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The Flyer is a print and digital publication of Sheboygan Christian School. The purpose of *The Flyer* is to connect our extended school community with our mission, vision, and core values.

We expect this publication to provide evidence that Sheboygan Christian School is impacting the world, both near and far, for Jesus Christ.

Please contact the SCS Advancement team if you would like to update your contact information or if you know of someone who would like to receive *The Flyer.* advancement@sheboyganchristian.com

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From the Desk of Ann Steenwyk



The other day I had the opportunity to watch the sun rise and the sun set on the same day. Each viewing had beautiful aspects and different perspectives. In each moment the light was shining differently, but brilliantly nonetheless. At the end of the day I reflected on all that was accomplished between the sun rising

and setting. It made me think of all of our beginnings and endings at school as well. Our Lord rules over all of it.

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

-Psalm 113:1-6

As we close out another school year, say goodbye to students and celebrate retirements, we are reminded of how God, in His majesty, orchestrates who He puts in our lives at different times to accomplish His good work. We accomplished many things together in the 22-23 school year! We welcomed new teachers and families, played in a championship, added middle school space, learned so many new things about the world and the Bible, got reaccredited, and built new community relationships.

So much change happened between the rising and setting of the school year. Seasons change, circumstances change, people change, and yet our God remains the same and is at work allowing His light to shine through His people. How fortunate we are to be beacons of His light!



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 BondsInvolves the Supporting Community
- Serves the Greater Community



Thank you for your dedication to SCS, its mission, and the students it serves. Your support is a light that is shining brightly in the lives of our school community. "Praise the Lord, you his servants, praise the name of the Lord."

Ann Steenwyk
Head of School

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From the Board

Did you ever stop to think what the world would be like five, ten or fifteen years from now? Or what Sheboygan Christian School will be like then?

If you are anything like me, it's difficult to think about what tomorrow will be like, let alone several years from now. But one of the more important things we do as a Board of Trustees at SCS is to try to plan for the future, making sure our school continues to be relevant and impactful in Sheboygan County.

This past April, our Board of Trustees and our administrative team met together to do this very thing. We spent eight hours (on the first really nice Saturday of the year) talking about the future of SCS. Thankfully, we have been blessed with a talented, strategic leadership team.

Prior to the meeting, we considered twenty topics, ranging from spiritual development to facilities to athletics to staff retention and recruitment and many more topics. In preparation for our meeting we reached out to the community members to get their input. At the meeting, we prioritized the topics and split into small groups to assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT).

Once the SWOT was completed, we presented back to the full team and narrowed our strategic goals down to four:

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – By the 2024/2025 school year, SCS will Identify and hire a Coordinator of Discipleship to envision and drive spiritual formation efforts; Work to form strategic partnerships with the ten area churches contributing the highest percentages of SCS students and staff; Develop a plan to recruit and train staff and student leaders in a biblical, spiritual formation process that is both scalable and repeatable.

CAMPUS SAFETY – The SCS School safety task force will urgently identify and mitigate any school safety gaps, bringing us in alignment with industry best practices by fall, 2025. To do this, we will - Immediately create a Safety Task

Force at the board level to oversee safety issues and resolutions; Create a "closed door" culture during the school day; Work with local law enforcement and/or versed consultant to identify and harden likely entry points for those who intend to commit violence, consider on-site safety team, identify whether need exists, determine and implement path forward, examine, update and implement safety policies and procedures for the school, including during open-door events, identify and resolve any other potential safety issues.

STEM/ACADEMICS – Increase Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Courses and Outcomes by: Increased course opportunities which incorporate engineering and design principles – by 2028, SCS will expand STEM courses and extra-curricular opportunities by 20%; Increased math achievement – by 2026, at least half of all students will be proficient/advanced on state math assessments (Forward Test, PreACT, ACT); Increase students' post-secondary preparation – by 2028, 20% of graduates will leave SCS with credits related to a STEM field in colleges, trades, or tech schools.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT – By the 2025-2026 school year, SCS will: Provide staff training in the area of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL); Incorporate faith based SEL lessons into our curriculum to help students better understand their thoughts and emotions, to become more self-aware and to develop more empathy for others within the community and the world around; Increase staff in the counseling/guidance department to address the needs of students; Partner with local churches and youth pastors to better serve our students in the area of social and emotional health.

