

Sunnyside Christian School Newsletter

September 3, 2026

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| Thursday, Sept. 3 | - 1 st -4 th Grade MAP Math Test – 8:40-10:20 a.m. |
| | - H.S. Volleyball vs. White Swan @ White Swan - J.V. 5:00 p.m., Var. 6:15 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 4 | - H.S. Football vs. Waitsburg @ Waitsburg –7:00 p.m. (No concessions) |
| Monday, Sept. 7 | - No School- Labor Day |
| Tuesday, Sept. 8 | - 1 st Day of 3-year-old Preschool |
| | - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Pepperoni Pizza - <u>\$2.00/slice</u> |
| | - H.S. Volleyball vs. Walla Walla Valley Academy @ College Place |
| | - Var. 5:30 p.m. JV will follow – <u>NOTE Time/Team Change</u> |
| Wednesday, Sept. 9 | - ELEM. HOT LUNCH- Hot dogs, Nachos, Nuggets- <u>\$2.00 each</u> |
| | - 1 st Day of 4-year-old Preschool |
| Thursday, Sept. 10 | - Jr. High Volleyball vs. Goldendale @ Goldendale– 3:30 p.m.(B), 4:30 p.m. (A) |
| | - H.S. Volleyball vs. Liberty Christian – Home -J.V. 5:00 p.m., Var. 6:15 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 11 | - ELEM. HOT LUNCH – Cheese Pizza - <u>\$2.00/slice</u> |
| | - H.S. Football vs. Dayton @ Sunnyside HS – 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept 12 | - H.S. Volleyball @ Pomeroy Tourney in Pomeroy - Time TBD |

Advance Calendar

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| September 14 | - Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg. – Elem. Rm. #12 – 5:30 p.m. |
| | - Promotion Comm. Mtg. – Elem. Admin. Office – 5:30 p.m. |
| | - Board Meeting – Elem. Rm. #12 – 7:00 p.m. |
| September 15 | - Jr. High Volleyball vs. Union Gap – Home - 3:30 p.m.(B), 4:30 p.m. (A) |
| | - H.S. Volleyball vs. Prescott @ Prescott – Var. only 6:00 p.m. |
| September 16 | - Jr. High Volleyball vs. Kittitas – Home - 3:30 p.m.(B), 4:30 p.m. (A) |
| September 17 | - Pre-3 & K - 12 th Grade Individual Student Photos |
| | - H.S. Volleyball vs. DeSales – Home – JV 5:00, Var. 6:15 p.m. |
| | - H.S. Football vs. Pomeroy @ Pomeroy – 6:00 p.m. |

2026-2027 School Theme – “Living Sacrifices”

September Theme – Be Transformed

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

Thank you, students (and parents), for your participation in our 4th Annual **SCS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**. This year, we had 47 participants overall in K-8th! All prizes and gift cards were distributed this week. Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winners: PK-2nd: Lucas DeVries (2nd), 3rd - 5th: Lily Loges (4th), 6th-8th: Morgan Leyendekker (7th). KEEP READING SCS!

Safety & Security Reminder: As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, and with an increased security presence at school, please adhere to the visitor check-in process at the elementary school. All visitors are asked to sign in at the front office and wear a visitor badge before entering the hallways or other areas of the elementary school. If you are in the building without a visitor badge, our safety personnel will ask you to return to the office to complete the check-in process and obtain a visitor badge. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for our students and staff.

IMPORTANT BEGINNING of the YEAR PAPERS

The following forms were sent home with your youngest child earlier this week: Milk Order Form, Federal Grant Form, Chrome Book Agreement, school insurance form, etc. Please take the time to complete the forms and return them to school ASAP. If you need additional forms or information, please call the school office at 837-3044.

Promotion Committee - Our purpose is to strengthen and promote SCS within our school system and to the community. If you are interested in helping the promotion committee, please contact Dana at dana.clark@sunnysidechristianschool.org or (509) 837-3044.

Pre-School Classes begin on September 8th

- Our three-year-old classes will begin on Tuesday, September 8
 - First Class = 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 - Second Class = 10:40 a.m.-12:40 p.m.
- Our four-year-old classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9
 - AM Class = 8:30-11:00 a.m.
 - PM Class = 12:30-3:00 p.m.

At this time, we have limited openings in the 10:40 a.m.-12:40 p.m. 3-year-old preschool class and in the afternoon session of 4-year-old preschool. Contact the office (509-837-3044) today for more information and an application!

