



Sanborn Christian School Homenote

August 28, 2025

Dear Parents,

Another year is underway!! There is a wonderful excitement in the halls of Sanborn Christian School. The beginning of the year is busy as we all adjust to the schedules again but very enjoyable as well.

- We welcome some new families to our school this year – Erik Chaidez & Ana Laura Goytia who have a daughter, Sofia, in preschool, as well as Alex & Andrea Winslow who have three sons, Oliver in 5th grade, Charles in 1st grade, Ian in Preschool, and a daughter, Adaline, who is in 4th grade.
- We welcome you all and pray for God's blessing on your families as you partner with SCS!

New Staff Members: We are also excited to announce some new faculty members to SCS this year! Avril Baccam has joined us as the 2nd grade teacher, Ashley Huizenga as the 3rd grade teacher, and Laura Hoftyzer as the assistant bookkeeper! Please make time to welcome them to our SCS family if you haven't had the opportunity to do that yet.

JMC: We encourage parents to continue to log in to JMC throughout the 2025-2026 school year to stay up to date with your student's progress. Parents who have students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to set missing work and/or grade alerts for their students, if that would be a potential concern for you. If you have any questions about JMC or need help with your login, please contact the office.

Summer Reading Slips: Summer Reading Slips were due yesterday August 27. Thank you for encouraging and promoting reading in your homes during the summer months!! It will take some time to get the rewards of books, bookmarks, and candy to arrive. We generally aim to hand these out in mid-October around our 1st Reading Week.

Junior High "Back to School Note" signature pages are expected to be signed and returned by tomorrow: Friday, August 29 for students in Grades 5-8.

ESAs - The current step that is needed is for families to log into your ESA Odyssey account and accept the tuition amount. If you have not completed this step, please consider doing so soon. Last year there was an eventual deadline set by the State to accept the tuition amounts, and if not accepted by that date, the ESA funds eventually became unavailable. The assumption is that will be the case again this year.

Hot Lunch Participation Reminder: At registration in July, parents signed a hot lunch agreement that indicated whether or not your child would participate in hot lunch this school year. Please remember that hot lunch is a "semester by semester decision" and students are technically "not allowed to switch back and forth daily, weekly, or monthly". For cold lunch students, there are some potential exceptions (like the Thanksgiving Meal) where they could have the choice to have hot lunch for the day, but again, those opportunities are the exceptions not the norm.

Parents: If you would like a non-aspirin pain reliever available for your child at school, please label it with your child's/children's name and bring it to the office. Thank you.

Local Speech Interscholastics: We are scheduled to have our local speech night for grades 6–8 on October 14, 2025! The area speech night is scheduled to be at RVCS on October 20.

- We are looking for parent volunteers to work with 3–4 students as they prepare for Interscholastics Night. This commitment requires about one hour per week for six weeks,

beginning the week of September 8. You may choose the day and time that best fits your schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Steph Kuperus.

All-School Chapel: Our next All-School Chapel is scheduled for Thursday, September 11!

Missing Registration Forms: The office is still missing some registration forms from families. A note will be sent home with your student in the near future, if you are missing any forms. **Please return those forms to the office as soon as possible.** Thank You!

School Bell Mailings: If you wish to have grandparents and/or other family members receive the School Bell, please fill out the form that was sent home to families earlier this week and return it to the office by September 10. Even if your grandparent already receives a mailing, please fill out the form again so that we can update our list.

- ****We have added the option to receive the School Bell via. email. If you think any grandparents would be interested in this, please include their email on this form. This would mean they would NOT receive this via mail. If there is enough interest, the plan would be to send it out via email every month. Thanks!**

Silage Piles - it may seem like it is too early to talk about these, but we are planning on covering some piles again this fall. Please make yourself available to help at these piles as we anticipate needing groups of 40-60 people per pile. We will be sending out more information about these dates as we receive them. Remember that there is not a lot of advanced warning for covering these piles, so we really do appreciate your flexibility.

- ***The funds that SCS receives for covering these piles goes directly towards reducing the overall cost of education at SCS for your children. The parental "out of pocket" tuition expense is reduced because of these piles, therefore your participation at as many piles as possible would be appropriate. Please plan on participating.***

A reminder to the parents and students of the dress code for SCS. Students should strive to present a positive appearance at all times. Shorts may be worn, but should be longer length shorts. No biking shorts. All slogans, products, etc. on clothing must not be offensive to Christian good taste. No bare midriffs are allowed. Any student who does not dress appropriately may be sent home or parents called to bring alternative attire, at the discretion of the staff. Please refer to the parent handbook that is available on the SCS website. If you wish to have a paper copy of the handbook, please ask at the front office.

Athletic Physicals: All students in grades 5-8 need an athletic physical for participation in sports for the 2025-2026 season. If your child has had a physical please bring it to the school office or if you need a copy of the physical form please contact the school or it may be obtained from your doctor.

Harvest Sale: The Harvest Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, November 1** and will be right around the corner. If you wish to donate to this, please bring your donation to the school! Donations are greatly appreciated. Be sure to join us for a day of "FUN"draising for our school!

Harvest Sale Class Baskets: Each class will again be putting together something for the Harvest Sale. However, we are trying something different this year! Each class will be given the option of donating an "experience" OR a "larger item". We are also pairing classes together this year in hopes of it broadening the options to purchase a bit. Here is how classes will be paired:

- PK/K
- 1st/2nd
- 3rd/4th
- 5th/6th
- 7th
- 8th

Don't be afraid to ask the students opinions on what they'd like to donate! This is such a fun way to get the kids involved in the sale!! As always, we will let you know what has been decided upon by each class! Thank you in advance for your help!

