

# Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

## March 26, 2026

### Calendar

- Thursday, March 26 - Mom's Hot Lunch – Pulled Pork, baked beans, chips, & cupcake
- Friday, March 27 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**  
- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Saturday, March 28 - SCHS Softball vs. DeSales (2) @ Walla Walla – 11:00 a.m.  
- SCHS Baseball vs. Touchet (2) @ Touchet – 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, March 30 - SCHS Flower Fundraiser – **Orders Due**  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Citrus Fundraiser - **Orders Due**
- Tuesday, March 31 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
- Wednesday, April 1 - ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**  
- Report Cards Go Home via Kid Mail
- Thursday, April 2 - K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel – Elem. Gym – 8:45 a.m.  
- Grandparents/Grandfriend Day – PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
- 11:30 a.m. Dismissal – K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
- **BUSES WILL RUN NORMAL ROUTES AT 11:30 a.m.**  
- SCHS Baseball vs. White Swan (2) @ White Swan – 3:00 p.m.  
- SCHS Softball vs. Selah JV (2) @ Selah – 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 3 - NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
- Mon.-Fri., April 6-10 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

### Advance Calendar

- April 14 - Peek-at-Preschool Open House – 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- April 17 - Kindergarten Round-Up- 8:30-11:00 a.m.
- April 23-25 - SCHS Drama Production “The Legend of Robin Hood...Sort Of”
- April 28-May 1 - Booster Club Auction – Online
- May 1 - Booster Club Auction Item Preview & Dessert Auction – High School Gym
- May 1 - D.C. Trip Fundraiser Dinner – High School Gym

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

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

*“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:8*

Next week’s newsletter will be sent home with students on Wednesday, April 1, due to the half day of school on Thursday. The emailed version will still be sent on Thursday, April 2. If you have information that needs to be included in the newsletter, please submit it to the elementary office by noon on Tuesday, March 31.

**Annual Society Meeting:** Thank you to all who attended the annual society meeting this week. At Monday night's meeting the following individuals were elected to the SCS Board: Laura Eisenga (re-elected), Matt Haak, and Jarred Jech. Their term will begin in August. We would also like to thank out-going board members Dave Andringa, and Jason Smeenk for their dedication and service to SCS as board members. Their service will continue until August 2026.

**Lunch Orders through the App:** We are aware that some parents are experiencing difficulties ordering hot lunch through the app. Please know we are actively working with the company to resolve this issue and will update families as soon as we receive more information. 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).

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Fundraiser:** The 8th-grade class is selling oranges and grapefruits. These are fresh picked in CA and delivered to your doorstep for \$40 per 1/2 Bushel (approx. 45 oranges or 25 grapefruit). Please contact an 8th grader if you wish to purchase some or use the link below. There is a 5% fee for using the link and paying by credit card. The **ordering deadline is March 30**, and the fruit will be delivered after spring break!  
<https://fundraise.theorangeuy.com/SunnysideChristianFundraiser>

**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.

**PEEK at PRESCHOOL** will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 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 2026 are invited to register their children for our Kindergarten Roundup. This year's Roundup will be held on Friday, April 17, 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.

**Security:** At Sunnyside Christian School, we are continually seeking ways to enhance our procedures and strengthen campus safety. Our vision is to create a safe, peaceful learning environment. We partnered with ESD105 to enroll in the SSOCC (school safety operation control center) to assist in increasing safety. As part of this ongoing effort, we are hoping to hire a school resource officer to provide a security presence between both campuses. This position will be privately funded and not part of the general budget. If you know of anyone interested, retired police officers or other trained professionals, please contact Del Dykstra.

**The SAT** will be offered to high school students on Wednesday, April 29 during the school day. This test date is predominantly for Juniors, but students in any grade can register. **Students must sign up by Wednesday, April 15,** by paying \$30 to Mrs. Driesen. See Mrs. Haak with questions!

**2026-27 Staffing Needs:** This is the time of year where we begin planning for the next school year. We are not certain of our teaching/staffing needs yet. If you or someone you know is interested in teaching at SCS, please fill out an application (available through our website). If you have questions, please contact Del Dykstra or Dana Clark.

**Bus Driver(s) Needed:** We are currently looking for dependable, safety minded bus drivers for next school year. Without enough drivers, student transportation will be impacted. No CDL? School will help cover the cost to earn you Class B CDL. Make a difference in students' daily lives! Please consider stepping in to support our students! Contact the school office to learn more!

**COOKIES NEEDED:** We need dozens of baked, unfrosted, cut-out sugar cookies for Grandparents Day! Cookies will need to be at the elementary school by Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let the elementary office know if you are able to provide cookies by calling 509-837-3044 or emailing sheryl.duim@sunnysidechristianschool.org. This is a great service hour opportunity.

**CHAMP CAMP Basketball Registration:** The basketball camp is open to students (girls & boys) who will be in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> next year. Camp will be held Monday, June 8-Wednesday, June 10. Camp times for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be 8:00-9:15 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will be 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be 1:00-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and \$60.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. The camp is run by SCHS Girls Basketball Head Coach, Stormee VanBelle, and the Lady Knights!

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

- **Monday, March 30<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.

**D.C. TRIP DINNER:** The Sophomore Class is hosting a dinner for the Sunnyside Christian School Annual Booster Auction. Dinner will be served Friday, May 1 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. See attached order form and buy your tickets soon. Advanced ticket purchases are \$16.00 for adults and \$8.00 for kids. Ticket prices will increase if purchased at the door on the night of the dinner. Hope to see you there for a great night of food, fun and fellowship!

### **SCS Booster Club Auction**

Procurement packets: Please hand in forms no later than **April 6<sup>th</sup>** to allow sufficient time to get items entered.

The online auction, tentatively, will begin on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM and end Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 PM. Items are to be picked up Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the high school gym from 9-12. Also, join us on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> for a community event which includes the Sophomore class dinner, dessert auction, and browse online items in person.

**Raffle:** This year's raffle is starting. Tickets are available in the elementary or high school office. We are looking for families that are willing to sell tickets to friends and family. If you can help with this, please let the auction team know, and we will provide you with tickets. This is a great way to help, earn service hours, and we would greatly appreciate it! Tickets are \$5 each.

The prizes are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>: 2 Magnum Cosmo E Bikes, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$500 Costco Gift Card, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 70 Qt Igloo Cooler with Beef (Donated by Post 5 Cattle)

A special thank-you to the moms who have volunteered to coordinate class projects: Libby Tudor (K), Crystal Atteberry (1<sup>st</sup>), Robin Haringa/Christine Ricker (2<sup>nd</sup>), Corynn Koopmans (3<sup>rd</sup>), Kylee Kelley/Tamera Smeenck (4<sup>th</sup>), Erika Den Boer (5<sup>th</sup>), Fransisca Vander Meulen (6<sup>th</sup>), Misti Riel (7<sup>th</sup>), Dawn Wolfe (8<sup>th</sup>), Kendra Newhouse (9<sup>th</sup>), Jennifer Sanchez (10<sup>th</sup>), Misti Riel (11<sup>th</sup>), and Anita Van de Graaf (12<sup>th</sup>). The cost of the project should not solely be on the moms in charge, so please send in donations if requested.

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

### **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!

### **Grandparents and Grandfriends Day**

Join us at **8:45 a.m.** on **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** for chapel in the elementary gym.

After chapel, enjoy a variety of activities throughout the elementary campus.

Join us back in the gym at 11:00 a.m. for K-8th closing Chapel.

Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m.

We hope to see many of you there!