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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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SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

My journey at SCS began as a Kindergartener way back in August of 1980, nearly 40 years ago.

I attended Sheboygan Christian Grade School all the way through the 8th grade and then moved on to Sheboygan County Christian High School where I met my wife Laura (Meeusen). To say that Sheboygan Christian School holds a special place in my heart would be an understatement.

Many things have changed in my life and in the life of the school since I graduated more than 27 years ago. Laura and I have 4 children: Zach (20), Tanner (19), Justin (16) and Maddie (12). Zach and Tanner have both graduated from SCS, Justin is a Sophomore and Maddie is in the 7th grade. Laura and I have also had the opportunity to be foster parents of two amazing kids that also attend SCS.

After Laura and I had kids, it really was not even a question of where we were going to send our children to school; SCS was the only option. Not only because we both attended SCS, but even more important, we wanted to make sure our children receive a quality Christian education. The mission statement of SCS reads: "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." On average, our children spend about 35 hours per week in the classroom. It is important that they are learning the same core values at school as at home. SCS is filled with teachers and staff that genuinely love our children and want to see them use the gifts God has given them to their fullest. As a parent, I want to make sure I do everything I can to equip my children for life in a world where their faith will be challenged on a daily basis.

One of the things I love most about SCS (aside from the quality Christian education) is the community. Over the past several years, I have had the opportunity to be a part of the Apple Pie committee. While there is a lot of work going on during this event, every once in a while I just stand back and look out over all of the people, young and old, that come out to support SCS. As a community, we are very blessed to have multi-generational support for the school. I have had the opportunity to talk to many of the faithful

grandparents and friends of SCS and have asked them why they continue to do this year after year. Their responses are very much the same. They love being a part of the community, but even more, they value Christian education and want to do everything they can to see that it will be around for many more generations. Apple Pies is just one example of this. You will also see many of them working and supporting other fundraisers, and you may even see them at the schools cutting grass, changing light bulbs, general maintenance and many other things. Many of our supporters no longer have kids or grandkids at the school, but they see the value of SCS and want to be a part of it.

Many changes have taken place at SCS over the past few years and many more changes are coming as we work toward a K – 12 campus. God has greatly blessed SCS over the past 121 years and He will continue to bless the school as long as we put Him at the center and continue to seek His will.

In Christ,
TJ Hendrikse – Board President



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

From the Desk of Ann Steenwyk



Dear Families and Friends of SCS,

In this season, we can't help but think about God's provision and goodness. The best word to describe this season is abundance.

God has blessed SCS with abundance in student growth – 62 new students and 31 new families. This is not just a number, but rather allows us to better represent God's kingdom. With these new families, we are more diverse, more lively, and more inspired.

He has blessed us with abundance in giving. Over the last year, generous donors have reduced our debt, contributed to our new building project, and have made it possible for students who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford Christian education to be in our school.

He has blessed us with a dedicated faculty, who are now considering how to further our mission of Christian education through the Teaching for Transformation framework. Their

posture of learning and growth mindset is opening up learning in new ways for our students.

God has blessed us with a beautiful community. This community volunteers tirelessly for the cause of our school through helping with student supervision, beautifying our building and grounds, giving their time to projects and various committee meetings.

As we reflect on abundance this season, please join me in giving recognition to whom it is due. We cannot forget that this abundance comes only from God, and that it really belongs to Him. All that we have, all of this abundance, we owe to Him. Thankfully, our God is not miserly with grace, with beauty, or with providing us more than we can imagine. Please join me in thanking and praising God for the abundance with which He has blessed SCS in this season.

"AND GOD IS ABLE TO BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES, HAVING ALL THAT YOU NEED, YOU WILL ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK."
- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

Reveling in His Abundance, Ann Steenwyk – Director of Academics and Instruction



From the Desk of Bryce DeRoos



Dear Friends,

As I have settled into my first couple of months at SCS, I can point to a lot of things that are familiar

from when I was here – bells still ring, Kindergarteners still love their teacher, and Mr. V is still the all-time pitcher during recess. There are also a lot of things that are new, like 268 new student names!

One thing that isn't new, is my love for the fall season – my favorite season of the year. Research shows that the largest percentage of people consistently choose fall as their favorite season and there's a reason for this.

