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“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

Principal's Corner

On January 16, the SCCS began its second semester of the school year. It is like a new beginning for us. Some of the schedules have changed and the students will begin a new grading period. The school board is working on budget and personnel issues for the next school year. The roads have been dry for the bus drivers and we haven't had any lost classroom hours because of the winter weather. At least not yet! Last year at this time we had three snow days. The eighth graders will be finishing up their last semester at SCCS. Their graduation theme verse is taken from Mark 10:27: *"With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."* 8th grade graduation is scheduled for May 23.

The January theme teaches us that we all have talents that we can use to advance His Kingdom. The Matthew 2:5 parable teaches us that if the talents were gold, the value of what the master entrusted to the stewards would be immensely high – in the millions of dollars. Since the Lord uses only the term “talents” we must make some assumptions. But it seems reasonable to assume that the owner of the talents, the man traveling into a far country, was a wealthy man. He is entrusting his wealth to three men who become stewards of his money.

I believe it is safe to say that our Heavenly Father has also entrusted the gift of Christian education to us. We have been given Christian schools in which the students can learn more about themselves, their neighbors and God's world. It is our responsibility to take care of our schools and to give thanks that our children and grandchildren can be taught in the Light of His Word.

As we begin the second half of this school year, I'm asking that you pray regularly for the SCCS. We all have a big responsibility to be faithful to what He has given us until He returns.

What can you pray for? Here are a few suggestions:

- a. Give thanks for each family who partners with SCCS.
- b. Bless the teachers/staff as they teach the students in the Light of His Word.
- c. Keep the students healthy and empower them to be engaged daily in their education.
- d. SCCS may build a community of love and support where the students feel safe.
- e. Bless the teachers and school board members as they plan for the upcoming school semester and school year.

Please do take the time to pray for the SCCS with your children and grandchildren. Ask them about what is going on in school – promote what is positive about the school and give thanks for Christian education. We cannot take the gift of Christian education for granted.

Proverbs 16:3 says: “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Our Heavenly Father, SCCS commits the upcoming semester to you!

In His Service,
Mr. Dirksen, Principal

FAIR SHARE REPORT

August 1 – January 17, 2011

41.7% of the fiscal year

CHURCH	BUDGET	RECEIVED	PERCENT
First CRC	\$175,986	\$ 77,000	43.8%
Bethel	\$218,013	\$100,756	46.2%
Covenant	\$133,303	\$ 43,464	32.6%
Faith	\$258,069	\$118,300	45.8%
Bridge of Hope	\$ 56,473	\$ 30,606	54.2%
Partner Society	\$ 83,396	\$ 42,242	50.7%

Minutes of the SCCS Board Meeting — January 16, 2012

President Doug Tinklenberg opened with passages from the book of Romans. Eleven members were present.

Committee Reports:

BG&T: Kay Van Veldhuizen is driving the afternoon bus 2000 route. SCCS continues to advertise for more drivers to help with the routes and field trips.

Education: The Professional Development School Program with Dordt College was discussed. Mrs. Van Soelen, Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Van Ravenswaay and Mr. Dirksen will be attending a PDS conference in March.

Finance: Financial papers were found to be in good order. Tuition payments are behind schedule at this point of the fiscal year. NICSTO distributions will be taking place in February.

Promotion: A new school logo is being discussed and approved. Results from the new parent survey were reviewed.

Fair Share Liaison: Contact was made with the Christian Education Committees of supporting churches.

Administrator's Report: Thank you to the School Board and the Guild members for the Appreciation Open House. TK/K Round-Up will be taking place March 12, 13. The SCCS families contributed \$1,963.97 to the Hope Haven Wheelchair project. Teachers/Staff will be participating in the Community Unity Meal on Feb. 9.

School visits: Kris Vander Plaats reported on her visits with Mrs. Riemersma, Mrs. Rozenboom, Mrs. Linda Feekes, Mrs. Friend and Mrs. Stoub.

Judi Van Berkel reported on her visits with Mr. Bowar, Mrs. Bleeker and Mrs. Tietgen.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb. 13, 2012.

Meeting closed with prayer by Grant De Haan.

Medieval Times

By Mrs. Breen, 6th grade teacher

If it is December and you are in the sixth grade at Sioux Center Christian School, there is a pretty good likelihood that you are studying about the Middle Ages in history. The fact is we spend a great deal of time in Medieval Europe. We discover what life was like in castles; what work lords, nobles and knights did; and how peasants and serfs helped around the manors. We also learn about the beginnings of Islam, the Crusades, and how towns and cities sprang up in Europe.