There is certainly a lot of work that needs to be done, but my dad always reminded me, before his recent passing, to lean on the Lord for strength. His favorite verses come from Ephesians 3:20-21, "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." God is hard at work at Sheboygan Christian School and he will continue to give us the strength and wisdom to continue to be an institution of change, changing one life at a time, for the Glory of God!

T.J. Hendrikse

President - SCS Board of Trustees





As educators, learning, progress, and growth are so energizing. To see improvement in learning is motivating and encouraging. At SCS, improvement is not just for students. Our SCS team received encouragement for their work from the accreditation site team.

SCS is accredited by two agencies: Christian Schools International and Wisconsin Religious Independent School Accreditation. SCS teacher teams worked for one year compiling and documenting evidence that our school meets a variety of indicators and standards (85 to be exact!) As a result of that work, our School Improvement Team developed School Improvement goals to address areas of focus for future work. In March, a team of 12 individuals from a variety of schools across the state spent three days in our school, validating our evidence, observing, and interviewing teachers, students, and parents.

As a result of the accreditation process, SCS received the following commendations:

- 1. Sheboygan Christian School is to be commended for its dependence on God's faithfulness, focus on mission, and legacy of generations committed to the school for almost 125 years. Through times of abundance and difficulty, the school has remained true to God's calling to provide Christ-centered education.
- 2. The school has hired qualified administrators who not only have a heart for Christian education but are highly skilled in their positions. All stakeholders affirm a high level of trust and respect for the current head of school and her visionary leadership, deep engagement, love for Christ and how she loves students as Jesus does.
- 3. Parents and students note their appreciation for teachers and staff and how they model Jesus, live out their faith, and commitment to their calling. Teachers and staff establish a strong foundation for faith development in students, sincerely love and care for students, and support them in their learning in innovative ways and in partnership with families. Students are respected and valued. It is the desire of the staff to make individual connections with every student and support them with what they need in order to thrive in the school setting.
- **4.** Schoolwide, Sheboygan Christian School engages deeply in the work of Teaching for Transformation which supports

each teacher in developing rich biblical understanding within their content areas and finding opportunities for their personal faith expression. It is clear, based on walking into classrooms and seeing teachers' deep hopes displayed and in talking with them, that teachers have a clear faith commitment. Numerous teachers noted that they were drawn to Sheboygan Christian due to its focus on faith and how it permeates everything.

- 5. Sheboygan Christian School prioritizes close community as it continues to expand and embraces opportunities to welcome new families. The Site Visit Team often heard the appreciation for the supportive environment and expressions of God's love lived out daily.
- **6.** Educators have a clear vision for academic excellence and seek ways to further this priority to continue to grow and improve. This is not merely an academic pursuit, but flows from the school's God-given mission.

SCS received the following recommendations consistent with school improvement goals:

- 1. While there is clear evidence of a variety of modes of communication established between administration, staff, students, and parents, stakeholders interviewed spoke to a "historical knowledge" that's sometimes difficult to access. The Site Visit Team recognizes that the staff and school have grown quickly and there are further plans to engage families and communicate. Parent data and teacher surveys, while positive, also recognize communication as an opportunity for the school. This opportunity may also be addressed by the new engagement team model to help facilitate new family onboarding and meaningful communication.
- 2. Sheboygan Christian School seeks to address the academic, behavioral, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of all students and plans to further identify interventions and supports to better meet those needs.
- 3. The school will address the use of data to communicate with stakeholders and inform instructional practices.
- 4. The Site Visit Team commends Sheboygan Christian School for its future School Improvement Plan goal of providing coaching and peer support and professional development.

Please continue to pray for SCS teachers and administration as they make plans for continual improvement in living out our school's mission.

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For decades,

this sign watched over the parking lot

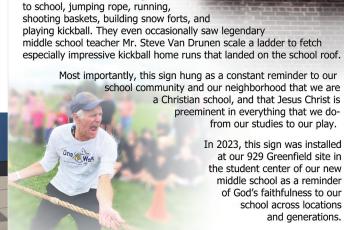
playground at our beloved Geele Campus.