Sociologists indicate that this obsession with autumn often first gains traction as a child. We associate the fall with exciting new things – we go back to school with new teachers and school supplies, and a fresh start. Autumn has strong emotions and feelings tied to it as we celebrate holidays such as Thanksgiving, my birthday, and, of course, apple pie weekend. Finally, autumn is seen as comforting as we bring out blankets and flannel shirts as we sip our pumpkin-spiced lattes.

What struck me about that research was the first part, how the love becomes ingrained in childhood. This made me think about SCS and the fondness I have with the school, the community, and ultimately its mission and how that was nurtured. My prayer is for students to develop a great thankfulness for the innumerable blessings of abundance that we have at SCS.

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"
- Psalm 8:3-4

In Awe, Reverence, and Gratitude, Bryce DeRoos – Assistant Principal



Students standing in the space allotted for their new classrooms at the current high school campus



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

DEAR SCS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY,

This letter is written at an exciting time in Sheboygan Christian School's history as we launch the public phase of our Capital Campaign – a time amidst change and challenge, optimism and the unknown, great opportunity and measurable risk. It is difficult to comprehend how far we have come and how much this school has accomplished within its 121-year history. When we review the last three years alone, we can celebrate the following milestones:

THIRTY-SIX MONTHS AGO, we were at the lowest enrollment number in our school history and were carrying over \$650,000 in bank debt.

TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AGO, we saw 2% growth in enrollment, which put a stop to eight years of continual decline in students. Plans to raise funds and pay off debt were put into place.

FOURTEEN MONTHS AGO, a "Marketing and Enrollment Coordinator" position was created and filled.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO, enrollment growth hit 4%, which included a record

breaking number of new families welcomed into our community. Historical debt was on a disciplined pay-off pace.

NINE MONTHS AGO, the SCS foundation accounts grew to over \$1 Million.

SIX MONTHS AGO, SCS hired a full-time teacher to lead the Pre-K Program and focus on broadening our school's Special Needs Program.

THREE MONTHS AGO, SCS created and filled a pivotal Assistant Principal position; this key addition came with a background in directing Special Needs Programs.

TWO MONTHS AGO, our enrollment growth hit 8.5%, as we added new students in every grade level.

ONE MONTH AGO, we developed a transportation program utilizing two vans in order to transport kids to SCS from throughout Sheboygan County.

JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, we paid off all of our historical bank debt.

This time of strengthening our school body has provided answers to the challenges of our past, but as with any change of season, new and exciting challenges now present themselves. It would be easy to celebrate the milestones listed above and suggest we take a break, wait, or pause. But in my humble opinion, the last 36 months in our storied history reminds us ever so clearly that God is moving with exuberance at Sheboygan Christian School and the community of SCS is determined and cannot be deterred from our mission.

We WILL build a unified K - 12 campus; one that will hold over 300 students, with room and expectations to grow. We want to grow our community to unprecedented bounds. This is the challenge in front of us.

We choose to face this challenge with excitement, faith, and hope, not because it will be simple, easy, or predictable. We choose to run towards this challenge because we know and trust that God will show us His faithfulness in tackling it. He longs to use us at full-capacity, and that's where this community wants to live. Working together to accomplish this lofty goal of a unified campus will provide us every opportunity to organize around our strengths and God-given abilities. I know this challenge will show us the very best of our community, both near and far, because my role allows me to see that happen every day. We take this challenge on because God has positioned us to act, trusting His leadership.

So, as we begin to invite our broader community into this great endeavor, we first ask for God's guidance and blessings. We pray that we never lose sight that this challenge is for the hearts and minds of our students and children.

Joyfully, John Warmus – Director of Advancement and Finance



Through the Generations



PICTURED: BACK ROW - Ryan Gordon, Alex, Brent and Peggy Timm. FRONT ROW - Angie Gordon, Sarah Timm, Audrey and Chloe Gordon

MEET THE TIMM FAMILY – FEATURING ANGIE GORDON

How did your family originally get connected to SCS?

