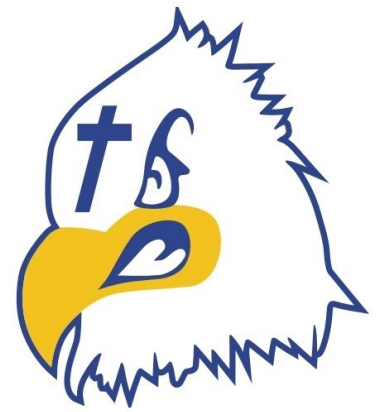


EAGLE PRIDE

WEEKLY NEWS

November 8, 2017



NO MORE EXCUSES

When is the last time you made an excuse? Maybe you said you didn't get enough sleep to be effective at work. Maybe you blamed drinking on your sad circumstances or cheating on your spouse because he/she just didn't love you the way you needed to be loved. Maybe you blamed a friend or a long bus trip to a game for not doing your homework. Maybe you said you played poorly because you didn't try or because you didn't feel well. Maybe you said you used foul language because you hear it from other people at work or school. You can use anything in the past or present to make an excuse. It may not be one of the ones just mentioned, but chances are you've made some sort of excuse today.

None of us are immune to excuse making. Excuses have been around since the beginning of time. In Genesis 3, Eve blamed the serpent for the fact she chose to eat forbidden fruit in the garden. Adam blamed Eve for his having chosen to eat of the same fruit. Workers blame bosses. Students blame teachers, coaches, and friends. Congregants blame pastors and fellow church members. We all blame one another. The kicker is, as with Adam and Eve, that we almost always do this because of our own sin.

The Bible is clear though. Jesus states, "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now, they have no excuse for their sin" (John 15:22) and as noted in previous Wednesday articles, Jesus also tells us, "Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me" (John 14:21). Jesus has spoken. We are without excuse. We know what He desires and that what He desires is what is best for us. We know that His Spirit works in us to transform us (Romans 12:2). We are new creations in Jesus.

The problem arises due to the fact that we don't act as if we are new creations in Jesus. We don't love others the way we should. Shamefully, we don't love Jesus the way we should. The Bible is truth. So, our lack of love for Him is evidenced by our lack of obedience. In trying to attain what we want, cover lies or failures, or protect our children or friends, excuses are made. This is sin in and of itself, as the overriding factor has every motivation except the motivation to love, live for, and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! You see, if we are honest with ourselves, such sin, and excuses which usually beget more sin, are because we don't want Jesus bad enough!

I once heard a quote that noted, "If it is important to you, you will find a way. If not, you'll find an excuse." Unfortunately, we use God's grace all too often in excusing our own sin. This is because sin is what is desired, not God! The Apostle Paul notes in Romans 6:15, "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? By no means!" When we come to know Jesus, we are set free from the slavery of our own sinful desires and enabled to live in righteousness; to glorify Him! We gain our being and our joy through Him. This is what we were created for. As the great pastor John Piper once stated, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." Are you satisfied in God? If you are not obedient to His Word, then the answer has to be a resounding "NO"! If the answer is "NO", chances are you are making a number of excuses for a number of things. You are sinning and heading to more sin.

With this in mind, as our legendary kindergarten teacher Jean Thomas would say, "Pull up your big boy pants!" No more excuses! Excuses are for people who don't want it bad enough! In this case, you have to want more of Jesus! To quote Tim McGraw, "How bad do you want it? How bad do you need it? Are you eating, sleeping, dreaming with that one thing on your mind?" Is Jesus that one thing on your mind? If so, the rest will fall into place. There will be no need for excuses, just a constant need to glorify Jesus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

17th

Early Out 1:15 Collaboration Day

Talent Show 7:00 PM

22nd

Early Out 1:15

23rd-24th

Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

28th

Elementary Concert 7:00 PM

December

2nd

Theater Production

4th

SCRIPT Order Due
Choir Concert 7:00 PM

7th

Band Concert 7:00 PM

15th

Early Out 1:15 MIDTERM

Dec 18th-Jan 2nd

Christmas Break (No School)

PARENTS IN PRAYER



TUESDAYS AT 2PM
SCS WAR ROOM

YEARBOOK & DIRECTORY INVOICES

The office is now taking orders for yearbooks and/or hard copy directories. Please place your orders for these and pay as soon as possible. This year everyone will receive an electronic version of the directory via email for free, but if you would like a hard copy it will be \$5. Yearbooks are on sale for \$35. There are extra order forms available in the office. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please contact Traci in the school office.

HOW WERE YOU KIND TODAY?

