 or email aau.sunnysidechristian@gmail.com. Once we have a list of all interested players and coaches, we'll make some determinations on which teams we can form and proceed with the registration process.

Cost is \$22 for an AAU card, \$30 player registration fee and \$35/jersey, \$15/shorts.