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The Flyer is a quarterly 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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BOARD LEADERSHIP

In late summer 1992, I woke up in Plymouth, WI with a big day ahead of me. Everything was about to change. Everything that I was familiar with was coming to an end. I was leaving my beloved childhood home to go to my first day of school in a new city. This would mark my fourth school in the last four years

of my life. I had just turned 14 and I was starting 8th grade. I didn't know anyone... not one person. Time to feel awkward again, do your best not to show your emotions and hope that someone would welcome you in.

My first day of school was indeed a bit awkward, but everyone was friendly and the teachers seemed to have a good understanding of my situation and feelings. I was looking forward to the end of my first day when I heard the announcement: "Matt Moeller, please come to the office at the end of school." This was about the last thing I wanted to do but I went to the office regardless, only to hear my mom on the phone telling me that they would not be picking me up and that I was to walk home to my new house – a house I had never been in!

I often think about that story as I take the same route, from the same house, to the same school to drop my children off and pick them up. That is amazing. It is funny how you look back at life and see how God had a plan for your life every step of the way, and His plan is perfect. Perfectly planned and perfectly executed by our all knowing and ever loving Heavenly Father. It has been over 25 years since that day took place... 25 years. At the time my only thought was that I didn't want change. I wanted to just stay put, because it was what I knew. However, His thoughts are not our thoughts; neither are His ways our ways.

Over the next few weeks nervousness turned into excitement about going to the Sheboygan Christian Grade School. I felt more at home than I ever did in all my years at the public school. I found myself in an environment where I experienced Christ on a day-to-day basis: a place where I would hear and learn about life through a Biblical perspective. It became a place where my teachers quickly became Christian role models for me to follow after. My world exploded with new Christian friends and families. Mr. V. introduced me to sports! He said come play soccer and stand in front of that net. For the next nine years, I would find myself standing in front of a net playing soccer at a Christian grade school, high school and University.

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

The following year I was in yet another school, Sheboygan Christian High School, meeting new friends, families, and teachers. Our high school had a massive impact on me. Christian High kept me out of trouble and secured me in an environment that hindered worldly temptations. I met some of my best friends in life at high school as well as my wife, Heidi. I was able to further my Christian education, theology and worldview. The effort from the teachers was truly remarkable. The Christian community was unbelievable. While it may not have shown a whole lot at the time, God was working on me through high school. Our school reshaped and redirected my life. It kept God front and center in my daily routine. By the time it came to graduation, it made choosing to go to a Christian college an easy choice.

When I think about what all our school has done for me, I am left with a heart of deep gratitude. My parents felt the call to shift their children's lives into Christian education, and it was the best decision they could've made. Consider the impact that our Christian school has had in the lives of our children and in our community and in this world for the last 120 years. I have been amazed to see first hand what this school has accomplished in just my life, my children, my family and friends, but I know it has accomplished work to the far reaches of this earth. I am encouraged to see how God continues to use this school to make an impact on our world for His glory. Our school is certainly an example of how our Lord is good, and that His love endures forever, that His faithfulness continues through all generations. That should get us all excited about what the future holds for us when our school is held in the hands of the Almighty.

Matt Moeller - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

From the Desk of Ann Steenwyk

Over the last month or so, I've had the opportunity to touch base with a few of our newest alumni, now either college students or at the beginnings of their careers in the workforce, as well as hear from parents about how their first month of being in the "real world" has been.

Whether these alumni are in Christian or non-Christian colleges or work settings, they are challenged with similar difficulties of having to make their own decisions, having to discern what is truth and what is not, and having to rely on everything they've learned from home, church, and school as they choose friends and worshipful practices. When I hear that our students are secure in their identity in Christ, are saying "no" to bad decisions, and standing up to professors or bosses about what they believe in, I'm encouraged. When I hear that they are calling and messaging former teachers to get advice about church and friendships, I'm inspired. These stories exemplify exactly what our school is doing to prepare our students for life after high school. Our school is teaching students what they need to know but also fostering relationships that will support them. As a result, our students are making a big impact, wherever they are!