4 generations of our family have been at SCS. It all started with my grandma, Wimpy Timm (Kuitert) who attended and graduated. Wimpy’s family went to First CRC (now Christ Community Church), and then Calvin CRC, both connected to the school. The community that went to those churches sent their children to SCS. My father continued to send us because he wanted Christian education for us, and the churches supported the schools.

Who from your family has attended SCS? How has your family been involved through the years?

My dad Brent graduated in 1967, and his brothers Roger and Jerry attended. My sister Sarah (’93) and I (’92) graduated. My nephew Alex graduated 8th grade in 2013. My daughters Audrey and Chloe are currently at SCS. Our family enjoys staying involved.

My dad has volunteered by helping hang up smartboards at the grade school and cut down trees, and he enjoys attending kids programs, grandparents day, and sports games. When Alex attended, my sister enjoyed attending games and extracurricular events, and serving at hot lunch.

I love to help and participate in any way, whether through Parents Club, hot lunch, serving on the Board, field trips, the Social Committee, etc. I have the mentality that to get involved, you have to involve yourself! If I see a need, I ask how I can help. My mother who passed away when we were young was so involved so I try to continue that.

What are some of your family’s favorite memories?

My dad had hip disease when he was 11, and Mrs. Hendrikse would teach him once a week at his house. Kids visited too. This made a huge impression on him. My sister Sarah remembers vividly a time when she was worried about finances and truly thought she wouldn’t be able to send Alex to SCS. She was devastated. 1 week before school was to start, Steve VanDrunen gave her a call to say that Alex was going to SCS and there was an anonymous donor. She was blown away and so grateful.

Why did you and your husband send your children to SCS?

SCS was huge in building a foundation for my sister and I. Life was not always easy with our mother passing away young, and we can completely see God’s work in nurturing and planting seeds at SCS. Our journey has changed through the years, but our education at SCS was critical. My husband, Ryan and I, wanted our children to have a Christ centered worldview and foundation. This includes knowing the Bible but also being able to explain and defend it.



NEW FAMILY FEATURE – MEET THE WEBER FAMILY

What led you to choose Sheboygan Christian School for your children this year?

It started with talking to Kelly Orth, the high school administrative assistant, throughout the week while volunteering for the Bread Basket held at SCS on Saturdays. We would come in every week and hear all the great things about SCS. Kelly invited us to apply and we did!

We ultimately made the switch based on the fact we wanted our children raised in faith based schooling. Our faith in Christ is the foundation and backbone of our home! SCS has provided that and more than we could have asked for. Our children can express their faith here at SCS!

What are a few things you have enjoyed so far as a new family to Sheboygan Christian School?

We have enjoyed seeing God work in our children, in which they see the beauty of fellowship and Christians loving and supporting each other. We’ve seen teachers leading them with their own faith, giving them an example and teaching them biblical principles. We give God thanks for what he’s doing in us through SCS.

We also have enjoyed the atmosphere. Every family has welcomed us with open arms. Inviting us over to cook us supper, helping us get signed up for different activities, and praying with us. It has been amazing!

NEW FACES AT SCS



Bryce DeRoos – Assistant Principal

Why did you decide to work at SCS? I can’t help but be drawn into and led by the mission of this school. It allows me an opportunity and the ability to help raise, educate, nurture, and develop the hearts and minds of kids young and old... and I get to work with Ann.

What are you most excited for this year? Besides being able to see my kids on a daily basis, I am excited to be a part of a team that is striving to educate and challenge students to bring a Christian worldview to their everyday experiences – whether it be school, work, play, or relationships... and I get to work with John.



Kristin Meppelink – Pre-K & Special Education Teacher

Why did you decide to work at SCS? I was a recent college graduate looking for a job where I could teach my degree. Little did I know that God was in fact calling me to move here to Sheboygan and this was the perfect job for me! (It was exactly what I went to school for!)

What are you most excited for this year? To be able to build relationships with family members in the school through teaching my students. I am also very excited to be starting up the new program that will help each and every student succeed in the classroom!



Shane Hansen – Athletic Director

Why did you decide to work at SCS? To have the opportunity to support the work of a Christian community whose focus is on preparing students’ hearts and minds for service in God’s world.

What are you most excited for this year? Getting to know all of the wonderful students, parents, families and staff associated with the SCS community!