These aluminum letters saw

thousands of children riding bikes

Geele Ave Campus Sign Gets Placed in Middle School Pod

Thanks to our thoughtful friends at A Million Dreamz Childcare (the business that bought our Geele campus), we were able to recover both of the exterior signs from our old school building. Recently, one of these signs was installed in the new Middle School student commons.



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IN ADDITION TO
THE SIGN INSTALL,
WE HAVE ADDED A
COMMEMORATIVE
PLAQUE TO REMIND
STUDENTS ABOUT
GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
TO OUR SCHOOL!

RECORD ENROLLMENT AND THE NICE PROBLEM OF RUNNING OUT OF CLASSROOMS

The Background

In 2016, this school community stepped out in faith to merge two schools into one. In the fall of 2021, we opened the doors of Sheboygan County's first ever P-12 Christian School building. When we added two brand new elementary pods onto the former high school only campus, the Board of Trustees also approved the framing out of a middle school space in preparation for potential future growth.

The vision was for conservative school enrollment growth to fill that space in 7 years. We filled it in 7 months! This accelerated timeline had us complete a brand new middle school pod for the fall of 2022.

The Nice Problem

The new middle school space was originally designed with just four classrooms in place. When we filled those classrooms

more quickly than anticipated, the steering committee was able to produce a creative solution:

- Eliminate the proposed middle school locker rooms and custodians closet from this phase of the construction and produce a temporary 5th classroom in the middle school pod.
- Cap enrollment in the rising 6th grade class to keep it at only one track until that class graduates 8th grade.
- Plan for a 6+ classroom middle school pod for the fall of 2025 when the final one track class is promoted to high school.

Middle School Classrooms Needed								
	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025				
6th Grade	1 classroom	2 classrooms	2 classrooms	2 classrooms				
7th Grade	2 classrooms	1 classroom	2 classrooms	2 classrooms				
8th Grade	2 classrooms	2 classrooms	1 classroom	2 classrooms				
Total Rooms Needed	5	5	5	6				

This creative solution has bought us some time. But we're on the clock again. By the fall of 2025, SCS will need additional middle school learning space.

The Ticking Enrollment Clock

In addition to the needed middle school growth, we are substantially growing in the high school as well. This chart details future enrollment projections.

High School Enrollment Projections

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	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024*	Fall 2025*	Fall 2026*			
9th Grade	29	46	48	45	40	55			
10th Grade	31	29	46	48	45	40			
11th Grade	26	31	28	46	48	45			
12th Grade	15	25	28	28	46	48			
Total Enrollment	101	131	148	167	179	188			

*conservative projections based on existing SCS middle school enrollment, partnership with Oostburg Christian School, new 9th grade students joining from public, private, and home schools, and average retention rates

By the fall of 2026, we anticipate being close to 200 high school students. For comparison, the high school enrollment was 87 students as recently as the 2019-2020 school year. The Board's vision for high school enrollment is to limit growth to 60 students in each class for a maximum enrollment of 240 students.

Our current high school student population operates with 12 learning spaces: 9 general education classrooms and 3 specialty spaces (art studio, music room, shop). In order to keep the current ratio of students to classrooms, we will need an additional 10 learning spaces before we hit 240 students. The steering committee is currently reviewing options to phase in high school facility growth in order to prepare for the future.

MORE TO COME!

Stay tuned for more information in future Flyer publications on our building plans and partnership opportunities!

Please pray specifically for the steering committee, the Board of Trustees, and the school administration as we work together to discern God's plan for the future of our school.

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WELCOME TO THE STEWERWALDS!

Sheboygan Christian School is thrilled to announce the hiring of Sierra and Luke Steuerwald! Sierra will serve as our full time Director of Instruction and Learning, and Luke will serve SCS as a middle school teacher.

Sierra began her career in education as a middle and high school math teacher. She transitioned to the leadership role of Director of Instruction in the Wautoma school district, a position she held from 2018 to 2023.

Sierra has always had a passion for mentoring young people to know and serve the Lord. In addition to ministering within the classroom setting, Sierra and Luke spent several summers volunteering in camp ministries and leading a local church youth group.

Sierra holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Maranatha Baptist University, as well as a Masters of Education in Educational Administration from Concordia University.

Growing up in a family of educators and as the oldest of six kids, Luke knew he wanted to become a teacher since he was a middle school student. After teaching for twelve years in a rural public school in central Wisconsin, Luke sensed God's call to move his family here.

