

SCS Newsletter



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Sully Christian School



"The Sully Christian School, together with the Christian parents and Society, will provide a quality education that is based on the Word of God. We will equip our children, through God's grace, to be active members of God's Kingdom."

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Years

From the Desk of Mrs. Hackert.....

November is a time of reflection as we prepare for Thanksgiving Day. As I began to think about a specific topic for this month's article, my mind kept thinking about events here at school and in my personal life that are on my Thanksgiving **thank you** list.

I do not know how to communicate an adequate "**Thank You**" to so many people who worked as a team to prepare for the Site Visit on November 17 and 18, other than to simply say "**thank you**" to EVERYONE for EVERYTHING! God guided us every step of the way, and all glory is His!

God blessed my life in a personal way this month of November by granting me the privilege of celebrating the 90th birthday of my mother. She continues to be my prayer warrior, and has shown me in so many ways the meaning of Paul's words in Philippians 4:11, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." **Thank you**, God, for the special gift of Christian parents.

Our table in the lobby is filled with food donations for the Jasper County Food Pantry. Several food boxes will be prepared for needy families and our gifts will be welcomed to help with this project. **Thank you** for helping our students with our school's service project. It was fun to watch them empty their bags in the morning when they came to school.

Thank you, parents, for your attendance at conferences. It's nice to talk face-to-face and share information about your child. Your commitment to Christian education blesses our school community and is a priceless gift for your children.

Our students gathered together during chapel on Veteran's Day to say **thank you** to the men and women who have served and are serving in the military. In our country and throughout the world, they are protecting our freedoms, one of which is the privilege of praying with our students and teaching all subjects based on the Word of God. We must continue to be diligent and stay on course as we follow His direction.

Our students and staff will say **thank you** to our pastors on November 24 during chapel beginning at 11:15. Following chapel our students will eat lunch with their pastor. We know our pastors are praying for us, and it is our prayer that God will strengthen them each day as they fulfill God's calling in our communities.

From Sully Christian School, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving Day.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

3rd/4th Grades Share God's Love

Sharing God's Gift of Language

by Mrs. Hoogveen

This year, at Sully Christian School, one of our classroom goals is to use God's gift of language to write letters to others. The students collected names and addresses of people who they thought would enjoy receiving letters from them and also appreciate prayers. The third and fourth graders are hoping to brighten the day of anyone who receives a letter. We try to write as often as we can, but we have all of our normal school activities that come first, so we are just giving it our best try!

This is how the students feel about our letter writing project:

We like making people happy with our letters. We have received a few letters from the people we write to and that makes us happy. We are thankful for God's gift of language. We like to write to people who are lonely, sick, and injured. Happy Holidays!!

Erica Van Soelen, Rylan James, and Daniel Keen

We feel good because we help people feel less lonely and feel better. We hope that people learn more about God in our letters. We feel good because our letters show our feelings, what we like to do, and also show our kindness to others.

Brenden Six, Christine Nikkel, Benjamin Vander Molen

We feel excited because we cheer up people who are sick, injured, or lonely. We hope we bring a smile to those we write to. We love when they write back to us. It feels like they are our pen pals. We feel good inside when we make them happy. We hope they will not worry because we know that our Savior, Jesus Christ is watching over them and taking care of them. Happy Holidays!

Sydney Truong, Hannah Van Sant, and Raeann Fopma

We think that it is fun to write to people who are sick, who have lost loved ones, who are hurt, who are pregnant, who are in the military, who are fighting cancer, and who have just gotten married. We like making people happy when they are lonely, sad, and depressed. We hope we bring joy to other people's lives. Happy Holidays!

Sharlee Fopma, Sophie Howerzyl, and Caleb Barnett

Fire Prevention Posters

Each year area fire departments choose fire prevention posters from our 3rd, 4th & 5th grades to go on and be judged at the state level. Area firefighters/EMTs pictured are Jason Thompson representing Searsboro, Mark Van Wyk representing Lynnville and Mike Vander Molen representing Sully.



Third grade poster winners are Sydney Truong, Caleb Barnett and Ben Vander Molen.



Fourth grade poster winners are Christine Nikkel, Erica Van Soelen and Raeann Fopma.



Fifth grade poster winners are Graham Howerzyl, Natalie Vos and Cheyenne Nikkel.

FUNDRAISING FOCUS

An enormous Thank You goes out to all the volunteers that dedicated their time and hands to our Dutch Letter fundraiser. Almost 4,000 letters were made and over \$11,400 was raised! We are truly BLESSED with wonderful community support! Special recognition also goes to the members of the committees who did an incredible job of organizing and implementing the overwhelming success of this fundraiser! Thank You!

Haulin' in Christmas is just around the Corner on Saturday, December 5th.

Please contact Julie Van Wyk (Ivanwyk@netins.net) if you would be willing to prepare food, donate money or ground beef for the meal. We are also looking for willing hands to help serve the meal.

