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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.

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From the Desk of Ann Steenwyk

Where do you go for the best advice and wise counsel? A parent or grandparent? Best friend? Google? Have you ever been disappointed by the advice? I have! It turns out that the advice from humans and high tech machines isn't flawless. On a daily basis, our students are inundated by a variety of different perspectives and messages. Because of this, we want them to know how to access the truth.

Our theme for the 2026-2027 school year is "True Treasure" based on Psalm 119:14:

"I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches."

We picked this verse and theme specifically because we want our students to esteem the word of God more than any other piece of advice or truth they could get anywhere else. We want our students to hold dear the Bible, rely on it, go to it in good times and bad, and cherish it like no other source of wisdom and truth. We want them to follow what it says.

In order to get our students to revere the word of God, we have to increase their exposure to it. Each week, not only do we incorporate it in our curriculum, we also are dropping everything we are doing to read from the Bible during the school day. We are helping them to create habits, habits we hope will last a lifetime. We want our students to truly miss reading God's word if they get out of the habit. It takes discipline.

In addition to getting them to read the Bible more regularly, we are teaching them how to use it. This includes meditating on it, memorizing it, praying it, applying it, and sharing it with others. Each quarter we will be diving more deeply into these practices. Please ask your student to share how they are working on these practices to turn them into lifelong habits.

This work can't just happen at school. We need the community's help. Please enhance our work by reading scripture with your children and grandchildren. Have conversations about what you have read. Pray scripture over our students. Read with them the most important story of all time: the story of salvation. Together, we can equip our students with the best knowledge, the best tools, the best advice. God's word is truth, our greatest treasure. Let's make sure we are truly treasuring it.

With Gratitude,

Ann Steenwyk
Head of School

True Treasure: An Update from Head of School Ann Steenwyk



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 Board



SCS Board 2026
Left to right: President Mark VandeSlunt, Brady Otte, Vice President Scott Warmus, Angela Wessels, Josh Neeb, Veronica Norton, Rachel Swift, Brittney Kramer, Rachel Katsma



Promoting Citizenship

Angela Wessels, SCS Board Member

In January of 2026, the school board held their annual strategic planning meeting. One of the themes that came out of the meeting was a desire expressed by the administration team and board members to ensure that our students are sufficiently prepared to practically integrate into God's world.

Our discussion included concerns about increasing technology use leading to decreased human interaction, and also less opportunities to practice what we termed "life skills". While we want students to be prepared to use technology in healthy and competent ways, we do not want to neglect continuing to develop students to be Christian citizens in interpersonal and practical ways. We want students to have the necessary life skills to navigate relationships, workplace, and society as Christians and as students fully prepared for the challenges that life may bring. A task force made up of staff, board, and community members was formed and met several times to contemplate how we ensure that SCS students are pursuing excellence in being distinctly Christian citizens in a world that continues to shift more towards impersonal interactions. The task force ended up creating 4 areas of focus under the idea of citizenship: communication, emotional intelligence, advocacy, and workplace skills.

Communication: Intentionally pursue quality face-to-face human interactions to ensure students have the skills needed to give and receive messages with others

Emotional intelligence: Provide learning opportunities for students to develop awareness of their own emotions, and the emotions of others and to navigate these in healthy ways

Workplace skills: Create opportunities to develop and practice real-world skills that will set SCS students apart as workers who are ready to do more than the minimum required in roles of employment and service in their communities

Advocacy: Use communication and emotional intelligence skills to understand and speak up for the needs of themselves, others, and their communities and follow this with acts of service

As the task force focused on these 4 areas, we were encouraged to see just how many things are already in place at SCS that either target these areas, or can easily facilitate this type of growth. Specific and implementable ideas for each of the 4 areas were generated by the task force, and then handed to the administration team to explore. In the coming months the board and administration team look forward to further implementing ways that students can build skills to become distinctly Christian citizens in God's world.

Building Community:
Living Together in Unity

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"
— Psalm 133:1

The start of a school year is full of new schedules, new classrooms, and new faces. But some of our favorite moments each fall happen when we set the schedule aside and gathered as one family. Students from preschool through 12th grade, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends came together to worship, to play, and to work side by side. Here's a look at three traditions that remind us how good and pleasant it is to be the SCS community.

