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His Faithfulness Continues

Through All Generations

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The Flyer is a publication of Sheboygan Christian School. The purpose of *The Flyer* is to keep you up to date on everything that is happening in our school and to unify our greater school community.

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GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Dear SCS Community,

Time and time again, God shows us how he can accomplish "the impossible." Our students learn these biblical stories each day, and we talk about God's

faithfulness in the context of all of the "impossible" things that He does. Yet, as life is full of ups and downs, joys and disappointments, we often attribute the blessings to a result of our obedience and the disappointments as a result of the opposite. However, that's not how God works. He is faithful all of the time – through times of drought and want as well in times of abundance and contentment.

God reminds Job of this when he begins to wonder about God's faithfulness. Our God works out his plan from the perspective of eternity. We have to keep in mind our place in it. After much questioning and speculation, Job figured it out and replied to God, "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." (Job 42: 1-3) Because of God's faithfulness, we can rely on God today, tomorrow, and forever.

SCS is in a time of beautiful abundance – in community, in finances, in educational opportunities, in service. These blessings are not because of anything we've done but rather what **Christ** has done in and through SCS. In this issue of *The Flyer*, you will see how God continues to be faithful to SCS and through SCS. As you read through it, we hope you will see how it all points to our faithful Lord. We remind our students of this too and recently sang the following in chapel:

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing,
"All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

Please continue to pray for and support the work at SCS. Have you considered how God is using you to bring about His kingdom work at SCS? Join us in our mission!

Serving a Faithful Lord,

Ann Steenwyk
Head of School



Mission

In partnership with the Christian community, Sheboygan Christian School uses a biblical perspective to integrate academic excellence with Christ-centered learning, preparing students' hearts and minds for service in God's world.



Vision

Sheboygan Christian School will impact the world, both near and far, for Jesus Christ.



Core Values

- Pursues Academic Excellence
- Develops the Christian Mind
- Cultivates Spiritual Growth
- Encourages Biblical Self-Image
- Builds Strong Social Bonds
- Involves the Supporting Community
- Serves the Greater Community





BOARD UPDATE

Psalm 100:5 says, “For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

My name is T.J. Hendrikse, a 3rd generation graduate of SCS and the current President of the SCS Board of Trustees. I have been incredibly blessed to be a part of Sheboygan Christian School as a student, a parent and as a part of the Board, and it amazes me every day to see how God continues to bless Sheboygan Christian School. The past few years have definitely brought challenges with COVID, the building project and bringing all students together at a unified campus. But, through it all, we can definitely see God’s faithfulness.

As a Board of Trustees, one of our more important jobs is to focus on the vision, mission and strategy of Sheboygan Christian School, ensuring the long term health of Sheboygan Christian School. With that responsibility, our board holds annual strategic planning meetings and are

- currently working on the deployment of three major goals:
- SCS will further Christ centered learning by strengthening the spiritual formation of students inwardly, upwardly and outwardly by 2025
 - SCS will put the Board of Trustees in position to be high performing and seamless through transitions by July, 2023
 - SCS will develop a culture and environment of excellence by September, 2025.

It is both amazing and humbling to understand the opportunity that we have at SCS to partner with parents and the Christian community using a Biblical perspective to integrate academic excellence with Christ centered learning, preparing student’s hearts and minds for service in God’s world.

As a board, we continue to seek God’s will for us and we continually pray He would reveal his vision of SCS to us. In the past few years we have seen incredible growth in our school. More than 180 additional students now have access to experience Christain education! It is our goal as a board to make sure this opportunity is around for generations to come.

T.J. Hendrikse
President – SCS Board of Trustees



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—Psalm 100:5



HERE WE
GROW
AGAIN!

John Warmus, Director of Finance & Advancement

“Duty is Ours; Results are God’s” I have been thinking a lot about this quote from John Quincy Adams lately. Like many organizations, SCS has a mission statement (see page 1 of this flyer) and for all of us involved in SCS it is our “duty” to carry out that mission. Over the last several years countless people have put in countless hours and provided unprecedented support for SCS and its mission, in a great act of duty to Christian Education. Hopefully you get at the very least a small window into the amazing results that God has fulfilled. And although I can’t speak for everyone, I am in awe of the Results God has created at SCS.

Our goal is to keep living out our duty to allow room for God’s results. A perfect example of this is our middle school phase of the SCS master plan. When we built the steel building portion of the middle school shell “Phase 2” of our master plan, we were hoping to fill our school to the point that we could revisit this project within the next 7 years.

