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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
Galatians 5:22

Principal's Corner

Greetings, and welcome to a new school year. It is wonderful to have the students back in school. The once empty classrooms and hallways are now filled with singing, laughing, activities and schoolwork. If you want a real thrill, stop by school and see and hear all of the activities that are taking place. I know that you will leave recommitted to the cause of Christian education.

Since we are at the beginning of a school year, there are many things to share. I thought I would use some of this column space to report on some odds and ends.

1. I want to thank everyone for their financial and prayer support for SCCS. This school is beginning its 105th school year because of the love and commitment that God directs through His people. Thank you to all the volunteers for the many things that you do.
2. The enrollment is currently at 381 students in grades K-8. SCCS is up eight students from the end of last school year. The Kindergarten class has 51 students. We give thanks for all of the 209 families who have partnered with SCCS in educating their children.
3. We have several new personnel at SCCS: Mrs. Kelly Westra, music teacher; Mrs. Lisa Mouw, 4th grade teacher; Mr. Tyler Knobloch, JH teacher; Mrs. Kris Tinklenberg, school nurse. Bradd Nymeyer and Henry Kraayenbrink, bus drivers. Welcome to everyone!
4. New board members: Jodi Hulstein, Lisa Doelman, Kevin Timmer, Grant De Haan.
5. The SCCS had an excellent financial ending last year as we ended in the black on the balance sheet. We thank you for all the financial support given to the school through the fair share program and consistent giving by parents, grandparents and friends of Christian education.
6. The school – wide theme this year is: Fruit of the Spirit.

There are many changes that take place at SCCS during the school year. We can all be thankful to God for His faithfulness to His people from generation to generation. You are welcome to come and visit the school at any time.

In His Service,
Mr. Dirksen, Principal

FAIR SHARE REPORT

August 1 – September 8, 2009

9% of the fiscal year

CHURCH	BUDGET	RECEIVED	PERCENT
First CRC	\$166,188	\$ 0.00	0%
Bethel	\$182,693	\$15,598	9%
Covenant	\$111,551	\$ 9,498	9%
Faith	\$222,533	\$19,000	9%
Bridge of Hope	\$ 36,994	\$ 0.00	0%
Partner Society	\$ 79,110	-\$ 3,995	-5%

Celebrating Years of Service

At the SCCS society meeting in June, we had the privilege of celebrating numerous years of service to our school with the following staff members:

15 years for **Karen DeKoning**

20 years for **Sue Siemonsma, Al Bandstra, and Joanne Soodsma**

25 years for **Harold Vande Keift and Ellen Korver**

30 years for **Helen Kobes**

35 years for **Steve Crull**

We appreciate all that you have done and are continuing to do for our school. Blessings on your new year!



School-Wide Theme: Fruit of the Spirit

Each month we will have a chapel about one or two of the Fruits and how we can live out each one based on Christ's example. We would like to invite parents from different grade levels to be our guests at the chapels.

The schedule is as follows:

Sept 21	K & 1 st grade	Love
Oct 19	2 nd grade	Joy
Nov 16	3 rd grade	Peace
Feb 1	4 th grade	Patience/Kindness
Mar 15	5 th & 6 th	Goodness/Faithfulness
April 19	7 th & 8 th	Gentleness/Self-Control

TRIP Update

Many new and exciting things have been happening with the TRIP program! We were able to pay out over \$50,000 in August for the past six months earnings. New retailers are being added, along with bonus offers for other retailers. It's a growing program that provides so many tuition benefits for school families. Grandparents - you can help out your grandchildren with TRIP! Want to know more about the TRIP program? Call Sandi Vonk at 441-4661 or stop at SCCS any school day between 8am and 1pm.

SCCS Welcomes New Families!

This year, SCCS welcomes 17 new kindergarten families to our school. They are: Aaron and Nicole Baart, Michael and Gina De Boer, John and Tiffany Heavner, Jason and Tami Koelewyn, Mike and Shawn Meyers, Nathan and Tammy Nieuwsma, Tim and Marlys Obbink, Ryan and Tiffany Postma, Josh and Natalie Sandbulte, Norm and Candi Te Krony, Jeremy and Jaci Van Den Berg, Matt and Ang Van Essen, Chris and Heidi Van Ginkel, Matt and Karen Van Schouwen, Kyle and Tricia Van Vugt, Shannon and Anita Van Wyk, David and Cresta Zwart.

