

# Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

## April 2, 2026

### Calendar

- 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
- Mon.-Fri., April 6-10
- NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
  - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- Monday, April 13
- Building & Grounds Committee Mtg. – Elem. Rm. #12 – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
  - **NO** 3 year-old preschool
  - Peek-at-Preschool Open House – 8:30-10:30 a.m.
  - SCHS Baseball vs. Pomeroy (2) NL @ Pomeroy – 2:00 p.m.
  - SCHS Softball vs. Mabton (2) - Home – 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 15
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**
  - Jr. High Softball vs. Walter Strom MS (2) @ Cle Elum – 3:30 & 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Taco Bell - **\$3.00 per item – Cash Orders Only**
  - Jr. High Baseball vs. Kittitas (2) @ Kittitas -3:30 & 5:15 p.m.
- Friday, April 17
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
  - Kindergarten Round-Up- 8:30-11:00 a.m.
  - Parent Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, April 18
- SCHS Baseball vs. Tekoa Rosalia (2) - Home – 11:00 a.m.
  - SCHS Softball vs. Riverside Christian (2) @ Yakima – 11:00 a.m.

### Advance Calendar

- 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 – 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- May 1
- D.C. Trip Fundraiser Dinner – High School Gym – 5:00-7:30 p.m.

***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*

There will be no newsletter next week due to NO SCHOOL for spring break.

**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!

**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 digitally 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!

**HS Math Club:** Congratulations to the High School math team for earning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the regional Washington State Math Council competition at Granger High School. Team members included: Brett Andringa, Devan Harrington, Jake Smeenck, Rowen Prins, Colby Castle, Max Newhouse, Eli De Boer, Taylor Roedel, Ashton Eisenga, Brooke Hope, Devan Sanchez, Jayna Elenbaas, Caleb Lommers, Nora Foster, Micah Elenbaas, Easton Stokes, and Claire Haak.

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

- **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> was 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:** Join us Friday, May 1, from 5:00–7:30 PM in the SCS high school gym for a dinner hosted by the Sophomore Class in support of their future Washington, D.C. trip. Advance tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for kids (prices increase at the door). Order forms are included as a digital attachment. Come enjoy a great evening of food and fellowship while supporting our students!

### **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**

The Thrift Shop will be closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to celebrate what Christ has done for us.

Romans 10:9 - If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Have a blessed Easter! Reflect on what Christ has done for you and go out and live for Him! Your Eternal Life depends on it!