

Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

May 21, 2026

Calendar

- Thursday, May 21
- K-4th Grade MAP Math Test – 8:40-10:15 a.m.
 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Yakima Arboretum & Capital Theatre
 - Jr. High Baseball vs. Mt. Adams (2) - Home - 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.
 - Education Committee Mtg. – Elem. Rm. #12 – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 22
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - SCHS State Softball vs. TBD -Yakima Gateway Sports Complex -1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 23
- SCHS State Softball vs. TBD - Yakima Gateway Sports Complex -9:00 a.m.
 - SCHS State Baseball vs. Naselle HS @ Naselle HS – 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 25
- NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 26
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Yakima Valley Museum – 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 - SCHS Awards Banquet – SCHS Gym – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 27
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- **\$2.00 each**
- Thursday, May 28
- K-8th Chapel with 8th Grade Recognition - Elem. Gym - 8:45 a.m.
 - Dad’s Hot Lunch – Hamburger, Chips, Watermelon, Popsicle
 - 5th-12th Band & Choir Concert @ Sunnyside CRC – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 29
- ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - **\$2.00/slice**
 - 4th Grade Field Trip to the Whitman Misson

Advance Calendar

- June 1
- 8th Grade Class Trip to Oregon
- June 2
- 8th Grade Class Trip to Tri-Cities
- June 2
- 5th-7th Grade End of the Year Activity - Bowling – 12:45-2:30 p.m.
- June 3
- K-4th Grade End of the Year Activity – Movies – 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- June 5
- SCHS Graduation – G’view Nazarene Church - 7:00 p.m.
- June 6
- SC Foundation Golf Tournament

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

May/June Theme – Experience the Hope of Jesus

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13*

We invite you to our 8th grade recognition chapel led by the 8th grade class. Join us for a time of celebration on Thursday, May 28, at 8:45 a.m. in the elementary school gym.

High School Awards Night: Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m., at the high school gym. We will be recognizing all participants in extra-curricular activities.

Dad’s Day Hot Lunch: Next week, Thursday, May 28th, dads will be serving grilled hamburgers, chips, watermelon, and a popsicle to the K-8th grade student body. Prep work begins at 9:00 a.m. for the BBQ; serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Contact Tamera Smeenck at 830-3506 for details if you would like to help (or just show up ☺).

5th-12th Spring Concert - Please join us for an evening of music from our 5th-12th grade band and choir students. Our concert will be held at Sunnyside Christian Reformed Church on Thursday, May 28, at 7:00 pm. Students will be instructed on when to arrive and what to wear for the event. We hope to see you there!

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: Thank you for the many responses to the reenrollment email! It is important to fill out enrollment as soon as possible so we can determine classroom needs for the 2026-2027 school year. It is equally important to know if your student will not be returning. If that is the case, you can respond through your child's enrollment by clicking "will not enroll" or call the elementary office. When you are ready to hit the final review and submit for your child's enrollment, please submit your oldest child's enrollment first. If you have questions or have not received the email, please call the elementary school office at 509-837-3044.

2025-26 Staff: We want to recognize and thank several of our staff members for their service at SCS. We want to acknowledge Lisa Leyendekker and Lexi Kuiken for teaching this past year. We wish them God's blessings in their future endeavors. We want to thank Collin Laidlaw for his years of service at SCS. He has taught various grades throughout his time, and we wish him the best as he moves to Oregon. We also want to acknowledge Shelby Spear for her 10 years of teaching music at SCS. She has impacted many staff, students, and families, and we are grateful. Please pray for each of them and their transitions to new adventures next year.

Hot Lunches: Please note that Friday, May 29th, is the last day for elementary students to purchase hot lunch (Pizza, Hot Dogs, Nachos, or Nuggets). **Monday, June 1st, Tuesday, June 2nd & Wednesday, June 3rd students will need to bring a sack lunch.** The school store will still be available with a limited supply. If you order lunches online and you have a negative balance, please add money to your prepaid account before the end of the year.

School Cleaning: The list is included in today's newsletter. Just a reminder that if you do not sign-up to clean and have not paid the cleaning fee ahead of time, you will be billed \$375 on your September tuition statement. If your name is on the "Not Signed Up" list, call the elementary office (509-837-3044) or email sheryl.duim@sunnysidechristianschool.org to get signed up on one of the cleaning days. Thank you!