From the Desk of Justin Zylstra



Dear Families, Friends and Supporters of Sheboygan Christian School,

Since I announced my resignation over a month ago, I have been busy. I have been trying to wrap up as many of the projects I was working on as possible. I have been trying to make the transition from myself to John go as smoothly as possible. I feel confident that I have done just that, and I am excited to watch the school continue to move forward after I am gone.

It finally dawned on me last night that I only have two days left here at SCS. That hit me hard. I started to think about the fact that I won't be coming to the school, and I won't be interacting with the kids and the staff on a daily basis any more. That, for me, will be the single hardest part of this change.

During the past month I had the opportunity to speak one on one with

many of you. Everyone has been so gracious and kind as we have worked through this process. So, on behalf of my family, I want to say thank you.

I want to say thank you to the parents who have entrusted their children to the teachers and staff at SCS during my time here. I hope that in some small way I have impacted your child. Please know that they have truly had an impact on my life. I count each day I spent with them as a blessing.

I want to say thank you to the amazing staff. Thank you for the commitment that you have to our children. I marvel each day at the work you do, and I have been blessed to serve alongside each of you. I urge you to continue in the work of carrying out the mission of SCS. You are doing great work, and our community is better because of each of you.

I want to say thank you to the supporters of our community. You have given freely of your time and resources to allow the staff at SCS to do what they do. Please do not stop. As I said, it is great work, and they need your support. Not only do they need

your financial support, but they need your encouragement and prayers. Please let them know they have them.

I want to say thank you to Ann. You are an amazing leader and friend, and you are just what our school has needed. You have strength, compassion and grace all rolled into one. Thank you for walking beside me through this journey and for teaching me how to be a better leader myself. From now on every time I look to make a decision I will hear your voice saying, "Do we have consensus on this?"

Most importantly, I want to say thank you to our Heavenly Father. He placed me at SCS for a specific purpose and period of time. It was a time of great personal growth, and I pray that my work at SCS had as much impact on the community as this community had on me.

I pray for continued blessings on our community as you continue to move forward.

Justin Zylstra - Former Director of Finance and Development



To our 36 new families: I know it might be hard for you to have the vision about what our work at SCS will look like in your students over time, and especially hard to imagine if your child is in preschool or kindergarten. Have hope! Each year, your child is acquiring the building blocks, both academically and spiritually, to be able to have an impact when they are 18 and beyond. We are teaching them the truth, how to be bold, and how to have confidence in their identity in Christ. We are preparing them to be citizens in the world and ultimately citizens in heaven.

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." - Colossians 3:1-3

Ann Steenwyk - Director of Academics and Instruction

NEW FACES AT SCS

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Anne VanEngen – 1st Grade Instructional Aide

Anne is a certified regular and special education elementary teacher. Anne graduated from University of Northern Iowa and began her teaching career in Kenosha, WI, teaching kindergarten special education. She has also worked at

Oskaloosa Christian School at the elementary and middle school levels. Anne's husband, Josh, is the pastor at Christ Community Church. They have three boys at SCS: Josiah (2nd grade), Isaiah (1st grade), and Elijah (3K). Anne is very involved in the community and enjoys serving in Praise Team, Bible Study, and the 1st Hope community dinners.

What are you most excited for this year? I am excited to experience child like faith. I love seeing their faces when they truly get it. They are bold and have no fear. I am also looking forward to seeing the family of God work together in this school. Big kids giving the little kids high fives, talking to them when they are sad, playing K-5 kickball games. It's a great thing to witness, and I am proud to be a part of such a great Christian school!

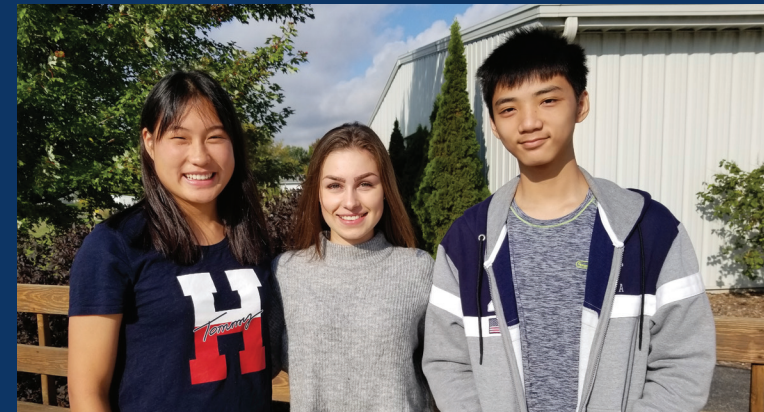


Rebecca Flipse – Marketing & Enrollment Coordinator

Rebecca is a graduate of SCS and SCCHS. She graduated from Trinity Christian College with a degree in Business and minor in Psychology. She spent the past 3.5 years as a Human Resources Specialist with Acuity focusing on recruiting prospective employees