God did it in 7 months.

We’re now in a position where we need this new middle school pod by the fall of 2022. We’ve already broken ground on this portion of the project and we’re on pace for the completion of a brand new Sheboygan Christian Middle School space for the fall of 2022. Praise the Lord!

Building Hearts *and* Minds

YOUR HELP NEEDED:
While we are on solid financial footing, in order to create this much needed space, we had to take out a loan funding this project. This is where I’m prayerful that the SCS community will step up.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Building Hearts and Minds fund today! You will see much more information on this in the coming weeks and months, but we ask you to be a part of joining us in our duty to Christian education.

Help us get 200 unique community gifts by summer break!

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Enrollment Update



“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

—EPHESIANS 3:20-21

IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN WE ASKED OR IMAGINED!

It’s not an exaggeration to say that, as recently as 6 years ago, SCS enrollment was facing dire straits. With 233 students in a P-12 Christian School, would we even be able to continue the mission of Christian education in Sheboygan County at SCS for generations to come? Would we even exist in 5 years? 2 years? Gulp... next year? Low enrollment challenged our schools’ very existence.

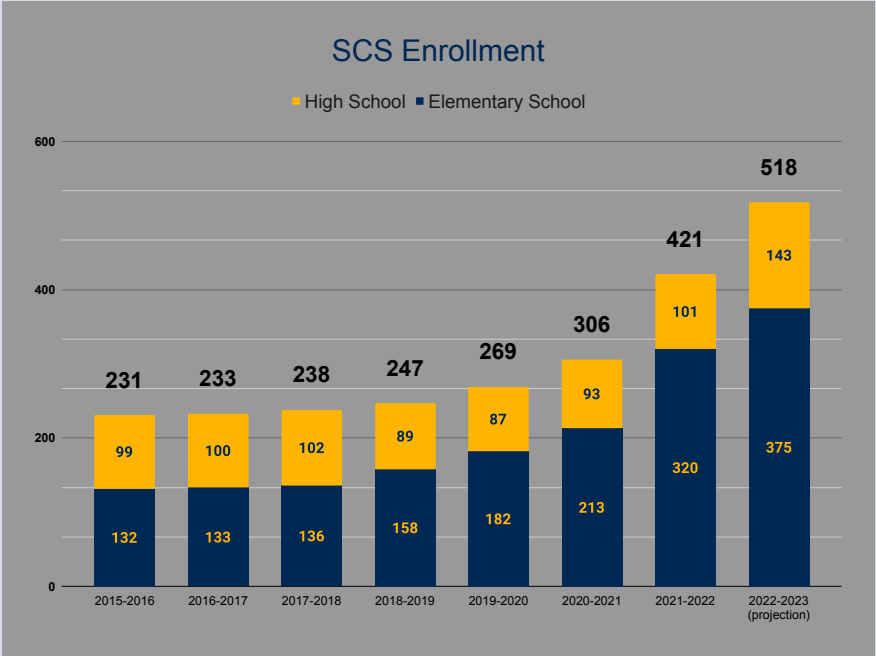
Fast forward 6 years, through the hiring of Ann Steenwyk, our first head of school, the merging of two schools into one

P-12 Christian school system, a 40,000 square foot building project, selling our Geele ave. facility, a global pandemic, tectonic shifts in the educational landscape in America, and the enrollment struggles at SCS are focused on quite a different challenge. Namely: how do we handle all of this growth? As we think about approaching a 500 student school next fall, we’re looking at:

- The biggest P-8 enrollment in school history
- Several grade levels at capacities with waitpools of students looking forward to enrollment once a seat opens up
- The biggest high school enrollment since 2007-2008- the last time we had more than 140 students in the high school.
- The biggest P-12 enrollment in school history

Through the unprecedented enrollment growth at SCS, God has done immeasurably more than we were able to ask or imagine!

Rudi Gesch
Director of Marketing & Enrollment



Managing Growth, Ensuring We’re On Mission

The Board of Trustees has had the unique opportunity to consider how to properly manage this unprecedented growth. This has involved building and grounds master planning, long term strategic planning, considerable attention paid to the hiring process to ensure that our faculty maintains excellent, Christ-centered education.

As we develop our long term enrollment strategy and growth plan, the SCS community can be very excited about the fact that God is blessing us through both our enrollment growth and the Board of Trustees who are ensuring that we are staying on mission.