Karen Steward – 1st Grade Instructional Aide

Why did you decide to work at SCS? Because it is a Christian school with high academic expectations and staff who also love God.

What are you most excited for this year? The new experience of working in a school setting that enthusiastically teaches children about God’s Holy Word and of our need to know Him through faith in Jesus.



Shannon Cornette, Cherie Mangeri, Jerry Warmus – Van Drivers

What do you enjoy about driving our students to and from school, and what do you look forward to most?

My children are new to the SCS middle school and I knew I would have to drive them up. So, when I saw the opening for van driver, I was thrilled knowing I could make some extra money alongside of driving my kids to school! I’m so excited about the building of the new campus on the south side.

- Shannon Cornette

I love driving through the country and I get to be a part of a Christian environment. I let the students pick the Christian music we listen to on Pandora on the way home and we talk about what is going on in their lives. I look forward to making the kids laugh and praying them through the year.

- Cherie Mangeri

I am up early and like to drive. I also enjoy children and this is a great time to talk to them. What do I look forward to the most? Snow. - Jerry Warmus



NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Maura Wind – 12th grade

Where are you from? Schagerbrug, Netherlands

Why did you want to study abroad? I wanted to experience a different culture, and was excited about exploring the U.S.

What would you like to do when you graduate? I want to do something media related, like video editing or graphic design.

What is your favorite thing about SCS so far? My original choice was to go to a public school before I came here. I was not raised with this religion and the Bible. I thought it would be a big challenge coming to SCS because of that, but... ever since the awesome Senior Retreat at the beginning of the school year, I have felt the welcoming and support of this small community.

Scholarship

KINDERGARTEN COUNTRY VISITS

Do you know where the country of Djibouti is? The Kindergarteners and Third Graders do! In September, they “traveled” to the African country, and learned how the people who live there do things.

Each month, the Kindergarteners “travel” to a different country (we call them Country Visits), with a class from the Elementary/Middle School



Campus serving as their “tour guides”. The student “tourists” sample food (the rule is “You have to try it, but you don’t have to like it”), play a traditional game or learn a dance, and explore the culture of the country through different activities.

While the students enjoy these special “trips” (even the Middle Schoolers look forward to their turn), they are expanding their cultural horizons while learning about God (He loves variety!) and His world. They are getting to know and serve schoolmates while also learning that all around the world people are the “same same,



but different” (a phrase that originates with vendors in Thailand). And, finally, the Kindergarteners practice empathy as they spend time praying for the people in the countries we visit.

June VanDerPuy – Kindergarten Teacher



PHONICS

In an effort to support our youngest readers and writers, grades Kindergarten through 2nd Grade are implementing formal phonics study as part of our curriculum. Research shows

that children need explicit instruction in phonics, not as a replacement for reading or writing instruction, but rather, in addition to reading and writing instruction. Each day, the kids spend about 20 minutes doing engaging activities that help them not

only understand principles of phonics, but more importantly, help them transfer that knowledge to their reading and writing.

In 2nd Grade, we have studied blends, digraphs, and vowel teams. We have practiced snap words (high frequency words), worked on “trouble-maker” words, and studied r-controlled vowels. We have worked with using capital letters purposefully, paid attention to end marks in our reading and writing, and had fun with homophones (see, sea). We also welcomed a new “student” to our class, Gus the dragon, our phonics mascot. We’re having fun teaching him phonics as we learn more about it ourselves. We’re also working hard to transfer our new skills to our reading and writing!

Kathy Andringa – 2nd Grade Teacher



SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

On August 22, six of our high school students traveled to Cedar Grove High School to participate in the Big East Conference Sportsmanship Summit along with other high school students in our conference. SCS students had the opportunity to meet David Cooks, national speaker and author, and heard his personal story of how his faith led him through personal challenges, perseverance, and ability to achieve his dream. David challenged students to lead by their actions, not just their words. Students also met in small groups to discuss various scenarios where sportsmanship is challenged. As a result, SCS students have created a leadership team to address sportsmanship and school spirit issues in our school.