and supporting current employees. Rebecca is married to Zack Flipse, and they have one daughter: Avy Jane (1). She keeps busy spending time with their extended family, attending SCS events, and participating in worship choir and Gems at their church, First Christian Reformed Church Oostburg.

What are you most excited for this year? I am excited to see how God brings parents, students and staff together to bring glory to Him. I have been blessed already by the support, love and encouragement in this community. I can't wait to connect with everyone in their day to day activities and the new social events coming this year.



NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Olivia Lips - 12th grade

Where are you from? St. Gallen, Switzerland

What do you like to do in your free time? I like gymnastics and playing piano. I also love to travel. I have traveled to Spain, Austria, Germany, France, Denmark, Italy, Greece, Bosnia, Croatia, the United States and more.

What would you like to do when you graduate? I wanted to become a Kindergarten teacher, but now I am starting to consider being a middle school teacher instead.

What is your favorite thing about SCS so far? I like experiencing the different culture. Everyone has been friendly, open and helpful! Also, in Switzerland, every class is with the same people. At SCS, I get to be with different students for each class.

Pansiri "Tulip" Khantaveeramongkol – 11th grade

Where are you from? Nonthaburi, Thailand

What do you like to do in your free time? I love talking to people, and meeting new friends. I like playing sports. I am playing volleyball right now, and will be playing basketball and soccer this year.

What would you like to do when you graduate? I would like to go into the marketing and business field. My parents are from a business background. I would like to open my own hotel some day.

What is your favorite thing about SCS so far? Things are different at this school compared to others. People are nicer and I feel comfortable. I feel like I can talk to anyone. I also love the chapels. The Christian songs and lyrics are great!

Yinghao "Francis" Fan – 10th grade

Where are you from? Guangzhou, China

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to play sports and video games with my family.

What would you like to do when you graduate? I would like to go to a university in America and then go back to China. I am undecided on what I want to study.

What is your favorite thing about SCS so far? I really like lunch time and hanging out in the Loft [the high school student lounge]. I also really like Geography with Señor Engels.

Capital Campaign & Steering Committee Update



LEFT: The 2018 Community Picnic was hosted on the future site of the elementary/middle school addition at the high school; **RIGHT:** High school students on the future site, excited to have all students at one location.



ALL SCHOOL PICNIC 400 people were in attendance, a record for the picnic!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community and connection are important to SCS, so we are hosting more community events this year that are not just limited to our school family. We will continue to have regular All School Chapels and the picnic, but this year brings us even more events to look forward to! Stay tuned for more details on our upcoming talent show, bowling party, swim party and movie night this school year.



ONE WALK \$19,000 was raised, a record for the One Walk for Christian Education. We also had 30 more walkers than last year.

FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE!

- November 9** All School Chapel @ Christ Community Church, All School Talent Show @ HS Campus
- January 18** All School Chapel @ Christ Community Church
- January 19** All School Bowling Party @ Lakeshore Lanes
- March 7** All School Swim Party @ Breaker Bay
- March 15** All School Chapel @ Christ Community Church
- May 10** All School Chapel @ Christ Community Church, All School Movie Night @ HS Campus

For more information on these events, please reach out to Rebecca Flipse at Rebecca.flipse@sheboyganchristian.com or 920.458.9981 x328. To view other upcoming school events, see the back cover of this magazine.

Last spring, at our annual association meeting, the Steering Committee recommended to the Board and to the Association of SCS, that we pursue a building project at the Greenfield Avenue location. The estimated cost of this building project is within our established budget. The Board and the Association approved this recommendation.