All School Worship: One Voice, P-12

Twice already this year, our entire P-12 student body has filled one room to worship together. There is something special about hearing a kindergartner and a senior sing the same song of praise. These gatherings are open to every member of the SCS community, and we would love for you to join us.

JOIN US FOR AN UPCOMING ALL SCHOOL WORSHIP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2027

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2027

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2027

Pre-register to speed through check-in.







Building Community (cont.)



All School Picnic: A Week of Eagle Spirit

The fun started long before the burgers hit the grill. All week long, spirit week turned our halls into a sea of creativity and school pride, building to a high-energy pep rally on Friday, September 25. From there, the whole community headed outside to cheer on our boys JV and varsity soccer teams, with our Jr. Eagles joining the celebration.

As the final whistle blew, the picnic began. Families shared burgers and ice cream treats. Kids lined up for face painting and balloon art and raced through the 40-foot inflatable obstacle course. New and longtime SCS families enjoyed yard games and conversations that stretched into the evening. A heartfelt thank you to every volunteer and generous donor who made this event possible!





Apple Pie Production: Many Hands Makes Delicious Work

Walk into the cafeteria during apple pie week and you'll hear it before you see it: peelers humming, laughter rising, and friendly chatter up and down the line. From Wednesday setup through the last pie on Friday, parents, grandparents, students, alumni, and friends worked shoulder to shoulder.

On the line, it doesn't matter whether you've made pies for 30 years or 30 minutes. A first-year parent learns the crumb topping from a grandmother who has been there since the beginning. A high schooler and a retiree find their rhythm boxing pies. More than 30 years after Nancy VanDerPuy, Suzie Warmus, and Deb VanDrunen made the first 300 pies, this tradition still does what it has always done best: it turns strangers into friends.

Yes, every pie supports our school, and we're deeply grateful. But the real fruit of apple pie week is the community we build together.







SCS HOSTS GOOD AS NEW BRUNCH ON CAMPUS

The Good as New team recognized volunteers with a brunch on campus this fall. Volunteers were treated to a great meal prepared by our food services team as well as a tour of the new facility. The Good as New team produces one of the most generous gifts to our school annually with over $250,000 in support every year.

Thanks to our incredible team and volunteers who make such a big impact on our school community every year!

A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Whether we're lifting our voices, cheering from the sidelines, or peeling apples, we are better together.

Thank you for being part of the SCS family. We can't wait to see you at the next gathering!

Mission 1898

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

John Warmus,
Director of Finance and Advancement

I was recently speaking with my daughters about life when I was a child. For some reason, 1999 came up, and my youngest daughter said that was the same year our school was founded. After I calmed down from her thinking my childhood was so long ago, I reminded her that the school was actually founded about 100 years before that, in 1898.

My daughters had a hard time envisioning what the school looked like one generation ago, let alone the previous four or five generations.

I am very proud of our history. I bring up 1898 so often that some have even criticized me for talking about it so much. However, I find it fascinating to think about people in 1898 coming together to build a school rooted in faith to teach the next generation. The cornerstones they laid represent a holy charge that each generation at SCS must own. Each generation has to decide what to do with its time to set up the next generation.

We often talk about how we are planting seeds for the next generation. So how do we honor that first generation from 1898 today?

One can clearly argue that we have done a great deal in the last ten years: retired historical operating debt, combined two schools, brought everyone together at one location, experienced historic growth, and expanded and updated our middle and high school spaces. We can certainly say that we have honored that first generation. You could even say that it might be time to rest and wait.

But if this brief overview of our recent history shows us anything, it is that God continues to move SCS forward. There is still work for our generation to do.

That brings me to an exciting next step: **MISSION 1898!**

Mission 1898 is our next goal to honor those who started this school in 1898 and grow the foundation that will help keep SCS moving in the right direction. We have done so much, and this feels like the logical next step.

What is Mission 1898? Our goal is to raise gifts and receive pledges totaling $949,000 by the end of 2027. Every dollar given toward that goal will be matched, bringing the total investment in our endowment to **$1.898 million**.



Those funds will remain invested in our foundation, with a portion of the earnings supporting our mission. This gives us an opportunity to build something today that will continue serving future generations.