Our **World's Finest Chocolate Sale** for students in grades 5-8 is underway. We are again selling chocolate almond bars for \$2.00 each, and chocolate covered almonds, chocolate caramels, and chocolate mints for \$5.00 each. Many dollars are raised for our Student Activity Fund through this major fundraiser. **Thanks for your support!**

Bus Routes: Keep in mind that pick-up and drop-off times may still fluctuate in the first few weeks of school. **Please be patient with our staff and bus drivers as we navigate through these routes. If you are in the neighborhood, please stop by school and pick-up or drop-off your child(ren). If we all work together the buses will save time, miles, and fuel.**

After school student Bus/pickup changes: If you have an end of the day change in plan for your child, please email your child's teacher (firstname.lastname@sunnysidechristianschool.org) or text the teacher, if they have provided a cell number, to indicate your change. If it is a last minute change, please make sure to call the elementary office at 509-837-3044.

Preschool-8th STUDENT DROP-OFF GUIDELINES: In order to help prevent student/traffic congestion, we are continuing the plan established for students as they arrive at school in the mornings:

- The north parking lot is for **BUS USE ONLY** from 8:00-8:30. Students who ride the bus to school will be using the front entry for admittance into the school building.
- Students who are dropped off at school by parents or others will use the east parking lot and will be entering the building through the courtyard.
- For drop off and pick up enter off of N. 9th Street and exit onto North Avenue only.
- 3-Year-Old Preschool: For the 2nd class beginning at 10:40 a.m., please arrive at the east gate by 10:30 a.m. to walk to class with Mrs. Hughes. You may also enter through the front entrance, where a staff member will let you in.
- 4-Year-Old Preschool: For the 12:30 p.m. afternoon session, please enter through the front entrance. A staff member will open the door for you. The preschool room will open at 12:20 p.m.

Hot Lunch Orders

- Lunches that can be ordered are Tuesday & Friday Pizza, Wednesday hot dog, nachos, &/or Nugget, Senior Lunch (High Schoolers ONLY).
- Parents prepay for hot lunch orders through the financial tab in the FACTS parent portal. Lunches will be deducted from that account daily. **For online orders, Please add money to your prepaid account prior to Tuesday, September 8.**
- If you prefer cash payment for lunches, send the cash with your child and they can place a cash order with their teacher (elementary students) or with Mrs. Driesen (high school students).
- Elementary teachers go over online orders with students. If a student thinks they should have an order placed online but it is not listed, the teacher can place the order for them if the parent approves.
- Online lunch orders are open for a week at a time. Your prior placed order does not recur. You must place your order each day or for the week.
- If you placed an order for your student and the student does not attend school that day, please remove the order online or call the elementary/high school office so the order can be removed.
- Online orders **MUST** be placed by **8:30 a.m.**

Sports physicals are required for all 6th graders, junior high, and senior high students (grades 6-12) participating in interscholastic activities. You must have your physical form turned in before you can participate in practice. Jr. High students- turn your completed physical forms into the office. High School students- turn your completed physical forms into your coach or the high school office. **Please take care of getting a physical now. NOTE- WIAA rules make your sports physical good for TWO YEARS.**

Newsletters: A weekly school newsletter goes home with the youngest student in each family on Thursdays. We also send an e-mail version of this newsletter to families who requested correspondence in enrollment. If you have a family member/friend who would like to stay informed of current school happenings and information, we would be happy to add them to our e-mail list. Simply call the elementary office and provide us with their e-mail address.

Please submit school activity information to be included in the newsletter no later than Wednesday morning prior to the Thursday publication. Call 509-837-3044 or email the information to sheryl.duim@sunnysidechristianschool.org.

STUDENT PICTURES: Individual student pictures will be taken for all students on Thursday, September 17, 3 year old Preschool and Kindergarten thru 12th grade. Student retakes and photos for 4 year old preschoolers will be taken on Friday, October 16.

Elementary School Store: There are several lunch items and snacks available for purchase at the school store, including but not limited to burritos, pizza pockets, and corn dogs. The school store takes cash only. A price list was sent home with students last week. The school store is now open!

Bell Times

Kindergarten through 8th Grades, please note the following bell times. The first bell rings at 8:30 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 8:33 a.m. Please plan your morning accordingly. If your children do not ride the bus, please drop them off between 8:15-8:25 a.m. Please have your students here early enough so they have time to get organized and in their classrooms BEFORE the tardy bell. Dismissal time is 3:06 p.m.

High School - 9th-12th Grades, please note the following bell times. The first bell rings at 8:22 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 8:25 a.m.! You are required to sign in/out in the office anytime you arrive late or leave during the school day. If you arrive after school has started for Periods One (1) and Six (6), you will need an admittance slip from Mrs. Driesen to be admitted to class. If you need to leave in the middle of class, visit Mrs. Driesen BEFOREHAND with your note and get an excuse slip to leave. Dismissal time is 3:15 p.m.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS: We ask that you please review the following school policies. These policies are enforced for the safety of our students and to reduce the number of interruptions in the classrooms.

