

# Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

## February 26, 2026

### Calendar

- Thursday, February 26 - K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel – Elem. Gym – 8:45 a.m.  
- Thanks-A-Brunch – Elem. Music Rm. – 9:30 a.m. (following chapel)  
- Mom’s Hot Lunch – Sloppy Joes, Chips, Carrots & Cupcake – by donation
- Friday, February 27 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**  
- SCHS Boys Basketball vs. Wellpinit @ Grandview HS – 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 2 - 4 year old Preschool – NO School  
- Promotion Committee Meeting – Admin. Office – 5:30 p.m.  
- Board Meeting – Elem. Rm. #12 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 3 - 3 year old Preschool – NO School  
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
- Wednesday, March 4 - **NO SCHOOL** – Mid-Winter Break
- Thursday, March 5 - **NO SCHOOL** – Mid-Winter Break
- Friday, March 6 - **NO SCHOOL** – Mid-Winter Break
- Tuesday, March 10 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
- Wednesday, March 11 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**  
- Muffins with Mom – Elem. Gym – 8:00-8:25 a.m.  
- PTF Meeting – Multipurpose Rm. – 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 12 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Taco Bell - **\$3.00 per item – Cash Orders Only**  
- Pre-3 & K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Photos  
- SCHS Baseball vs. Grandview (1) @ Yakima Co. Stadium – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 13 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**  
- Foundation Gala – Zillah– 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14 - SCHS Softball vs. East Valley JV (2) @ East Valley – 11:00 a.m.  
- SCHS Baseball vs. Waitsburg (1) @ Waitsburg – 11:00 a.m.

### Advance Calendar

- March 23 - Society Meeting – Elem. Gym – 6:30 p.m.
- March 27 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- April 2 - Grandparents/Grandfriend Day – PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- April 2 - 11:30 a.m. Dismissal – K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- April 3 - NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
- April 6-10 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

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

*January/February Theme – Experience the Forgiveness of Jesus*

*“He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:13-14*

**There will be no newsletter next week,** due to no school for mid-winter break.

**3 & 4 year old Preschool:** will **not** have school on March 2 - 6, as part of Mid-Winter Break.

**February's GENEROSITY/GOODNESS Fruit of the Spirit Award Winners:**

K-4: Wyatt Leyendekker (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Natalie Schlenker (8<sup>th</sup> grade). Next month's celebrated fruit will be FAITHFULNESS

**Muffins With Mom:** PTF is sponsoring a Preschool & K-8<sup>th</sup> grade event on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. All students are encouraged to invite their mom, grandma, or special guest to bring them to school between 8:00-8:25 to enjoy a muffin before the school day begins. Please RSVP for the event by Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> by emailing [ptf@sunnysidechristianschool.org](mailto:ptf@sunnysidechristianschool.org) or call/text to 509-643-8825!

**Pre-3 & K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Photos:** will be taken Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will go home with students on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to purchase via online, visit [www.leosphotography.com](http://www.leosphotography.com). Our school's order code is GR3227583.

**Lunch Orders through the App:** We are aware that some parents are having difficulties ordering hot lunch through the app. Please know we are actively working to resolve this issue. If you are experiencing problems and have not yet notified the office, please contact the elementary office as soon as possible. In the meantime, you may place your hot lunch order by logging into your FACTS account through the website at [www.factmgt.com](http://www.factmgt.com).

**School-Wide Community Outreach Project:** The Special Projects Committee is organizing a cereal drive for local food banks. Help us spread love to our community. Our **goal** is to collect **300 boxes** of cereal by the end of February and thanks to your generosity, we are just **59 boxes** away from reaching it! The drive began February 2<sup>nd</sup> and goes through tomorrow, so there is still time to participate. Please bring boxes of cereal, oatmeal, and breakfast bars to drop-off spots at either campus.

**SOPHOMORE SPRING PLANT SALE:** The Sophomore Class is currently selling flowers to earn money for their trip to Washington D.C. in 2027. 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 **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Please call Simona Lommers at 509-949-9879.

**SCHS State Basketball (Round 1):** The **Knights** will take on Wellpinit in a winner-advance, loser out matchup on Friday, February 27 at 8:00 p.m. at Grandview High School.