Things have been somewhat quiet since that meeting, but the Steering Committee continues to work towards our goal: determine the best use of Capital Campaign funding to further Christian Education in Sheboygan County. We have met numerous times with the architect and construction manager regarding the proposed master plan for the project. The goal of these meetings is to establish a master plan that we are confident in and will meet our needs.

Immediately after the association meeting, the Capital Campaign, “Sowing Seeds, Building the Future” was launched. The campaign is currently in its “quiet phase”

where personal conversations and meetings are occurring with donors, and will continue to happen over the next few months. As we continue through this phase of the campaign, we will continue to update you regarding next phases and the progress towards our goals.

The Steering Committee is happy to welcome its newest member John Warmus. John has graciously agreed to fill Justin Zylstra’s vacated position on an interim basis. John will participate in Steering Committee meetings, and will be in charge of the capital campaign on a day to day basis. John’s passion for Christian Education is evident, and his enthusiasm towards the capital campaign is invigorating.

The Steering Committee has felt the guiding hand of God in every decision it has had to make. We have felt momentum, and are very encouraged by the progress of the campaign so far. Please continue to pray for Sheboygan Christian School, the capital campaign, and about your involvement in the campaign. If you have any questions or comments regarding the capital campaign, or the master planning for the building project, please contact John Warmus at 458-9981 or me at 980-0367.

Eric Otte - Chairman of Steering Committee

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From the Desk of Rebecca Flipse:

Marketing & Communications

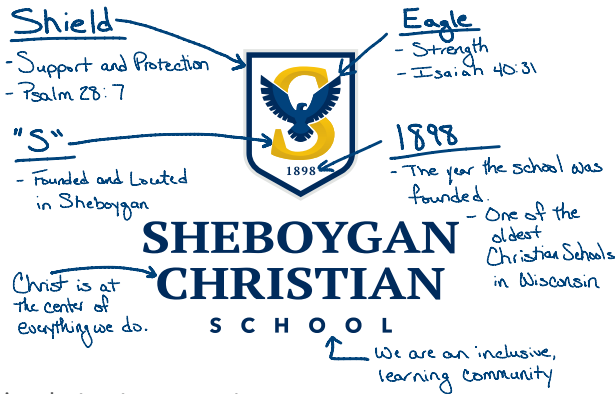


It is hard to believe that I have been in the Marketing & Enrollment Coordinator role for over 3 months already. It has been an exciting journey so far, one that has brought much change and blessing to my life. God continues to open my eyes to the work he is doing at SCS, and I can't help but share it!

Much has happened before and after the first day of school this year. Our administration and community understood it was time we communicate and market our school better, so we embarked on a marketing discovery study with Northstar to rebrand ourselves. God has blessed SCS with focus on academic excellence, Christ centered learning, and service in God's world, but does everyone know this? Does everyone see this? When someone comes up to you and asks you about SCS, is it easy to explain?

On August 21, 2018 we became Sheboygan Christian School. Our mission, vision, and values did not change, but how we communicate did. Our logo changed, and our message was made clearer. See the image above to understand the meaning behind the new logo. We all understand though, that as important as a logo is, by itself it still is not enough to communicate and show who we are.

Scholarship. Discipleship. Citizenship. This is what we live. At Sheboygan Christian, students are encouraged to discover and refine their gifts in all areas. They are given the tools to live their faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus. They learn what it means to be a citizen of heaven, as well as a world-changing citizen on earth.



That is what sets us apart.

I am a big advocate of continuous improvement and self-reflection. This has especially hit home with me since starting at Sheboygan Christian School. In my new role at SCS, it is imperative that I tell others about our school and market to the best of my ability. What is unique and especially motivating to me, is that this isn't merely to increase enrollment and finances, but more importantly, to support our special call to make disciples of all nations.

I encourage everyone: staff, parents, students, supporters, and myself to reflect on our role in this school. Ultimately, we are called to make disciples of all nations. Are we diligently working to encourage, love and support each other? If we see an unfamiliar face or a new family or student, are we reaching out and connecting? Are we welcoming others into this partnership at SCS?