I have often called Christian education the best compound interest you can invest in. A little can go a long way, and its impact spreads. What a child learns today shapes the families, churches, and communities of tomorrow.

Over the next few months, we will be asking you to join us in this mission. The people investing in SCS in 1898 couldn't have imagined all that has happened since then. We, too, can only imagine what God may do through this school over the next 100 years.

Can you imagine what a gift today could mean to your children's children?

Please join us in Mission 1898. We look forward to keeping you updated throughout the journey as we honor the generations before us and plant seeds for those still to come.

You can contribute to this mission by speaking with anyone on our development team: Ann Steenwyk, Rudi Gesch, or me. Thank you for your consideration, generosity, and partnership.

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SHEBOYGAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MISSION 1898



Raising $1.898 MM for excellent Christian education IN 18 MONTHS!

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Generous lead donors have offered a $900,000 matching gift to inspire a community-wide ripple effect of generosity to support our school's mission.

A UNIQUE MOMENT IN OUR HISTORY

Through God's faithfulness and incredibly generous community support, SCS has, over the past ten years, strengthened and solidified excellent Christian education in Sheboygan County. Today, we are a flourishing P-12 Christian School. We're excited to build on this momentum for future generations. That's what Mission 1898 is all about.

A UNIQUE FOCUS

STUDENTS: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE
TEACHERS: COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MISSION SUSTAINABILITY: ENDOWMENT & FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
CAPITAL: FACILITIES & LAND AQUISITION

LAUNCH
July 1, 2026

TARGET COMPLETION
December 31, 2027

Fall Sports Themes & Reflections

Scan to see season highlights



SOCCER

Varsity coach
Keith Hendricks

Team theme/verse
"Daily Increase"
(2 Corinthians 4:16)

Participants
45 Athletes

Quote from head coach:

"Our record speaks for itself in representing the quality of Individuals involved in the program. Starting with Coach Zac and including players, coaches, school admin, parents, and the incredible soccer field prep team. Everyone has had a significant impact on our success. Because we partner with parents in raising kids to adulthood, we believe that we can use soccer to develop skills that are important for the rest of their lives. Some of these skills would include overcoming obstacles, learning new skills, upholding each other as family through it all and most importantly representing Christ and SCS on and off the field. Having this same consistent message at home, during school and also after school enables the greatest impact possible during these formative years."

Quote from team captains:

"Nothing special, just Jesus."

GIRLS SWIM

Varsity coaches
Katy and Jeff Heinen

Team theme/verse
"Blessed is the one … whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on his law day and night."
(Psalm 1:1-2)

Participants
7 Athletes



Quote from head coach:

"Swimming demands much more than athleticism: patience, precision, endurance, and courage. Back in our third season, the girl's swim team has been putting in the effort, some taking the blocks for the first time, others building on years of experience and the clock proves it. We are swimming faster than ever, but always learning that while the race may be individual, the results never can be.

Quote from team captain:

"Being on the swim team has allowed me to form strong bonds with my teammates while also teaching me how to push myself and become stronger both physically and mentally."



"WE ARE EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH KOHLER AND SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ATHLETES TO PLAY FOOTBALL AND BE WITNESSES FOR GOD NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE PLAYING."

—Athletic Director
Jason Klug

Athletics *(cont.)*



CROSS COUNTRY

Head coach
Alyssa Pasiewicz

Team theme/verse
"Daily Increase"
(2 Corinthians 4:16)

Participants
15 Athletes

Quote from head coach:

"When we started the cross country program four years ago in 2023, there were many uncertainties that came with building a new program. Our initial hope was simply to get kids excited about running while giving them opportunities to grow spiritually along the way. Four years in, our numbers continue to grow, but our hope remains the same. We want to see our athletes develop a love for running, challenge themselves to reach higher standards, and, most importantly, learn to love and encourage one another while growing in their relationship with Christ. We have seen firsthand how this sport challenges our athletes to rely on God, persevere through difficult moments, and genuinely lift one another up. Cross country has become so much more than running—it has become a community where our athletes grow stronger together, both in sport and in faith."

Quote from team captain:

"XC is not just running, it's a community, a mindset, and always a good laugh! There's nothing quite like that feeling after a race, knowing you pushed yourself further than you knew was possible, and seeing the results from that in all areas of life. Joining my freshman year is one of the best decisions I've ever made, and I've loved watching this program grow and can't wait to see what God does next with this team!!"