Thank You:

...to **everyone who came out to help during the school cleaning nights**. Your help was greatly appreciated!

...to **Board members** who put together the new classroom furniture, and got the final touches on the new soccer goals!

...to **all who supported Sanborn Christian's Annual Golf Tournament!**

...to **all who organized and supported the annual 5k Run** during Railroad Days!

...to **all who were part of the SCS float** in the Railroad Days parade!!

...to **Sanborn Chiropractic** for keeping the Cash & Carry SCRIP for the summer!

...to **Vander Haag's Inc.** for their work on our buses once again!

...to **Sybesma Graphics** and their time and work on, and the design of the upcoming SCS theme shirt for 25.26!

...to **Ken Reitsma, Bob Oldenkamp / Ethan Spronk, Brent Koldenhoven, and other crews** for their work in the renovation work that was completed this summer in the rooms east of the ramp!

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU:

Monday: No School - Labor Day

Tuesday: Crispito, Spanish Rice, Pepper Strips, Peaches

Wednesday: Lasagna, Breadstick, Green Beans, Grapes

Thursday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Potato Wedges, Tropical Fruit

Friday: Bacon Cheeseburger Casserole, Dinner Roll, Peas, Oranges

Scrip News:

Scrip will be ready for pick up after 9 am on Friday, Aug 29

and going home with students!

No order: Sept 1

Next order: Sept 8

Scrip Order Dates: (Dates may change, watch email.)

- September 8, 15, 22 (**No order Sept 1 & 29**)
- October 6, 13, 20, 27

- November 3, 10, 17 **(No order Nov 24)**
- December 1, 8, 15 **(No order Dec 23 & 30)**

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE! PLEASE WATCH E-MAIL & FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES!

Bonuses

McDonald's- 6% (3%)

Fanatics- 17% (7%) Online- 12% (5%)

Check out RaiseRight app or RaiseRight.com for a complete listing!

Don't forget the ship to home option that is available for some gift cards!

Reminder: Online orders must be **submitted** by **12pm** on **Monday's**, and **payment** must be dropped off by **9am** on **Tuesday!**

Reminder: Please double check your orders as soon as you receive them to make sure everything is correct. If you find an error with your order, please notify Heather Bakker immediately so I can do my best to get it corrected for you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1	No School - Labor Day
September 4	6th Grade Outdoor Classroom - busing is provided
September 4	VB Practice
September 4	Auxiliary Meeting @ 7pm
September 5	VB Practice
September 5	Jill VW Birthday!
September 8	VB Practice
September 9	VB @ home vs. Sheldon @ 4:00pm
September 10	Arlen H Birthday!
September 11	VB Practice
September 15	VB Practice
September 16	VB Practice
September 17	Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm
September 18	VB @ HPRCS @ 4:00pm
September 22	VB Practice
September 23	VB @ home vs. Ireton @ 4:00pm
September 24	Ashley H Birthday!
September 24	Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm
September 25	7th VB @ Inwood @ 4:00pm - team dismisses @ 2:50
September 29	VB Practice
September 30	Laura H Birthday!
September 30	VB @ Hull @ 4:00pm - team dismisses @ 3:10
October 1	VB Practice
October 2,3	Heartland Teacher Convention - No School
October 6	VB Practice
October 7	VB @ Sheldon @ 4:00pm - team dismisses @ 3:25
October 11	Steph K Birthday!
October 13	VB @ home vs. RVCS @ 4:00pm

October 13-17	Reading Week #1
October 14	VB Practice
October 15	Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm
October 16	VB Practice
October 20	VB Practice
October 21	VB @ Home vs. OCCS @ 4:00pm
October 23	VB Practice
October 24	Work-a-thon
October 24	End of Q1 - Dismiss @ 2:00pm
October 25	VB Tournament @ TBD
October 29	Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm
October 31	Work-a-thon Rain Date
November 1	Harvest Sale

Sincerely,

Anthony Minderhoud, Administrator

2025-2026 Auxiliary Fundraisers

Harvest Sale Meal

Chair: Heather Bakker

Co-Chair: Emily Spronk

Jaime Carlson

Susan Hofman

Glaussia Hubers

5K/1 Mile Fun Run

Chair: Courtney Espey

Co-Chair: Maria Vander Velde

Renee Alons

Megan Babb

Shelby Irmiter

Wendi Minderhoud
Nikki Van Beek
Jill Vander Werff
Rachel Wilcinot
Patricia Rivas Aguilera

Glenda Krikke
Lindsey Koldenhoven
Steph Kuperus
Ashley Sybems

Golf/Steak Supper

Chair: Staci Hicks

Co-Chair: Kari Van Beek

Jade Gonnerman
Sara Schiling
Shannon Rydberg
Suzanne Ten Kley
Stacie Vellema

Eileen's Cookies/Tiefenthaler

Chair: Kelsey Covey

Co-Chair: Carrie De Groot

Renae Hartog
Brandi Wright
Emily Pearce
Jessica Schreurs

Work-a-thon

Chair: Leah Douma

Co-Chair: Lisa Van Beek

Kari Boone
Sara Hofman
Jen Prins
Holly Rozenboom
Tonja Hoogers
Nikki Sybesma
Larissa Van Dyke
Briana Visser
Andrea Winslow
Patricia Van Ess

Pancake Supper

Chair: Lori De Groot

Co-Chair: Jordan Van Ess

Salewska Alegria
Paige De Kok
Bren Miedema
Amber Stange
Amber Vande Weerd