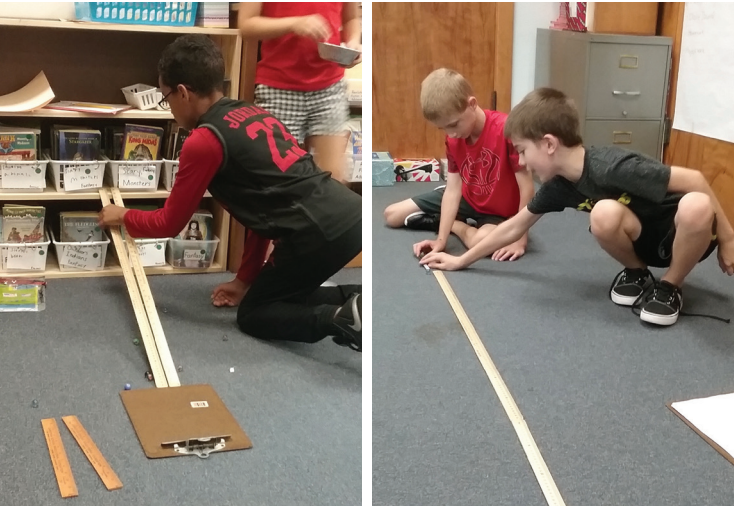
Through my education and now my employment at SCS, I have been encouraged, loved and supported by you. I look forward to what God has in store for us. We continue to covet your prayers as we carry out our vision to impact the world, both near and far, for Jesus Christ.

Rebecca Flipse - Marketing & Enrollment Coordinator



SCHOLARSHIP - SCIENCE CURRICULUM

For the last two years, the Science Curriculum Team has been meeting to establish standards that will be used to redesign the SCS K-12 science curriculum and encourage more inquiry based learning. Composed of Kindergarten, 4th grade, Middle school and High school teachers, the team is also working through how best to integrate a distinctive Christian worldview into the teaching of life science, physical science, earth/space science, and engineering. In addition, the staff has been studying how to integrate modern science practices into their instruction and assessments.



As scientists, the 4th grade students were asked to design their own experiments to try to relate the speed of an object to the energy of an object through collisions. They gathered data to try to support their claims.

Please welcome two of our new families to SCS and hear what they have to say about our school!



"Four weeks have been enough time to see miraculous growth in our child here at SCS. We have been met with such gracious welcome, updates on her progress as a new student, and encouragement as parents ... What a gift it's been to see her open up and become this bright and confident child here at SCS." - Steven, Veronica, Addison (5th) & Isabella Norton



"It's been awesome to experience the love of Christ expressed through staff, students and families at SCS. Our God is faithful and we continue to trust in Him as he works in the lives of our kids and the SCS "family" for his glory." - Andy and Michelle, Joshua (6th), Caleb (3rd), Bethany (K) & Drew Kautzer

The work has already resulted in significant changes to the SCS science curriculum and instruction. High school sophomores take a required Chemistry/Physics course. Upperclassmen can now take Advanced Placement courses in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Eighth grade students take an Earth/Space science course that covers the High school standards in that curricular area. The K-5 classes are implementing the new physical science standards and practices this year, with the plan to add other areas in the coming years. Students at all grade levels design and run inquiries following a K-12 established lab report format.

We are excited about the work already accomplished, and are looking forward to even more changes in the near future.

John Andringa - HS Science Teacher, Registrar & Science Curriculum Team Member



Emilie Ackley (9th) is one of our biology students working on conducting an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis. Students are currently collecting evidence to determine the relationship between temperature change and pulse rates in earthworms.

Since the 2015-2016 school year our enrollment HAS INCREASED EACH YEAR

246 CURRENT STUDENTS

45 NEW STUDENTS which makes 36 new families

This is 4X the number of new students last year

DOUBLE the number of new students from the LAST TWO years combined

of school inquiries DOUBLED

Discipleship - Senior Retreat



The 2018 Senior Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch was an exceptional experience, where we as a class were able to come together through the Godly teaching of Pastor Veldhorst and wholesome, unadulterated fun. It was a great chance to get away from all the worries and stress of school and go into God’s wonderful creation to take a well deserved break. Simply put, Senior Retreat was an amazing opportunity for all those involved to grow in Christ and make lasting friendships, heading into our final year of high school.