Special Education News

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Almost four years ago, the SCS Board of Trustees, developed a 5-year plan with several goals listed. The second goal listed in that 5-year plan was the following: “SCS will increase its capacity to serve students who receive special education services.” Behind those words is a belief that SCS can one day be a school for students of all skills, abilities, talents, and gifts. That is a massively bold goal, but if you consider what God has provided for SCS over the past few years, you can understand why the board would choose this as a visionary goal.

Fast forward to today, and we have met or exceeded nearly all of the benchmarks established in that 5-year plan. We have not only applied for and implemented the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP), but we also hired an outstanding and talented special education teacher, Alyssa Pasiewicz, to help lead this initiative. In addition, we have also added several instructional interventionists to help support students and their academic and behavioral needs. This school year is also the first time that SCS has ever hired aides to focus solely on students with disabilities.

Overall, our student support services have expanded rapidly as our enrollment numbers have increased. In fact, while 19 students qualified for the SNSP last year, we had 38 students who qualified for SNSP this year. As the overall numbers continue to rise, so does the breadth of services

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we can offer. We currently have the capacity to meet the needs of students with speech and language disorders as well as mild to moderate academic delays and deficits. What a difference two years makes!

I don’t think anyone could have predicted not only the growth of this program but also the blessing it has been to SCS. God’s faithfulness has been evident to SCS for over 100+ years and the growth and strength of this emerging program has been uniquely positioned to witness this faithfulness.

Bryce DeRoos
Director of Student Services

Athletic Highlights



God continues to be faithful to SCS in so many ways, and we are experiencing those blessings within the 2021-22 athletics seasons as well.

Soccer

Our Boys Soccer team won their second consecutive Big East Conference Championship, and capped off another thrilling season by winning the WIAA Division 4 State Soccer Championship. We are proud of the way that the program represented the Lord, our school, and our community as they worked towards their goal of pursuing excellence on the soccer field. In fact, the team used the word “Represent” as part of their rallying cry, referencing Colossians 3:17 within their team goals. In addition to the on-field success, our team and community were further recognized by the WIAA when we received an Honorable Mention Sportsmanship Award for *“Recognition of the school’s & community’s outstanding sportsmanship at the 2021 Boys Soccer State Tournament.”*



These four words/concepts are the “Transformative Principles” that we are embracing as the pillars of SCS athletics, and they serve as the connection points between the day-to-day “Essential Practices” that the programs are working through, and the big picture school & athletic department mission and vision. The full outline of our CfT “Game Plan” can be seen under the banners on the west wall in the gym.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and Go Eagles!!!

Shane Hansen
Director of Athletics



Coaching for Transformation

Sheboygan Christian School was one of 12 schools nationwide that was invited to take part in a Coaching for Transformation (CfT) pilot program in partnership with Dordt University and CASE (Center for the Advancement of Christian Education) during the 2020-2021 academic year. CfT challenges the principles and practices within Christian school athletics to provide alignment from administrator to athlete so that the deep hope of each school is realized through a transformative experience for athletes, coaches, and the wider community.

After working through the year-one CfT developmental process, SCS has now created, and begun implementing, our own unique “Game Plan” for intentionally, transformatively, and consistently integrating our faith focus in/through our athletics programs. If you have been in the gym lately you have likely noticed the new banners on the west wall. The banners read:

COMPETING | ENCOURAGING | HUMILITY | TRAINING

Introduction to Greg & Team



What a year it has been for Sheboygan Christian School!

The beginning of this school year came with so many changes to SCS. One being the creation of a “Director of Facilities and Safety” position. I am excited to have been chosen for this role and am excited to serve SCS maintaining and improving our facility.

Apart from the obvious construction of our new Elementary pods, we completed some long awaited projects. The Varsity soccer field was recrowned and seeded with games resuming at the end of a State Championship season. (Thank you Kevin Claerbaut and C&G services!) Classrooms and hallways were painted. (Thank you Warmus family!) Also, as part of our construction, the landscape was redone. It now includes new plants, mulch, and a diverse educational selection of trees, spread throughout our site including an 18 tree orchard. (Thank you to Andy and Michele VanStelle and A&M Trees and Jermy Jensma, and Professional Landscape!)



The combining of two facilities came with the addition of a new hot lunch staff. Susan Pulos was hired as our kitchen manager along with Heidi Carpenter to provide a lunch program for our students and staff. Many thanks to Mel and Mary Elgersma who have been the custodial team at Greenfield for many years. With the new addition, the square footage of the facility has doubled and the blessing of increased enrollment has brought the school population up from around 100 in 2020 to 500 in 2022 at Greenfield. To assist in keeping this facility as tidy as possible we hired a full time custodial/grounds member, Scott Hendrikse.