1. Please keep the front parking area open before and after school for the bus fleet.
2. **Please do not drop students off at the elementary campus before 8:00 a.m.** Teachers are in meetings or are getting ready for the school day until that time.
3. Please use the front main entrance during the school day, 8:33 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
4. If you drop off your student after the tardy bell (8:33 a.m.) or pick students up during the school day **STOP AT THE OFFICE TO SIGN THEM IN/OUT. PLEASE DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM.** It is less disruptive for the classes to have students brought to the classroom or called out by the office.
5. **If your child's plans after school are different than usual, PLEASE SEND A NOTE WITH YOUR CHILD(REN)!** Students will be put on their regular bus unless we have a note giving different instructions. It is NOT enough for a student to say, "I think Mom is coming."
6. After school plans should be made before students leave home in the morning. Don't call with new plans/instructions unless absolutely necessary. Not only is it disruptive to the classroom to give messages, but also it is often difficult to connect with students at the end of the day. We understand when emergencies arise, but please do not make it a habit.
7. Students will not be allowed to call home to make a change in after school plans unless absolutely necessary. If they want to stay to watch a sports activity or make plans to go home with someone else, those plans need to be made before they get to school.
8. **If you pick up your children after school, please take all of them. Do not send some on the bus if you are here anyway. This saves the bus route time, miles, and fuel.**

The SCHS Cheer Squad is selling Mums!! The Tri-colored (a combination of yellow, pink & orange) mums come in a 12-inch container. Each pot sells for \$25.00. Delivery date is around mid to late September! Pick up will be at the high school. You may purchase mums through a current Cheerleader, or you may purchase from Coach Kerri through email or text. SCHScheergroup@gmail.com or 509-830-4050. Please see the digitally attached flyer.



School Directory - We will be printing our school directory soon. Parents, please check the information in the FACTS parent portal for accuracy of information. You can access your information in the Family Portal via online and by logging into the Parent Portal through the App. If you **do not** wish for some or all of your contact information to be available to school families or if you have a change of address/phone number, please contact the elementary office. The directory will be available in published form.

FACTS Parent Portal: Did you know there is information accessible on your FACTS parent portal? There are also multiple ways to access that information. You can log on through www.factsmgt.com at "Log In Here" on the top of the screen. Under "For Families" click on "Family Portal Login". Enter the district code, scss-wa, and your username and password. Once you're in your parent portal under "School" you can access the calendar, student classes, and in Resource Documents you can find the weekly newsletter and sports schedules. Under "Student", your students' grades, homework, report card, attendance, etc. can be seen. This is also where you would place your child's lunch order. Under "Family" you can see the family information, preferences, and you are able to enter your service hours in this section. Service hours for 5th-8th grade students can also be entered here however, high school students need to fill out a paper form to turn into the high school office. Under "Financial" you can see your tuition balances and your family prepaid lunch accounts. This is also where you will add money to your prepaid lunch account.

All this information can also be accessed through the school's app. Upload the app by searching for Sunnyside Christian School WA.

AAU Basketball Starts Soon!

Parents of 1st–8th grade boys and 2nd–8th grade girls, we're excited to share that AAU basketball is gearing up for another great season. Practices will begin the week of **September 28**, and Saturday games (six total for the Fall session) will start on **October 17**.

If your child is already committed to a Fall sport that conflicts with AAU, they are welcome to join the **Winter session** beginning in January. If that applies to your family, please email Christine to let her know.

To prepare, we need to register players, teams, and coaches soon. **Please respond no later than Friday, September 12**. If your child is interested in playing—or if you're interested in coaching—please visit the “General Information” and “Registration” tabs in the Google doc:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DZqJ7CW--yRcTK-JHg7WNT8AtBG9h5SFVpfd_u6VkQA/edit?usp=sharing

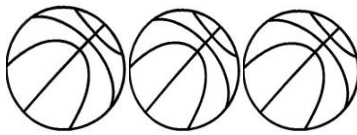
(Accessing the link through the newsletter email or the SCS app will be easiest.)

You **do not** need to purchase an AAU card until teams have been finalized.

If you have any questions, call or text Christine at **509-638-3223** or email **aau.sunnysidechristian@gmail.com**. Once we have a full list of interested players and coaches, we'll determine which teams can be formed and move forward with registration.

Costs:

- AAU card: \$22
- Player registration: \$40
- Jersey: \$35/Shorts: \$15



SCHS Home Volleyball Games will be broadcast on our YouTube channel.
The link is... <https://bit.ly/3BvCHWs>



Thrift Shop News

Would you like your student to get his/her service hours completed? High school students may complete service hours without parental supervision. Grade school children must have a parent or guardian with them in order to work a shift at SC Thrift Shop. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child/children to serve our community.

We currently have loads of laundry ready for pick up; this is a great way to get your service hours done from the comfort of your own home. One basket of laundry equals one service hour.