P7 BIBLE CLUB

SCS students in the high school and middle school have started P7 Bible Clubs. Each club meets weekly after school to dive into God’s Word and apply it. The seven core values that represent P7 are **accountability, communication, empowerment, integrity, leadership, relationship, and community**. The clubs strive to instill these values into each of its members through fun, Godly lessons and activities.

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” - 1 John 1:7

“We are actively working on being leaders in sportsmanship right now. A group of students are meeting with our Athletic Director on a weekly basis and we are starting more conversations about what it means to have good sportsmanship. Our goal is to respect all individuals, including referees, players from both teams, and fans. We want our community to be a light, as we represent our school and God.”

- Megan Moeller – 12th Grade

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” - 1 Timothy 4:8

Citizenship

PARTNERSHIP WITH TESOROS DE DIOS

Last year, SCS started partnering with Tesoros de Dios (God's Treasures), a non-profit organization that serves children with disabilities in Nicaragua, providing a variety of services to the children and their families. Michelle Adams, SCS alumnus ('99), is the director of this amazing organization.



For our b1 activity in October, we spent time in our groups getting reintroduced to our sponsored student, Elias. We also learned more about life as a student in Nicaragua. It's very different, but we learned we have things in common too! Please join our groups in praying for Tesoros de Dios and Elias all throughout the year.

Jen Atkinson – 5th Grade Teacher



“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

- Proverbs 31:8-9

PLEASE JOIN OUR GROUPS IN PRAYING FOR TESOROS DE DIOS AND ELIAS!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

All School Chapel

SCS began the first day of school with a student led chapel. We welcomed students, staff, and community members to join together in worship, prayer, and fellowship.

Community Picnic

We had another fantastic turnout at one of our favorite community events of the year! We welcomed 62 new students to our school, and enjoyed the opportunity to connect with our new families.

Middle School Fun Nights

4 times each year, we host a middle school fun night at our high school campus. It is such a blessing to watch over 60 students each night build relationships and have fun in a safe environment! It has also been a community builder, bringing students together from Sheboygan Christian School, Oostburg Christian School, Christ Child Academy, Lake Country Academy, Bethlehem Lutheran, Horace Mann, Farnsworth, Oostburg Elementary School, and homeschool.

Top left: Students enjoying all school chapel.
Top Right: High school boys having fun at the bounce house at the community picnic.
Bottom: A rousing game at the Middle School Fun Night.



WINNER OF THE SUMMER PHOTO SUBMISSION DRAWING

“I was able to go to Utah for the first time with my sister, mom, grandma and uncle. We had a long drive there and back, and got to spend 4 days there. My favorite part was swimming in the lake at Huntington State Park (see picture). We also went to a derby, and hiked in a 9 mile canyon.”

- Addison Norton – 6th Grade

FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS — SAVE THE DATE! —

- November 15** Middle School Fun Night @ HS Campus
- January 10** All School Chapel @ Christ Community Church
- January 18** All School Bowling Party @ Lakeshore Lanes
- February 8** Super Saturday @ HS Campus
- February 22** Super Saturday @ HS Campus
- March 12** All School Swim Party @ Breaker Bay Waterpark
- March 13** Middle School Fun Night @ HS Campus
- March 14** Auction @ The Berkshire
- March 20** All School Chapel @ Christ Community Church
- April 17** Middle School Fun Night @ HS Campus
- May 2** SpringFest @ HS Campus
- May 8** All School Chapel @ Christ Community Church

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 school events coming up, see the back cover of the magazine.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA SERVICE TRIP

A group of our high school students joined Oostburg Christian Reformed Church to serve Jacksonville, Florida this summer through Presbyterian Social Ministries. They cleaned up community spaces and helped para-church ministries teach needy people important skills. They studied Habakkuk and asked along with the prophet, “God, why do you tolerate wrong?”

“My favorite part of the trip was helping people with disabilities at the Rainbow Center, making crafts with them and cleaning their center. I also was motivated by a scripture passage that was shared, calling us to stand out and work for God's glory.” **Natalie Walcott – 9th grade**





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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5

MS Speech & Spelling
@ ES/MS Campus

November 7-9

HS Fall Play "And A Child
Shall Lead" @ HS Campus

December 10

HS Christmas Concert
@ HS Campus

December 12

ES/MS Christmas Concert
@ Christ Community Church

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