One of the highlights of our study of Feudal Europe is experiencing in a small way what a medieval feast was like. We enjoy this occasion by dressing up as characters from this time period, sitting at tables and eating several courses of food that would have been offered at that time. And we participate in entertainment that the students provide in between courses. Mrs. De Smith so graciously works with a committee that plans the annual event. This year's affair was again a smashing event.



6th graders, in full costume, take on a variety of roles: from lords and ladies and other nobles to knights, jesters, friars, archers, merchants, peasants, and servants. These talented students also help provide the food and the entertainment for the feast!

The Spring Show is Coming!

By Mr. Bowar, drama director

Are you ready for a RADIANT play that will feature some TERRIFIC characters, actors, and actresses? The Sioux Center Christian School Performing Arts Department is proud to announce that junior high students will be presenting *Charlotte's Web* this spring, showing March 16 and 17 in the TePaske Theater! Get ready to experience the children's book as it comes to life on stage with Wilbur, Charlotte, Templeton, Fern, and a cast of characters. We hope the play will also share many life lessons with the actors, actresses, and audience. The story is one of loyalty, sharing that friendship is an important characteristic, even when times get tough. The story is one of love, focusing on how we must look past the outer appearance of people and love them because they were made in God's image. The story is one of encouragement, focusing on the fact that it's OK to be different and not "fit in" with the rest of the crowd. Actually, it's often a great thing to not fit in.

Starting in December, students auditioned for the different parts, with each student auditioning getting a part. Rehearsals have now started, and the students are doing an excellent job of getting their lines memorized and "becoming" their part. Students will also be involved in creating sets, helping with costumes, and running the lights and sound, under the supervision of our talented teachers and staff. We are very thankful for an administration, a school board, and a school community that is supportive of the performing arts at SCCS.

Why do we offer the performing arts at SCCS? Our program focuses on the following philosophy:

- The performing arts provide a great way for students to work together toward a common goal.
- Self-esteem is boosted.
- Students can use their God-given talents in a unique way.
- Students who do not excel in athletics or other extracurricular activities are able to excel in the performing arts.
- Producing a play is a great way to promote our school and the talent we've been blessed with.
- Students practice public speaking skills.
- Performing arts help develop skills students will need not only in school but also eventually in the workforce and their entire life as a disciple of Christ: critical thinking, imagination, concentration, problem solving, creativity, effective communication, and teamwork.
- Students also learn the art of being more tolerant and open to others when they work on plays and musicals together, with the result of building community. There are no "cuts".

Get those calendars marked for March 16 and 17, and please plan on joining us as we watch our actors and actresses weave the tale of *Charlotte's Web*!

CSI:

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Christ's Stories Investigated

The Parable of the Talents...and OUR Talents Too!

In our January chapel, our secret agents were back in action, looking for clues to help all of us understand the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-30. It took all their ingenuity and gadgets, but they uncovered the deep meaning of this parable in ways that all our students were able to understand. They discovered that the Lord has blessed all of us with gifts and talents that we are to use to help build up the Body of Christ, and that He *expects* us to use these talents to serve Him and love others.

Many SCCS students and teachers were able to use the talents with which God has blessed them in this chapel! Students wrote the scripts for the dramas, acted them out, and created visuals and narration to a video. Teachers participated in readings and leading singing, as well as many behind-the-scenes roles as well. Chapel has become a favorite time of the month for many students and teachers, and for many parents and grandparents as well! You are always welcome to attend, and we know you will be blessed.

Top: SCCS students and staff enjoy a time of praise and worship every time we meet for chapel!

Middle: Agent Rylan thinks deeply as he tries to uncover the meaning of the latest clue.

Bottom: Drama team members Brianna Miedema and Taylor Rus put their talents to use as they help us think about putting our faith—and our talents—into action.



The Development Director's Desk — Technology upgrades at SCCS

Rich Koele, Development Director

In November we were blessed to be able to order and install 4 new Smart Boards in the rooms of Mrs. Haan (K), Mrs. Nieuwsma (K), Mrs. Wieringa (1st), and Mrs. Vander Kooi (4th). These boards are being used on a daily basis and are greatly enhancing the education of the students in these classes. This was made possible due to the generosity of the following businesses who each donated enough funds to purchase one complete Smart Board unit (Smart Board, projector and wall mount).

1. Kroese and Kroese, P.C.
2. American State Bank/Ambank Insurance
3. Peoples Bank
4. Friends of SCCS (anonymous)

We are very thankful for these financial gifts! If there is anyone who would like to see a Smart Board being used in a classroom setting, please call Rich Koele at SCCS, 722-0777. I'd be happy to show you around.

We also had a very successful Business Partners Drive this year. These funds will also be used for Smart Board technology here at SCCS...more on that later.