SCCS also welcomes the following families who are new to the school:

Brandy and Carey Borchers, Gabriel (K), Tye (K), Sierra (3rd), Svanna (3rd), Shianne (5th)
 Ross and Shawn Douma, Erika (8th)
 Dwight and Kathleen Van Tol, Jonathan (2nd), Maria (6th)

"Hi! My name is Kelly Westra, and I am the new part-time music teacher here at SCCS. I'll be teaching 2nd and 3rd grade music, as well as the 5/6 and 7/8 choirs. This is the fourth school that I've taught at, and I have taught everything from second grade to high school choir.

I have a beautiful family and we live in Hull, where my husband's family is from. My husband Joel is a CPA in Sheldon and we have a four-month-old son, Colton. We enjoy hiking and being outdoors together. I grew up in South Holland, IL (near Chicago) so I have been enjoying spending the past few years in peaceful Iowa. In my free time (Colton's naptime) I like to read, scrapbook, bake and walk. As I start a new year, I am looking forward to sharing God's gift of music.



Mr. Tyler Knobloch



Mrs. Kris Tinklenberg



Mrs. Lisa Mouw



Mrs. Kelly Westra

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My name is Kris Tinklenberg and I am the school nurse here at SCCS. I grew up in Ripon CA and graduated from Ripon Christian High School. The city right next door had a community college with a nursing program. I actually started off with an education major but switched to a nursing degree after one year of classes. I met my husband Doug Tinklenberg soon after and we were married the same summer I graduated, 1991. Working with children has always been my passion and I worked in several CA hospitals, specializing in Pediatrics and Neonatal Intensive Care.

We moved to Sioux Center in 2000 and I have worked very part time in our local hospital since then. This new position at SCCS is a dream come true. To be able to be a nurse working with children in a school setting is wonderful. Our four children are all here this year and peek in from time to time. I have heard from many parents and teachers about different needs our students have and I hope you'll bear with me as I gather all this information and make plans for each individual student. I have had so much fun already getting to know many of them. Please never hesitate to call me with health concerns about your children and I look forward to becoming a bigger part of the team we have here. I am so blessed by this job, and I hope I can be a blessing to our students.

Hi, my name is Lisa Mouw. I am the new part-time 4th grade teacher. My husband, Dan, and I moved back to Sioux Center a year ago from the Des Moines area. Dan is an attorney with Oostra-Bierma-Van Engen Law Firm. We have two kids, Avery (2) and Josh (6 mo.). I am a 2003 graduate of Dordt College and have taught in grades 5-8, grade 1, and preschool. We are thrilled to be a part of the SCCS community and have been warmly welcomed by so many!

My name is Tyler Knobloch. My wife, Melissa (Hulstein), and I live in Sioux Center. I grew up in Lester, IA where I attended West Lyon High School. I chose to attend Northwestern College where I played football and majored in Elementary Education. I recently finished my degree at Northwestern and graduated last May. My spare time is consumed by coaching football at Northwestern (Offensive Line), spending time with my family, and relaxing. My passions are teaching and coaching and those take up a lot of time!

My job here at SCCS is to educate my students in the concepts of science while understanding the purpose behind our creation. I take the opportunity of sharing science through God's Word to my students every day. On top of 7th/8th Grade Science, I teach Bible and language arts, which brings new challenges every day!

I'm very grateful for my position here at SCCS and I'm looking forward to the rest of the year!

IOWA INCOME TAX PAYERS WHO LOVE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

- Pay your Iowa State Income Tax and help Christian education.
- Example: If you contributed \$1,000 to NICSTO you will receive a 65% tax credit or \$650 on your 2009 Iowa income tax. In addition you may claim that \$1,000 as a deduction on your federal income tax. If you are in the 25% tax bracket you could benefit by \$250, so in reality \$900 of your \$1,000 gift will come back to you.
- What does the Educational Opportunities Act mean to NW IA Christian Schools?
 - It means that Christian education is more accessible to many more families. Through donations to NICSTO, many families who have children in Christian schools will receive some tuition help. What a great blessing this will be to families who qualify for tuition assistance.
- Please consider this stewardly way to further help students receive a Christian education.

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