Pastor Veldhorst, our speaker, was so gracious to come up with us to Silver Birch Ranch and lead us in our chapels. Pastor Veldhorst challenged us to be bold in the rest of our school year and be leaders to the underclassmen. He said that we needed to cast off our fear and selfish ambitions at the foot of the cross, and wholeheartedly follow God in a spirit of boldness. He challenged us to follow the example of Peter and John in Acts when they went before



the Sanhedrin and boldly preached the gospel, even in the face of death. Pastor Veldhorst was not our only source of spiritual leadership. Our amazing and well gifted praise team led our class in worshipping the one true God in singing wonderful songs, like Build My Life and At the Cross. Also, after worshipping God and hearing great challenges from Pastor Veldhorst, the guys and girls broke off into their respective groups. These groups discussed the challenge that Pastor Veldhorst had just presented. These discussions were very meaningful and rewarding to all of our lives. It is always a blessing to talk about the things of God with other believers.

The second most rewarding thing on our trip was the unlimited amounts of fun we all experienced. From tubing, to swimming, to zip lining, to horseback riding, even just relaxing around a campfire, there was never a dull moment while we were at Silver Birch Ranch. The excitement of being able to try new things, with the people we enjoy being around, have definitely etched in our minds memories of a lifetime. These include memories of going on a hayride, and seeing all of the beautiful stars God created or

something as simple as just goofing around the cabin. The time we spent on the retreat was a blast and all of us became closer in our friendships and a class as a whole.

The Senior Retreat was filled with great challenges in boldness by Pastor Veldhorst, as well as many great experiences and exciting adventures. Overall, the 2018 Senior Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch was a welcomed opportunity for us seniors to come together as a class and grow in our love for Christ.

Kyle Fowler (12th grade)

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CITIZENSHIP - MISSION TRIP

As some of you may know, my dad and I were asked by Michael Panther to accompany him and a team on a missions trip to Kenya. Michael created the organization **Living With Hope**. Living With Hope is a wheelchair ministry, and it was the first trip, so Michael didn’t know what to expect. My dad and I did a lot of praying and the answer was yes. Then we got busy, getting tools, packing, flight plans, raising support, and praying. On September 8, Michael and the team met at the airport. Then late at night on the 9th, we arrived at Nairobi airport, not to say that there was a direct flight. On September 11, we did our first ministry in Kijabe at the Cure Hospital. I was a mechanic. I had to put in seat belts, order cushions and adjust leg rests. That day we fitted 80 wheelchairs. Then the next day we fitted 25. Those were our two days in Kijabe. The next day we went to Kangemi, a slum. Let me define a slum. The poorest people lived there and the people in the government don’t think they even exist. That first day, we fitted 46 wheelchairs. Then, over the weekend we went on a safari. Then, when we got back to Kangemi on Monday, we fitted over 70 wheelchairs. So we fitted around 200 wheelchairs, which was good because that was all we had brought. We had a lot of fun on this trip. It was a great first time experience. It was so amazing watching lives being transformed and people getting wheelchairs. It was as if they were getting brought back to life, and I got to be a part of that. You need to go on a missions trip. It is amazing when you get to serve the people and make new friends. It was the trip of a lifetime.

Aaron Beimborn (5th grade)



A total of 200 wheelchairs were fitted during the **Living With Hope** team’s time in Kenya. It was truly an amazing experience and lives were changed – both those who served on the mission trip and those in Kenya who received wheelchairs.

“It was so amazing watching lives being transformed and people getting wheelchairs. It was as if they were getting brought back to life, and I got to be a part of that.” - Aaron



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19

MS Fun Night @ HS
Campus **7-8:30pm**

October 19-20 & 22

Apple Pie Making @ ES
Campus

November 1-3

HS Fall Play "You're A
Good Man Charlie Brown"
@ HS Campus

**Thursday – 9am, Friday &
Saturday – 7pm**

November 5

MS Speech & Spelling
@ ES Campus, **6:30-8pm**

December 6

ES/MS Christmas Concert
@ Christ Community
Church, **7pm**

December 11

HS Christmas Concert
@ HS Campus, **7pm**

December 14

MS Fun Night @ HS
Campus, **7-8:30pm**

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