We are asking this question every week in elementary chapel. I think our elementary students can be extremely kind, and we teachers are looking for acts of kindness! We want to catch others being kind. Will you help us keep this question in the forefront of your children? When you talk to them about their day, will you ask, "How were you kind today?"

SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES!!!

We have car window stickers available to show your SCS school spirit. These stickers come in 4 different options. We have a Eagle, Claw, SC w/ Cross, and Crest available, each for just \$5. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these stickers, please text Kelli Heilbuth at 712-899-7100. Thank you in advance for your support!

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER

School fees are due at the beginning of each semester. Fees are as follows: Art- \$50, Athletic- \$90, Band- \$90. Please turn in all fees to the front office.

SNACKS OF SUPPORT

Join us for "Snacks Of Support" after school on Tuesdays & Thursdays in the school lobby. We will be selling pizza for the price of \$1.50 per slice. All proceeds will go to support this year's Mission Trip. Thanks in advance for your support!

BOX TOP COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER!

October winners were Erick Koehler for elementary and Mikellie Grant for the Secondary. Each winner received a Subway sub and dessert from

JMC ONLINE REGISTRATION

JMC is a great way to stay connected with your student's school activities, grades, schedules, assignments, lunch balance, and more by logging in to your Parent Portal on JMC. Keeping your contact information current through JMC ensures up to date information through parent alerts, text messages, voice recorded phone calls, emails, and much more. If you need additional information or help logging in, please contact the front office.

IXL FOR K-12

Siouxland Christian has invested in a software called IXL to assist students with sample problems in Math, English, etc. It offers practice in subjects beginning with counting and addition, continuing all the way up to pre-calculus. There are an unlimited number of unique problems available with feedback after every question.

This program is available for all students grades K-12, with online access from home. IXL also assists in preparation for ACT testing. This software is available all year for our families.

If you have any questions or need the login information for your student(s), please contact the school office.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please remember to notify the school office at (712) 276-4732 before 8:30 am if your student will be absent. Also, if your student is absent for an appointment, please remember to turn in documentation when your student returns.

YEARBOOK REQUEST

While submitting pictures for Yearbook, please be aware that we are requesting you not submit pictures that display tongues or hand gestures of any kind, as they will NOT be included in the publishing.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

HELP CONNECT SCS TO OUR COMMUNITY! This year we are trying to reach out and let our community know that Siouxland Christian is here! We have an opportunity to connect with a local MOPS group by volunteering to help babysit children for their bi-monthly meetings. If you would like to help and volunteer your time once or twice a month for a couple of hours in the evenings, please contact Trish Yanney @ 712-301-4777 or email tyanney@siouxslndchristian.org.



The Morningside College Department of Performing Arts is pleased to announce the musical: The Princess and the Pea. Siouxland Christian K-5th graders are invited to view the musical, which will last approximately one hour.

Date:	November 13th
Time:	10:30 a.m.
Location:	<i>Morningside College</i> Klinger-Neal Theatre 3700 Peters Ave.

Cost:	\$2, parents as well
Transportation:	Parent provided
Notes:	Please let your teacher know if you can provide transportation. Check with your auto insurance to see if you are covered to drive students. There is a form in the office to fill out. Space is limited unfortunately, we can only allow a certain number of chaperones per grade.

Kindergarten through Fifth will be going on a field trip Monday, November 13th. A permission form was sent home with your student. Please be sure to return the permission form, as well as the Transportation Permission Form that was sent home. **Both of these forms, along with payment must be turned in to your child's teacher BEFORE NOVEMBER 10th in order for your child to be able to participate in the field trip.**

Also, let your student's teacher know if you will be driving.

Chaperones needed per grade:

Kindergarten: 6 drivers/parents total
 1st grade-4 drivers/parents total
 2nd grade-5 drivers/parents total
 3rd grade-4 drivers/parents total
 4th grade-5 drivers/parents total
 5th-grade- 4 drivers/parents total

IMPORTANT:

In order to drive, Please check in the office to fill out a transportation driver form or make sure you have one on file. Check with your insurance to see if you are covered to drive for students.

Donation/Tax Opportunity (NICSTO) Northern Iowa Christian Schools Tax Organization

<http://www.iowasto.org/home.html>

Each year, Siouxland Christian School is afforded the opportunity for its constituents to make financial donations to NICSTO. These donations return to Siouxland Christian in the form of funding to be utilized for families needing financial assistance. This past year, Eagle families were awarded well over \$100,000 in financial assistance with more than \$52,000 coming from NICSTO. For the current year (2017), because the 2016-2017 year was our first being fully accredited through 12th grade, we have the opportunity for

Eagle families, friends of Siouxland Christian, and other constituents to give a total of \$110,913.