Luke holds an Elementary Education degree from Maranatha Baptist University and a masters in Educational Administration from Concordia University.

When not in the classroom, Luke may be found spending time with his family watching Wisconsin sports, hunting and camping at the family property.

Luke and Sierra have been married since 2010 and have two young boys. They both graduated from Christian schools and are excited to be able to provide their children Wesley



(6) and Silas (1) with a Christian education. Sierra and Luke are members of Wild Rose Baptist Church, and they look forward to finding a new church home in the Sheboygan area. The Steuerwald family is looking forward to becoming active, committed members of the SCS community.

WE WELCOME
THEM TO THE SCS
COMMUNITY!

RETIREMENT RECOGNITIONS

JIM COWDY Physical Education Teacher

Years of Experience: 48 years, 40 at Howards Grove and 8 at Sheboygan Christian School

Involvement at SCS: P.E. Teacher for Kindergarten - 5th grade, soccer coach, leading activity stations at Super Saturdays, and creating Sneak Up Week.

What have you enjoyed most about working at SCS? I love that SCS has friendly, supportive teachers and administration. I enjoyed being able to freely talk about my faith to teachers, parents and students. I loved seeing kids get excited about the gospel.

Favorite memories: For many that know me, I carry Cru booklets and gospel tracts with me wherever I go. In the last few years, I have had kids come up to me after class asking for

the blue booklets I talk about. Sneak Up Week is another favorite! This is a game I created, and it became so popular that it was sold as an SCS auction item throughout the years. The kids go crazy! We even joke that they MUST go to the bathroom before Sneak Up begins.

Favorite verse: Ephesians 1:13

Deep Hope for the SCS Community: This goes back to my favorite verse

This goes back to my favorite verse above: "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit," Everyone can hear the message of truth. My deep hope is that you believe that message and walk the Christian life.

Words of Advice from Jim: Christian education is very special. Faith is #1, and that faith is so strong in the gospel, in what God has done for us and what we can do with His Spirit as our guide. Continue to be a beacon to the Sheboygan Area!



Years of Experience: 43 years, ALL at Sheboygan Christian School!

Involvement at SCS: Middle School Teacher with a focus on Bible, Science, P.E. and Social Studies, but also taught Math, Literature, and Art and 5th grade science in previous years. Soccer, basketball, softball and track coach.

What have you enjoyed most about working at SCS? I enjoyed working with fine, committed Christians who love Jesus and want to share their faith with their students. It has always felt like I am on a team with people who are somewhere on the road of sanctification with me.

Favorite memories: Serving as a pink tulip while someone sang "Tip toe through the tulips" at the auction many years ago, trips to Fireman's Park for the last day of school, track meets and soccer tournaments in the pouring rain, coaching my daughter's team to a 20-0 basketball season, Friday Bible topics discussions, being King Bob of the playground and the keeper of the SCS rules, playing great games of PomPom, coming to school every day and teaching students, playing kickball, getting the ball off the roof at the Geele Ave. campus, and playing four square.

Favorite verses: Hebrews 12: 1-3

Deep Hope for the SCS Community:

I am a huge believer in community. I have enjoyed working at Apple Pie days because it is people working together focused on a cause—community building. That commitment to the cause never ends. Just because your kids are through the grades and graduate doesn't mean that your support for SCS ends. It is one of the best hopes that we have for building Christ's kingdom here on earth. Our culture needs committed Christians living out their faith in their everyday work.

Words of Advice from Steve: Enjoy your children, love them like crazy, but spend some time thinking about where you would like your children to be when they are adults at 18. Think about what qualities and characteristics you would like to develop in them. Another thought I learned from my brother-in-law is that you need to make your home a sanctuary, a place that is safe, where they can unload their baggage. Work hard at making your home a sanctuary.

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Senior Features

WE PRESENT TO YOU... SHEBOYGAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2023!

Please join us in praying for these students as they impact the world, both near and far, for Jesus Christ.