Tickets to the boys game can be purchased through this link,

[https://gofan.co/event/6188591?schoolId=WIAA&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=WA\\_wiaa](https://gofan.co/event/6188591?schoolId=WIAA&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=WA_wiaa)

Admission prices:

- Adults: \$15.70
- Students w/ ASB: \$12.55
- Seniors (62+): \$12.55

Please note that Grandview High School will have a cashless gate but will be able to take credit cards at the door. If you're unable to attend, the game will be streamed through NFHS Network (paid subscription required).



With a win, the Knights will advance to the next round of the WIAA 1B State Tournament, held in Spokane, on Wednesday, March 4 in another winner-advance, loser out game.

Here is the link to the brackets on WIAA:

<https://www.wpanetwork.com/m2/tourn.php?act=vt&tid=4959#>

Let's go, Knights!

**Free Pianos:** The elementary campus has one piano that still needs a new home. The piano is free of charge, but the recipient will need to haul it away. Call the elementary office at 509-837-3044 for details.

**Coaches Needed for Junior High Spring Sports!** Our Junior High Boys Baseball and Girls Fastpitch Softball teams are gearing up for an exciting spring season, and we're looking for dedicated coaches to lead the way! Coaching is a rewarding opportunity to mentor student-athletes, build teamwork, and make a lasting impact both on and off the field. If you're interested in supporting our Jr. High athletes this spring, please contact the school office for more information. Let's make this a great season!  

**Board Nominations** In November 2021, the education committee and school board amended one of our school policies based on their recommendations. *Policy 3301.3 was amended to allow retiring board members to put their name on the ballot to be voted on at the annual society meeting. Also, according to school policy, board nominations are not permitted at the society meeting. If you have a nomination for the ballot, it must be submitted in writing.* Any nominations must be submitted to the elementary office by Tuesday, March 3, 2026, for consideration.

**The Annual Society Meeting** will be held on **Monday, March 23, 2026**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the elementary school gym. At the Annual Society Meeting, one of the responsibilities of the Sunnyside Christian School community is to vote on school board members for the 2026-2027 school year. Dave Andringa, Laura Eisenga, and Jason Smeenk will be completing their three year term of service. Our ballot for the three positions will include Laura Eisenga, Matt Haak, Jared Jech, Christine Ricker, Laura Schlenker, and Jesus Torres. Biographies for the nominees will be in the March 12<sup>th</sup> newsletter. All entities of Sunnyside Christian School will present their annual reports, provide an update on the Forward Together Campaign and present the proposed 2026-2027 budget and tuition rates for approval. Please mark this date on your calendar.

### **SCS Booster Club Auction**

The Annual Booster Club Auction will be held online Tuesday, April 28-Friday, May 1. Procurement packets have been sent home via kid mail. If you have historically received one and did not, please contact Fransisca Vander Meulen at (509) 439-2538. In the instance you have a business you would like to request a donation from and do not have a packet, please check with Fransisca in case it is on someone's list.

We are still in need of parents to **coordinate classroom auction projects**, with the exception of 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an important part of the auction, so if you can help, please contact Misti Riel at (509) 830-4101

If you would like to help with the **raffle ticket sales**, please contact Tamera Smeenk at (509) 830-3506 (friends and family are a great place to start).

### **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!

# Annual SCS Foundation Gala

*Join us for the SCS Foundation Spring Gala—an evening of fellowship, celebration, and support for our school community! Admission is free, and we kindly ask that you RSVP so we can plan accordingly for dinner.*

*The evening will begin with appetizers and drinks from 6:00–6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and an exciting dessert auction at 6:30 p.m.*

*All are invited to attend this special event!*

*The SCS Foundation plays a vital role in supporting our school by providing tuition assistance and essential budget support. The Foundation is also actively involved in our capital campaign for the building project, helping ensure a strong future for SCS.*

*We look forward to gathering together for a wonderful evening in support of our mission!*

**SCS Foundation**

*black & white*

***Spring Gala***

***Friday, March 13, 2026***

**7998 Vialago Pkwy**

**Zillah, WA 98953**

***Drinks & Appetizers 6:00–6:30 pm***

***Dinner & Dessert Auction 6:30 pm***

***RSVP (509) 837-2050***

***[scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org](mailto:scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org)***

***We kindly request guests wear black & white attire***