We are encouraged on a daily basis by the students in our halls, their hard work and their love for Christ. We are excited that God had placed us in these roles at SCS and look forward to improving Sheboygan Christian School in the future.

To God be the glory,

Greg Ingelse
Director of Operations &
Student Safety
Sheboygan Christian School



participants in a five day learning experience, allowing them to choose two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, focusing on a variety of topics. These sessions are taught by SCS staff members, community members and alumni.

What courses are offered?

Students were able to choose from 25 different offerings not typically covered in the high school curriculum. The course offerings this year included: Mission Trip to Atlanta, How To Get Hired, Programming Simple Video Games, STEM in the Real World, Sign Language and Deaf Culture, Musical Composition, Biblical Foundations of Worship and Prayer, Faith and Fitness, and more.



Students in Atlanta

What is Discovery Term?

Discovery Term 2022 was a big hit for our high school students at Sheboygan Christian School during the week of January 3-7. Discovery Term engages



Why is Discovery Term important?

As Image Reflectors and Calling Responders, we have reason every day to consider God’s sovereignty in our world and the many different gifts and interests he has given us to explore His world and who He is. Discovery Term provides new opportunities to do just that. The goal of Discovery Term is for each participant to walk away expanding their growth mindset to explore God’s world, preparing them to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”
—Proverbs 2:6

What do the students have to say about it?

The students considered new interests, explored their own gifts and talents, and had fun deviating from normal classroom routines in the process, all from a biblical perspective. See below for their responses when asked, “How did the instructor integrate faith into their class?”

“We learned how we can create new relationships through playing games and how we can teach others about God through the relationships we create through playing games.”

“Our instructor talked a lot about how in order to stay in shape, we need to work out daily and when we start to be less disciplined, we get out of shape. She then compared that to our faith and how we need to really work hard to do devotions and spend time with God to keep our relationships strong.”

Teaching for Transformation

DEAR SCS COMMUNITY,

As you may know, our teachers are embarking on training that focuses on teaching our children how to live faithfully in God’s story. Teaching for Transformation is a framework for integration of biblical worldview using a variety of core practices that encourage our students to engage in the following:

WONDER – Our teachers invite students to see God’s world with wonder and awe, evoking thankfulness and gratitude.

WISDOM – Our teachers invite students to discover wisdom and a deeper understanding of God’s plan and call. Students learn that wisdom comes from knowing and fearing the Lord.

WORK – Our teachers invite students to respond to God’s grace and call to work in the world, with action in love to God and our neighbor (Real People, Real Needs, Real Work).

How do SCS teachers invite, nurture, and empower students to play their part in God’s story?

- In preschool, students are learning about those in need and recently collected coins to raise money for the Sheboygan County Food Bank.
- In first grade, students learned about bringing restoration to problems of poverty by collecting over 1000 pounds of food items for the Salvation Food Pantry.
- In second grade, students are developing relationships with residents in a nursing home, making cards for them, singing for them, and interviewing them about their history.
- In third grade, students learned about different cultures and global poverty in an integrated reading and social studies unit; they raised \$700 to purchase goats, chickens, dairy products, warm blankets/bedding through Samaritan’s Purse to help families facing poverty.



- In fifth grade, students researched the need for extended childcare in Sheboygan County and sent letters to the Sheboygan City Council in support of A Million Dreamz Daycare.
- In sixth grade, math students collected data to help and serve the Sheboygan Humane Society.
- In Health class, students partnered with Anchor of Hope, raised money to support their work, and prayed for the pro-life movement.
- In high school art, students are pairing up with elementary students and using their designs to create stuffed creatures for children in foster care.

Come to SCS to see other examples that line the hallways and classrooms, demonstrating SCS’s work to connect their learning with bringing restoration to God’s world.

In order for this work to truly make a difference, we need to empower every student to practice and express what they are learning. Maybe there is a role you could play in this. How would you like to see our students involved in transformational work in our community, in God’s Kingdom? See me if you’d like to get involved!

Blessings,

Ann Steenwyk
Head of School

“Do not conform 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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 27 @ 7pm

High School Graduation

Monday, June 6 @ 7pm

Association Meeting



Students exploring mosaics in Discovery Term

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