I use the term "opportunity", because as noted on the web-site above, the personal tax benefits of donating to NICSTO are substantial. Donors receive an Iowa tax credit for up to 65% of their contribution, while the charitable donation on federal taxes is commensurate with one's tax bracket. For example, a \$5,000 donation to NICSTO could result in a tax credit for \$3,250 with the state of Iowa and \$1,000 on the federal form if in the 20% earnings bracket (see link for example).

Siouxland Christian has always met our goal, even with increasing difficulty. A few years ago, we were only eligible for \$30,000. This year, as noted above, we are eligible for \$110,913, which will still be less than the overall amount of assistance awarded to Eagle families. With our current budget, it is more important than ever that we meet this goal. With such a tax benefit, our financial committee strongly encourages those who are able to consider giving in this fashion. The benefit is not only mutual, but

EAGLE MISSIONS IS BOSTON BOUND

I would like to invite your student to this year's trip. The 2018 Boston Missions Trip will be March 23-31. Total cost is \$1000. This trip is open to 9-12 grade students. The first deposit of \$300 is due Oct 1st, another \$300 is due Dec. 1, and \$400 (the remaining balance) will be due Feb. 1. All money collected is non-refundable.

Because I need to make reservations and commitments to our transportation and mission partners, your students commitment is paramount. By chance, if your student later decides to not go on the trip, your student is still liable for the remaining balance.

Please feel free to contact Bill Claeys at 712-251-1206 with any questions.

SCS TALENT SHOW

Attention the wonderful, amazing, gifted, and talented students of SCS! Can you sing, dance, tumble, act, recite poetry, tell a story, or use another gift God has given you? Our annual Talent Show is scheduled for November 17 at 7 PM. Tryouts for the Talent Show will be held November 10th after school on the stage in the multi-purpose room. A freewill offering will be asked with all proceeds going towards this year's Mission Trip to Boston.

HONOR BAND

This Saturday, Siouxland Christian sent three outstanding middle school instrumentalists to the NWIBA Middle School Honor Band! AJ Goetsch (french horn), Jasmine Peters (clarinet) and Benjamin Wing (tuba) all had the opportunity to spend the day working with some of the best middle school musicians in Northwest Iowa. They also had the chance to work with one of the best known band composers in America, James Swearingen! AJ Goetsch has also been selected to preform at the Iowa Bandmaster's Association All-State middle school honor band. He was selected as the only 8th grade French horn from all of Northwest Iowa.

The same day, Sara Goetsch (alto sax) was also chosen to play in the NWIBA high school honor band. She will be performing on January 6 with the best HS instrumentalists in Northwest IA.

Please congratulate these students if you get a chance. Congratulations to AJ, Jasmine, Ben, and Sarah!



SPORTS FORCE

EAGLES GAMES & HIGHLIGHTS



THE RUNNING BRANNON BROTHERS

On November 4th, Eric and Sam ran the six mile Coca Cola Classic that started at Four Seasons health club. Sam won the silver medal with a time of 50 minutes and 43 seconds in the 14-and-under age category. Eric won the gold medal in the 15-to-19 age category with a time of 39 minutes, 49 seconds. The boys wanted to keep in shape after the Cross Country season and the distance was a real stretch for both. It was a fun race on a good day for running.

JH BOYS BASKETBALL

The JH Boys Basketball team opened up the 2017 season on Monday with a road win against the AOMV Hawks, 40-13. The Eagles opened up the game by scoring 10 points before the Hawks could manage 2. The Eagles were lead in scoring by Josh with 13 points. Followed by Mikey and Luke, both adding 10 points. The Eagles' team-defense was on full as they allowed just 9 points in the first half and only 4 points in the second half.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Varsity Boy's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Nov 21	Boys Jamboree	Sioux City East	6:00 PM
Nov 27	East Sac County	Home	7:30 PM
Nov 30	LLC	Home	7:30 PM
Dec 1	Westwood	Sloan	7:30 PM
Dec 5	West Monona	Home	7:30 PM
Dec 8	Lawton-Bronson	Home	7:30 PM
Dec 12	Kingsley-Pierson	Kingsley	7:30 PM
Dec 14	Cherokee	Cherokee	7:30 PM
Dec 19	Whiting	Whiting	7:30 PM

Varsity Girl's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Nov 21	LeMars Gehlen	LeMars	7:30 PM
Nov 27	East Sac County	Home	6:00 PM
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Dec 5	West Monona	Home	4:00 PM
Dec 8	Lawton-Bronson	Home	4:00 PM
Dec 12	Kingsley-Pierson	Kingsley	4:00 PM