SCHS Fastpitch Softball: Congratulations to the Lady Knights on earning a berth to the State Tournament. The Lady Knights received a first-round bye and will open tournament play in the quarterfinals at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at the Yakima Gateway Sports Complex on field #2. Their opponent will be determined following Thursday's opening round games. Win or lose, the Lady Knights will return to action on Saturday. Follow their tournament journey using the link below. All games will be streamed exclusively on NFHS, which is available through a paid subscription. All tickets must be purchased online through GoFan using the link below.

<https://gofan.co/app/school/WIAA?activity=Fastpitch%20Softball>

Softball bracket:

https://www.wpanetwork.com/wiaa/brackets/tournament.php?act=view&tournament_id=5213&school_year=2025-26&district=-1&sport=15&class=1B

SCHS Baseball: Congratulations to the Knights baseball team on advancing to the State quarterfinals game with a thrilling win over Crosspoint Christian on Tuesday, May 19! The Knights will face Naselle High School on Saturday, May 23, at 12:00 p.m. at Naselle High School in a winner-advance, loser-out matchup. Be sure to follow their State tournament journey using the link below. All tickets must be purchased online through GoFan using the link below.

https://gofan.co/event/6639422?schoolId=WIAA&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=WA_wiaa

Baseball bracket:

https://www.wpanetwork.com/wiaa/brackets/tournament.php?act=view&tournament_id=5142&school_year=2025-26&district=-1&sport=6&class=1B

School Service Hours: Just a reminder that service hours for K-12th grade families (Preschool families are exempt) are due prior to the beginning of next school year. Service hour requirements are 30 hours per 2 parent family or 15 hours per single parent family. Submit your service hours through your parent portal, app, or on paper.

Library News: ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK IMMEDIATELY! Please take a few moments to look around at home for any library books you may have lost. A huge THANK YOU goes out to our librarians who make library possible. Nanci Harris, Sue Clapp, Teci Greydanus and volunteers who help when needed, THANK YOU!

Track and Field Day: Each year, on the last day, we have a track and field day for the elementary students. It is a great time to enjoy some healthy competition and to end the school year. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING TO BE THERE, PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO SCHOOL ASAP. This is important so that fair races can be scheduled prior to the Track and Field Day. The K-5th students will participate in track and field events, 6th graders will compete in an organized activity yet to be determined, and the 7th graders will be running the concession stand and helping run the events. Our 8th graders will buddy with kindergarten to help them get to their events. We expect Field Day events to be over between 11:00-11:30 a.m. Please do not take your child(ren) home until ALL their races are complete. **There is no bus service following track and field events.** Parents, grandparents, you are welcome to join us- put the date on your calendar! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on the grass and cheer on your student!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: Did you know that Boxtops for Education is still around? This is a way for our school to earn cash with every Box Tops product you buy. No more clipping labels from products or school volunteers spending hours counting labels. Just use the box top app to scan your store receipts for participating products. SCS received \$53.60 for 2025 through Box Tops for Education. Thank you to those who are participating.

Sunnyside Christian FFA: The Sunnyside Christian FFA chapter traveled to Pullman to attend the Washington FFA State Convention & Expo, where members experienced several exciting days filled with competition, leadership opportunities, and unforgettable memories together. Our Ag Issues team proudly represented our chapter while competing at the state level, and the Tractor Driving team was recognized for earning 1st place overall, with Darrin Vander Meulen and Austin Van Beek also receiving individual awards for their outstanding performances. Our BBQ team showcased their skills by competing in the BBQ competition with their pork ribs, and Darrin achieved the incredible honor of earning his Washington FFA State Degree. We are so proud of all of our members for their hard work, dedication, and representation of our chapter throughout convention!

The Sunnyside Christian FFA chapter will be hosting an awards banquet on Saturday, May 30th at 6:00 P.M. If you would like to attend, please check out their Facebook for more information.

Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop will be closed Saturday, May 23, Sunday (see you in church) and Monday, May 25, to honor military personnel who gave their lives in service for our country.

Do you have a graduation gift for that special graduate? Scrip gift cards make great graduation gifts! Order yours now, so they will be here in time for graduation!



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 509-837-2026