2 BIG "SAVE THE DATES":

The annual Hostess Supper will be on Saturday, January 30, 2010!

We have been blessed to find a wonderful Christian speaker and recording/concert artist to entertain us for the evening: Karyn Brinkmeyer. So mark your calendar for a night of praise to our Lord and thankfulness for our wonderful school. For more information please contact Shawna Fopma, Candice Vos, or Karen Frischmeyer.

Also..... mark your calendars for a wonderful night of fellowship! Food and Fun Night has been set for Saturday, March 6, 2010. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters!

Thank you for your continued support!
The Fundraising Committee

Jr. High News

The SCS Jr. High students have made it through two athletic seasons already in this short school year and have begun another. The 7th grade girls, along with some of the girls from Peoria Christian, had an excellent volleyball season. During the month of September they played on eight different dates, playing in sixteen matches. Their match record was 14-2.

While the girls were playing volleyball, some of our boys in 7th and 8th grades were playing football in Pella with the other area Christian Schools. This year the Jr. High boys played in their first ever football games. There were two teams 7th and 8th, of which each gained one win out of four. With the change of the month to October our soccer season began. Again our students proved worthy to the task. We had a five game season ending with a record of 3-1-1. Now that we have moved into November our basketball season has begun. We as a school ask for your continued prayers for safety with the travel that takes place in our athletic season. We are always in need of help when it comes to basketball games. If you are willing to help by either keeping books or running the clock, please contact Mr. Roose at sroose@sullychristian.org.

Calendar

November 24	Pastor Appreciation Day
	Basketball vs. Oskey (H) 4:00
November 25	2:30 Dismissal
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Break
December 3	Basketball vs. ICA (H) 4:00
December 5	Haulin' in Christmas
December 8	Basketball vs. PC (H) 4:15
December 14	Christmas Program 7 p.m.
December 17	Basketball @ Ankeny Chr. 4:00
December 23	1:30 Dismissal - 2nd quarter ends
December 24-January 4	Christmas break
January 5	Back to school
	Kindergarten starts Tuesdays
January 11	Basketball vs. Ankeny (H) 4:00
January 12	Basketball vs. Peoria (H) 4:00
January 19	Basketball @ PC 4:15
January 25-29	ITBS Week
January 26	Basketball @ Oskaloosa 4:00
January 28	Basketball vs. ICA (H) 4:00
February 2	Basketball @ Peoria 4:00

November Board Highlights

November 12, 2009

Brenda De Nooy was present to review several policies before the State Site Visit on November 17 and 18. These policies were discussed and the board voted to update them as presented.

Treasurers' Reports

-Motion made and approved to take a freewill offering for the music department at future music programs.

President's Report

-All board members were encouraged to attend a District V workshop for board members at Pella Christian Grade School on November 19. Each school board is asked to give a brief presentation for their school at this workshop and Randy asked for some suggestions for the presentation he is preparing.

-Karen Frischmeyer has offered to write some grant applications to some large corporations and the board discussed ideas for what that money would potentially be used for.

-Discussed some ideas for using the funds raised at the annual Hostess Supper which is scheduled for January 30, 2010.

-Food & Fun Night is scheduled for March 6, 2010.

Building & Grounds Committee

-Will be replacing damaged ceiling tiles in the lower hallway before the site visit.

Administrator's Report

-We've been very busy with final site visit preparations.

-8th grade students will visit PCHS on Tuesday, November 24 until noon.

-Reported on the District V inservice that was held in Newton on November 6.

SCS Wishlist

Some ideas for those who may wish to gift our school in specific ways:

1. \$ to purchase chair/desk slippers - cost: \$1.00 each
2. ELMO Visual Presenters - cost: \$600-\$700 each (These are units that sit on a teacher's desk and can project any page from a book onto the wall for students to see.)
3. Defibrillator - cost: \$2,500 - \$3,000
4. A TV to be used on a cart for viewing DVDs (doesn't have to be digital)
5. 1st and 2nd grade level chapter books for the library

Mime Troupe Visits SCS



At a special chapel this past Monday morning, Sully Christian students and staff were treated to a moving performance by "Visual Truth Mime Troupe", a mime group from Kansas. This very talented group of young people, ranging in age from 10 to 16, do an outstanding job of using their talents to share the gospel of Jesus through mime, accompanied by sacred songs. We feel very blessed that they were able to take the time to come and share their program with us.

LOG STO

The Legacy of Grace Student Tuition Organization (LOG STO) is once again actively seeking donations. A 65% state tax credit will be given on the first \$332,000 donated. Donation forms can be downloaded from our website or contact the school office at 641-594-4180 to have one mailed to you.

Prayer Warrior's Corner

1. Prayers of thanks that the State Site Visit this past week went very well and the team they sent was great to work with.
2. Prayers of thanks that Mr. Roose's ear surgery went well and appears to have been successful.
3. Pray for continued health for our students.