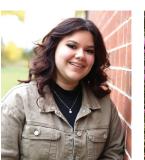






















THALICIA WEBER

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 John 4:19 Capstone Paper Topic: Human Trafficking in Wisconsin Future Plans: Study Elementary Education and Psychology at UW -Green Bay

LILLIANA YOUNG

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13 **Capstone Paper Topic:** Objectification of Young Girls Future Plans: Study Business Administration at Concordia University - Texas

RACHEL KOWITZ

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 3:23-24 Capstone Paper Topic: The Need for Equine Assisted Therapy Future Plans: Study at UW -Platteville

LEAH GUTOSKI

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 Capstone Paper Topic: Social Media's Effect on Mental Health Future Plans: Study Social Work at UW - Green Bay

LIZA SNODGRASS Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 9:10-13 Capstone Paper Topic: What Makes A Good Song? Pros and Cons of the Attributes of Music Future Plans: Workforce

AMELIA DUMEZ

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:38-39 Capstone Paper Topic: How the Lack of Environmental Education has Impacted Waste Production Future Plans: Study Illustration at MIAD and Mechanical Engineering at Marquette University

ANDREW GRASSE

Favorite Bible Verse: John 16:33 Capstone Paper Topic: The Declining Relationship Between Christianity and Politics Future Plans: Study Business

Administration (Pre-Law) at Marquette University

AJ KERWIN

Favorite Bible Verse: John 16:33 Capstone Paper Topic: The Lack of Competitiveness in Kids Sports Future Plans: Study Engineering at UW - Stout

GRACE HAWVER

Favorite Bible Verse: Luke 6:35 Capstone Paper Topic: Suicide Prevention Future Plans: Workforce and then study Medical Diagnostic Sonography at NWTC

ALISON GUENTHER

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Peter 2:9 Capstone Paper Topic: Tourism in Wisconsin State Parks Future Plans: Study Culinary Arts at LTC















TYLER STOLPER

at LTC and Work at Millennium

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 73:26

Capstone Paper Topic: Expanded

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 46:5

Capstone Paper Topic: The

Concerning Issue of Human

Schools

Technologies

NOAH HEINEN

Hope and Risk

Taylor University

ANNA PARKS

Trafficking

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10 **Favorite Bible Verse:** Capstone Paper Topic: PTSD and Jeremiah 29:11 Sexual Trauma: For the Victim, the Capstone Paper Topic: The Promotion of Trades in High Victimizer, and the Caring Community Future Plans: Study Spanish and Psychology at UW - Madison Future Plans: Study Welding

NATHAN ALSUM

CHARLIE WILLSEY

Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9 Capstone Paper Topic: Effects of Extended Screen Time on Young Children

Future Plans: Study Business Access to Medicine: Balancing Marketing at Dordt University Future Plans: Study Marketing at

AUDREY GORDON

Capstone Paper Topic: Physician **Assisted Suicide** Future Plans: Study Occupational Therapy at UW - Milwaukee

Favorite Bible Verse: John 14:8

Future Plans: Study Diagnostic Medical Sonography at GVSU

CALEB HENDRIKSE

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23 **Capstone Paper Topic: Generational Poverty** Future Plans: Plumbing

KYLE KUCK

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13 Capstone Paper Topic: Opioids in **High Schools** Future Plans: Marine Corps

KENNETH LEE

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23 Capstone Paper Topic: Benefits of Fitness in Adolescents Future Plans: Study Kinesiology at UW - La Crosse

MAGGIE BULKOW

Favorite Bible Verse: Exodus 14:14 Capstone Paper Topic: Behavioral Changes in Individuals with Dementia

Future Plans: Study Physical Therapy at UW - Stevens Point

MACKENNA EPPING

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 27:1 Capstone Paper Topic: Memory Disabilities in a School Setting Future Plans: Study Speech Pathology, Audiology and Psychology at Calvin University

KHRYSTYNA RENNER

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 6:13 Capstone Paper Topic: N/A Future Plans: Dental Assistant, Nursing Courses or Start Business

JUSTIN WAGNER

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 15:5 Capstone Paper Topic: Drunk Driving in Wisconsin Future Plans: Work in Real Estate

ALINAH KAQUATOSH

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 5:30 Capstone Paper Topic: Casinos on the Reservation Future Plans: Go to Rehoboth, NM for a gap year

BOBBY MOELLER

Favorite Bible Verse: Colossians 1:9-14 Capstone Paper Topic: Lack of Teens Involved in the Church Future Plans: Study Business Administration and Finance at University of Northwestern -St. Paul







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