

Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

April 30, 2026

Calendar

- Thursday, April 30
- K-8th Grade Chapel – Elem. Gym – 8:45 a.m.
 - Jr. High Baseball vs. Naches (2) @ Naches – 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.
 - SCHS Softball vs. Touchet (2) - Home – 3:30 p.m.
 - Booster Club Auction Continues Online
- Friday, May 1
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - D.C. Trip Fundraiser Dinner – High School Gym – 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Booster Club Auction Item Preview – SCHS Gym – 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Booster Club Dessert Auction & 50/50 Raffle – SCHS Gym–6:00 p.m.
 - Booster Club Online Auction Ends at 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2
- Booster Club Auction Item Pickup – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 - D.C. Trip Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser Pickup – SCHS Parking Lot – 9-12 pm
 - SCHS Junior/Senior Banquet (JSB) – Smasne Cellars Prosser – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 4
- Jr. High Baseball vs. Highland (2) - Home – 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.
 - Promotion Committee Meeting – Admin Office – 5:00 p.m.
 - Lower Valley 5th Grade Band Festival – Toppenish MS – 6:30 p.m.
 - Board Meeting – Elem. Rm. # 12 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - 7th & 8th Grade Field Trip to the Reach Museum
 - SCHS Softball League Playoff Game (details determined after 4/30 game)
 - SCHS Baseball vs. Garfield-Palouse @ Liberty Christian – 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 6
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**
 - 4th & 10th Grade Salmon Release Field Trip
 - Jr. High Softball vs. Mt. Adams (2) @ Mt. Adams - 3:30 & 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Taco Bell - **\$3.00 per item – Cash Orders Only**
 - 9th & 10th Grade Field trip to the Columbia Gorge
 - 11th & 12th Grade Career Shadow
 - Jr. High Baseball vs. Mt. Adams (2) @ Mt. Adams – 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 8
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - 9th & 10th Grade Field trip to Pendleton
 - 11th & 12th Grade Career Shadow
 - 1st & 4th Grade Mother’s Tea – Elem. Gym – 9:45 a.m.

Advance Calendar

- May 11
- Lower Valley 6th Grade Band Festival – Housel MS – 6:30 p.m.
- May 14
- Last Day of 3 year old Preschool
- May 15
- Last Day of 4 year old Preschool
- May 15
- 8th Grade Day @ SCHS - 12:45-3:15 p.m.
- May 15
- PreK-4th Grade Spring Program – Elem. Gym – 7:00 p.m.
- May 28
- K-8th Chapel with 8th Grade Recognition - Elem. Gym - 8:45 a.m.
- May 28
- Dad’s Hot Lunch
- May 28
- 5th-12th Band & Choir Concert @ Sunnyside CRC – 7:00 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

April's GENTLENESS Fruit of the Spirit Award Winners: K-4: Brynlee Smeenk (4th Grade) and 5-8: Claribel Mendoza (7th grade). May's celebrated fruit will be Self-Control.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8. Please take some time next week to make sure our teachers feel appreciated! Encourage your student to write their teacher a handwritten note or draw a picture. And thank you, teachers, for all you do for Sunnyside Christian School. We are blessed to have you!

Beginner Lower Valley Band Festival Info for 5th Band Parents: Our 5th grade band will be participating in the Beginner's Lower Valley Band Festival, which takes place on *Monday, May 4th*, at Toppenish Middle School. Students will leave on a bus from SCS at 2:35 p.m. Please see the google doc Miss Spear has sent to 5th grade parents for more information. The performance for the community begins at 6:30pm in the Toppenish M.S. Gym. Parents will pick up their students from Toppenish M.S. after the program, around 7:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Spear if you have questions.

2026-2027 CHEER TRYOUTS: Cheer tryouts for the 26-27 school year are open to any current 8th-11th grader. Practice will be Monday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 5 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at SCHS Gym. Tryouts will be on Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-7:30 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns email Kerri Greene, SCHS cheer coach, at kgreene512@gmail.com or text/call 509-830-4050.