VOLLEYBALL

Head coach
Melissa Neeb

Team theme/verse
"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Participants
31 Athletes

Quote from head coach:

"Our goal this year is to play with a purpose greater than ourselves and to play with a deep trust in our teammates that extends beyond the court. These two pieces help us focus on our team theme to "build." We want to encourage our teammates and have our actions and words on and off the court show we are different to the world around us. Not only does this allow us to build on our volleyball skills, but it also helps us to build on our character so that we are encouraged to shine our lights for Jesus through volleyball."

Quote from team captain:

"This year has been all about building. With the seniors from last year graduated, its been a year full of learning how to work together with new teammates, and growing in encouragement and love for one another. It's been fun playing with a new team of girls who all love the sport of volleyball. This team strives to resemble Christ on the court and off the court, and love one another deeply. Coming down to the last few weeks in our season, we are continuing to practice hard and develop our God given gifts in this sport, and build a strong team that plays for one another and the glory of God."



Scholarship



Sierra Steuerwald, Director of Instruction and Learning

ACADEMIC HONORS

At Sheboygan Christian School, we center all of our decisions around our mission of preparing hearts and minds for service in God's world. This past spring, a committee of teachers, administrators, board members, and parents reviewed the academic traditions of Grade Point Average (GPA), class rank, and graduation honors and asked the simple question "Do our academic structures teach what our mission and core values set out to achieve?"



After months of prayer, research, and conversations, the Board of Trustees approved important changes to the ways in which we honor academic excellence at Sheboygan Christian School, beginning with the class of 2027.

Encouraging Academic Challenge with Weighted GPA

Sheboygan Christian School offers several opportunities for students to take rigorous, college-level coursework through Advanced Placement and Cooperative Academic Partnership Program. Yet when choosing whether or not to enroll in these courses, students often feared the potential of earning a lower grade would impact their GPA. In an effort to encourage students to embrace academic rigor rather than avoid it, our Board of Trustees has approved a weighted GPA calculation. In this new GPA calculation model, Advanced Placement (AP) and Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) courses carry additional weight toward a student's GPA, ensuring that choosing a challenging course is rewarded. The inclusion of the weighted GPA on the transcript also increases opportunities for students to qualify for merit scholarships at their chosen college or university.

Excellence for Everyone Who Earns It

For years, SCS has recognized academic achievement at commencement by naming just two students, valedictorian and salutatorian. We believe all students who achieve a standard of excellence should be recognized at commencement. This year, SCS is introducing the Laude System, which recognizes three levels of honor: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude. Laude distinctions will be based on both a student's grade point average and the rigor of their course load. The transition to the laude system will result in an academic culture in which our students measure themselves against a meaningful standard and their own potential rather than other students.

Why It All Matters

These changes have been implemented to better align our academic honors with our mission and core values.

- We want students who are eager to take on rigorous classes rather than avoid them.
- We want every student who achieves academic excellence to be recognized for it.
- We want a school culture where students push each other forward, rather than measure themselves against each other.

We're grateful for the board members, parents, staff, and administrators who shaped these changes, and we are even more grateful to the Board of Trustees for continuing to build an academic program at Sheboygan Christian School that reflects our mission of preparing our students' hearts and minds for service in God's world.



Discipleship

Peter Kuipers, Coordinator of Discipleship

True Treasure

When was the last time you sat down on your own and intentionally spent time in God's word? Was it this morning, sometime this week, or sometime earlier this month? For the students here at Sheboygan Christian School, they can all confidently respond with "last Friday during "DEARYB time" (Drop Everything And Read Your Bible time)." During this weekly routine, the entire school has five uninterrupted minutes to read, know, and treasure the truths found within God's word. For some classes, this rhythm has extended beyond Friday mornings and into other parts of the week.



This year, our students and staff members are intentionally focusing on learning to treasure the Bible for what it is: God's revelation of himself to us through his written word. As stated in the school's statement of foundational beliefs, "the Bible is God's supernatural revelation to us about both the natural and supernatural world. It gives true answers to all ultimate questions, serving as the prism through which we must study the rich panorama of God's world and human endeavor." The words of life that are revealed within tell of God's grand story and of His relentless love for us. Without the Bible, we are lost.

