

Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

September 11, 2025

Calendar

- Thursday, September 11 - SCHS Volleyball vs. Yakama Tribal - Home
-J.V. Girls 5:00 p.m., Var. Girls 6:15 p.m.
- Dinner: Super Nachos/cookie/water - \$7.00
- Friday, September 12 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
- SCHS Football vs. Dayton @ Sunnyside High School – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 13 - Sunshine Days Parade “Ride the Bus” – see blurb for more info.
- Monday, September 15 - Jr. High Volleyball vs. Mt. Adams @ Harrah Elem.-3:30 (B), 4:30 p.m. (A)
- SCHS Volleyball vs. White Swan - Home
-J.V. Girls 5:00 p.m., Var. Girls 6:15 p.m.
- Dinner: Frito Boats/cookie/water - \$7.00
- Tuesday, September 16 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
- PTF Meeting – Multipurpose Rm. – 2:15-3:00 p.m.
- SCHS Volleyball vs. Touchet @ Touchet – JV 5:00 p.m., Var. 6 :15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 17 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**
- Jr. High Volleyball vs. Highland – Home - 4:00 p.m. (B), 5:00 p.m. (A)
- Thursday, September 18 - Pre-3 & K - 12th Grade Individual Student Photos
- SCHS Volleyball “Dig Pink Night” vs. DeSales
– Home - JV 5:00 p.m., Var. 6:15 p.m.
- Dinner: Tacos/cookie/water - \$7.00
- Education Comm. Meeting – Elem. Rm. #12 – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 19 - **NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development Day

Advance Calendar

- September 22 - Jr. High Volleyball vs. Walter Strom @ Cle Elum - 3:30 (B), 4:30 p.m. (A)
- September 23 - SCHS Volleyball vs. Liberty Christian – Home – JV 5:00 p.m., Var. 6:15 p.m.
- September 24 - All School “See you at the Pole” Chapel – more to come
- September 25 - Finance Comm. Mtg. – HS Home Ec. Rm. – 12:00 p.m.
- SCHS Volleyball vs. Riverside Christian @ Yakima –JV 5:00 p.m., Var. 6 :15 p.m.
- SCHS Football vs. Liberty Christian @ Richland – 7:00 p.m.
- September 26 - Transportation Comm. Mtg. – Upstairs Faculty Rm. – 12:00 p.m.
- October 1 - Noon Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences-Afternoon & Evening
- October 2 - No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences – All Day
- October 3 - No School

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

Volleyball Gear is available at the online store in the link below. Order quickly as the store closes at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14th. <https://schsvolleyball.hurrdatbrandgoods.com/>

SCHS Girls Volleyball Team will participate in Dig Pink Night at their home volleyball game on Thursday, September 18th. There will be a variety of baskets to raffle and baked items for sale. Bakers are needed for this event (**Service Hour Opportunity**). Please package the baked goods to be able to sell. Baked goods can be dropped off at either school office on September 18th. Contact the high school (509)837-8995 or elementary school (509)837-3044 for more information.

After School Activities - If your child is staying after school for an event, please remind them to remain in their designated area. Please note that supervision is not provided on the playground after school hours. Additionally, students are not permitted to leave campus to visit nearby stores or restaurants. For example, if a student is attending a sporting event, they must stay in the gym where the game is taking place. We appreciate your support in helping us ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

STUDENT PICTURES: Individual student pictures will be taken for all students on Thursday, September 18th, 3 year old Preschool and Kindergarten thru 12th grade. Order forms will be sent home via kid mail on Monday, September 15th. Orders can be placed online through www.leosphotography.com. Our school code is **FAL227582**. Student retakes and photos for 4 year old preschoolers will be taken on October 10th.

Sunshine Days Parade: Sunnyside Christian School will be entering a bus in the Sunshine Days parade on Saturday, September 13th. We need people to wear their Knight gear and share school spirit as we represent SCS to the community. We will meet in front of the elementary school building at 6:00 pm and leave to go to the staging area at 6:15 pm. The parade begins at 7:00 pm at the public high school and follows E. Edison through downtown Sunnyside. The bus will then return to SCS. SCHS cheerleaders will be leading cheers as we walk or ride and hand out candy. Join us for a fun evening!

K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences: We will be utilizing the online platform, Sign Up Genius, for scheduling conferences this year. Watch your email, next week, for the link to sign up. Directions to sign up will be in the email. If you do not have internet access or a working email, please call the elementary office to schedule a conference time. All Jr. High and High School conferences will be a group conference.

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.

IMPORTANT BEGINNING of the YEAR PAPERS

If you haven't already done so, please return ALL the following forms signed to school ASAP: 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. . Milk will not be available unless payment is received with the order. If you need additional forms or information, please call the school office at 837-3044.

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. The school store is now open!

Our World's Finest Chocolate Sale for students in grades 5-8 is wrapping up. 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. If you have unsold chocolate at home, please return it to school. **Thanks for your support!**

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.

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.

Hot Lunch Orders

- Lunches that can be ordered are Tuesday & Friday Pizza, Wednesday hot dog, nachos, &/or Nugget, Senior Lunch (High Schoolers ONLY).
- Parents prepay for hot lunch orders through the financial tab in the FACTS parent portal. Lunches will be deducted from that account daily.
- If you prefer cash payment for lunches, send the cash with your child and they can place a cash order with their teacher (elementary students) or with Mrs. Driesen (high school students).
- Elementary teachers go over online orders with students. If a student thinks they should have an order placed online but it is not listed, the teacher can place the order for them if the parent approves.
- Online lunch orders are open for a week at a time. Your prior placed order does not recur. You must place your order each day or for the week.
- If you placed an order for your student and the student does not attend school that day, please remove the order online or call the elementary/high school office so the order can be removed.
- Online orders **MUST** be placed by **8:30 a.m.**

Knights Card Fundraiser: Please consider supporting our SCHS Junior Class Fundraiser for their upcoming trip to Washington DC!

Juniors are selling cards with product discounts at local businesses from Sept. 11-Oct 7.

Cost: \$25.00

Cards Valid through August 2026

Please contact Heidi Roedel @ 509 305-9503 with any questions.

We appreciate your support and the support of many local businesses (Rise Bakery, Yakima Coffee Company, Sunnyside Ace Hardware, Blackrock Golf Course, Javi's Chicken, Denny's, Daily Buzz, Greene's Point S, Jack in the Box, Burger King, Little Caesars, Stokes Burger Ranch, and many others) providing discounts for this card!

SCHS Home Volleyball Games will feature light dinner items for purchase at the concession stand. Each home game will have a new dinner item along with a cookie and water for \$7.00. Please see the above calendar for the featured dinner. Come out and support your Lady Knights and have dinner while you're there.

SCHS Home Volleyball Games will be broadcast on our YouTube channel.

The link is... <https://bit.ly/3BvCHWs>

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.factsmgmt.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.