Peony Bouquet Fundraiser: Get ready for another exciting fundraiser to support the DC trip! The Sophomore class is selling beautiful peony bouquets featuring a mix of dark red, pink, white, and coral blooms. Each bouquet includes 10 flowers and will be sold for \$15. Order forms are digitally attached to this newsletter. All orders and payments are **due by Monday, May 4.** Bouquets are expected to be ready for pickup around May 16, with a tentative pickup window from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM at SCHS. Please note that the pickup date is approximate, as it depends on when the flowers are ready to harvest. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Shari Roskamp at 509-305-2038. Thank you for your support!

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.

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!

2026-27 Preschool registration is now open! Please note that registration is **paper only**; online registration is not available at this time. Spots are filling up quickly. The 3-year-old program is full and has a waiting list, and the 4-year-old program is limited to afternoon availability only. We encourage families to register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be picked up in the elementary office. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at **509-837-3044**.

2026-2027 Enrollment: Re-enrollment is open and the email was sent out last week. It is important to fill out enrollment as soon as possible so we can determine classroom needs for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have questions or have not received the email, please call the elementary school office at 509-837-3044.

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

SCHS Baseball & Softball: The high school baseball team will compete in the postseason league tournament on Tuesday, May 5, at Liberty Christian. They will open play against Garfield-Palouse at 1:00 p.m., with the winner advancing to a second game at 4:00 p.m.

The Lady Knights' postseason schedule will be determined by their home games today, April 30, against Touchet. With two wins, they will travel to Colton next Tuesday for a 3:00 p.m. game, with the opportunity to play again immediately following. If they drop either game today, they will instead travel to Liberty Christian on Tuesday for a 3:00 p.m. matchup.

Library News: Tuesday, May 12th, will be the last day for students to check-out books from the library. On Tuesday, May 19th, **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK!** Please take a few moments to look around at home for any library books you may have lost. Thank you!

SCS Booster Club Auction

Auction week is here! Today's newsletter includes an auction letter and flyer for SCS families with everything you need to know.

The online auction kicked off on Tuesday, April 28th and ends on Friday, May 1st at 10:00 p.m.! Don't miss your chance to register and bid on an exciting variety of items, including your child's classroom project. You can also view items on our social media pages: Facebook (Sunnyside Christian School Auction) and Instagram (@scs_auction).

Dinner and raffle tickets are available now—secure yours today:
<https://SCS26.charityauction.bid>

Join us for a fun-filled evening at the **Auction Dinner & Preview Night** tomorrow, Friday, May 1st from 5:00–7:30 PM! Enjoy a delicious dinner, take part in our live dessert auction, try your luck in the 50/50 raffle, and get an in-person look at all the amazing items up for bid.

Every bid makes a difference! Proceeds from the auction directly support our school through transportation, safety improvements, educational resources, and enriching programs for our students.

If you have additional questions, please contact Tamera Smeenk at (509) 830-3506, Fransisca Vander Muelen at (509) 439-2538, or Misti Riel at (509) 830-4101

D.C. TRIP DINNER: The Sophomore Class is hosting a dinner for the Sunnyside Christian School Annual Booster Auction. Dinner will be served tomorrow, 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. **Advance ticket pricing** through the auction website is **\$16.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children**. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$18.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Hope to see you there for a great night of food, fun and fellowship.



Sunnyside Christian School Foundation Golf Tournament: The 32nd Annual SCS Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Black Rock Creek Golf Course in Sunnyside. The tournament begins at 8 am and is a 4-person scramble. If you would like a golfer registration form or more information, scan the QR code or contact the foundation office:



scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org or call 509-837-2050. Registration forms are also available online on the school website. (click quick links tab, SCS foundation tab, Golf Tournament tab. Registrations are due by May 29, 2026.

SCS Foundation Golf Tournament Sponsors: Calling all businesses! Would like to sponsor a hole at the annual Golf Tournament? For \$250 you will get a full color 24x24 sign that will be posted at a hole during our annual golf tournament. Also, your business name will be featured on SCS Foundation FB page post tournament and on the Daily Sun's page. Tournament is on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Black Rock Creek Golf Course in Sunnyside. If you would like to sponsor a hole, scan the QR code or for more information, please contact the foundation office: scs.foundation@sunnysidechristianschool.org or call 509-837-2050.