To truly treasure the Bible requires more than surface level reading. Study requires dwelling deeply in the word and memorizing it. As we read, we listen to the words

THE WORDS OF LIFE THAT ARE REVEALED WITHIN TELL OF GOD'S GRAND STORY AND OF HIS RELENTLESS LOVE FOR US.

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Discipleship *(cont.)*



See You at the Pole

to understand them. We look for commands, conditions, promises, and truths. And ultimately, we consider what the passage teaches about God, teaches about our identity and how to live, and teaches about Jesus and our need for him.

Yet we know that countless other sources masquerading as truth try to pull us away from God's word. These messages are heard on the TV, in negative peer relationships, or in agenda driven corners of the internet. To fight the false truths, one Friday morning chapel speaker encouraged us to "expand our arsenals" and internalize God's word so that we might be ready to stand firm when the time comes. As Psalm 119:11 states "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you". Therefore, students at all age ranges commit to memorizing God's word throughout all their years here at SCS.

Applying what is revealed in God's word reshapes how we act and ultimately reshapes our hearts. Through the ongoing process of sanctification which is rooted in the Holy Spirit, we put off the things of the world that hinder us and strive toward embodying Christ in what we think, say, and do. Our time in God's word reshapes all aspects of our lives.



Church Partnership

Though we work diligently to prepare students' hearts and minds for service in God's world, we acknowledge that this task cannot be done alone—it requires the partnership of the broader Christian community. To thank the church leaders from the 75+ churches who nurture the hearts and minds of our students and staff, SCS invited all pastors, associate pastors, youth pastors, and all others actively involved in a ministry role to a pastor appreciation brunch this fall. If you have a moment, reach out to your pastor and thank them for how they help nurture your faith and the faith of those around you.

Citizenship

Sent to Serve

For one school afternoon, our high school stretched across Sheboygan County, with thirteen student groups serving at thirteen organizations doing good work in our community.

We serve because Jesus served first. He told His followers that He came not to be served, but to serve, and He calls us to follow His example by loving our neighbors with our hands as well as our words. Service Day gives our students the chance to live that out.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."
—from Mark 10:45





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Citizenship *(cont.)*



[JESUS] CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH OUR HANDS AS WELL AS OUR WORDS. SERVICE DAY GIVES OUR STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO LIVE THAT OUT.







Practicing a life of service

Service isn't something people suddenly pick up when they become adults. Like any other skill, it's a habit that has to be practiced. Students who learn to serve now are far more likely to value it and keep doing it long after graduation. That's the goal: not a single day of good deeds, but a lifelong pattern of faithful service to impact the world, both near and far, for Jesus Christ.

This year, each advisory group of students headed off campus with a high school teacher to partner with a local organization. Students sorted donations, stocked shelves, cleaned, organized, and spent time with the people these ministries and nonprofits serve every day. For many, it was their first look behind the scenes at the organizations that quietly hold our community together.

We're grateful to every organization that opened its doors to us, and to the teachers and staff who led the way!

"...RATHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER HUMBLY IN LOVE."

—from Galatians 5:13



WHERE WE SERVED	HS TEACHER LEAD
Salvation Army Baby Care	Mrs. Hildebrand Dr. Garside, with Mrs. Ritsman
John Michael Kohler Art Center	Ms. Brown
Revolution Resale	Mr. Seider
Habitat for Humanity ReStore	Mr. Hendrikse
Hmong CRC	Mrs. Garside, Ms. VandenBrink, and Mr. Vang
Breaking Chains Recovery	Senor Engels
RCS	Pastor Veldhorst
Love INC	Mr. Arentsen
Pine Haven	Mr. Whartnaby
Sharon Richardson Resale Store	Mr. Pruss
Campus Life	Mr. DeJong
Freedom Church	Mr. Steinle

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!

Join us for the SCS Christmas Programs this Christmas Season!

Elementary School Christmas Program
December 1, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Middle School Christmas Program
December 7, 2026 | 6:00 PM

High School Christmas Program
December 14, 2026 | 6:30 PM

**All programs will be held in the main gym on campus*

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