



Warrior Connection

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER — SULLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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From the Desk of Mrs. Hackert...

There is no better way to end this year and begin another than to focus our attention on Christian education. Please take time to read the following article from Christian Schools International.

A Worldview That Matters!

Worldview matters in Christian education. Christian Schools International is the worldview leader for Christian schools. Each CSI school is building God's kingdom as worldview permeates every subject, every lesson, and every activity.

Faith and learning are inseparable in our classrooms.

Because worldview matters, science studies go beyond simply recognizing the truth of God's creation work to explore challenging and difficult questions which equip students to better understand creation so that they might respond to God's call to be creation caretakers.

Because worldview matters, Bible is so much more than pouring information into the minds of students. Bible is the opportunity for students to struggle along the path of their faith journey as they seek to love God above everything else and to live as disciples of Christ.

Because worldview matters, math is not only the memorization of $1 + 1 = 2$, but because God's good order assures that $1 + 1$ will always be 2, students can take knowledge to press the bounds of engineering, design, and physics.

Because worldview matters, we seek to support Christian schools that are committed to raising up disciples for Christ and to become difference-makers in his service.

Because worldview matters, our worldview is imbedded in the CSI Bible and Science curricula.

Christian schools can enjoy championships on athletic fields and in academic competitions, but Christian schools should celebrate competing in the arenas of life in God-honoring ways. Christian schools can enjoy high test scores that recognize excellence, but Christian education is also about each image bearer using his or her God-given gifts and talents to glorify God.

Because worldview matters, the schools of Christian Schools International matter. Our worldview has shaped who we are and who you are. We believe that our worldview made us relevant for the past 100 years. We believe that our worldview will continue to define Christian Schools International as the leader in a worldview that will shape high-quality, faith-based education in the twenty-first century.

What shapes and defines your school? Is there evidence that you are distinctly different from the public or private school down the road? Worldview matters. If you define it and it defines you, then without hesitation and with confidence you can say, "Yes, we are distinctly different because our worldview defines us, shapes us, and makes us who we are."

Christian Schools International and our member schools are worldview leaders, and that matters in a world that belongs to God! We have been transformational agents for God and we will continue in the business of transforming his world in the twenty-first century.

The 3rd and 4th graders have been very busy since the beginning of the school year. We are looking forward to a break for Christmas, but first we wanted to give you an update on what we have been learning.

Reading

By: Cheyanne Collins and Zeke Vander Leest

This year the 3rd and 4th graders added novels to their reading class. The 3rd graders read Charlotte's Web and the 4th graders read Sarah, Plain and Tall. Charlotte's Web is about a spider named Charlotte who saves a pig named Wilbur. Sarah, Plain and Tall is about a woman named Sarah who comes from Maine to be a mother to two children. Right now both grades are reading from their reading textbooks. 3rd grade is reading Ramona Forever and 4th grade is reading Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World. We like reading because we get to read new stories that take us to different places in the world.

Bible

By: Colby De Vries and Elijah Vos

In Bible we have been learning about Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, and Joseph. We've learned all kinds of fun and exciting stories about these Warriors of God. From Adam and Eve eating the fruit to Joseph becoming second in command in Egypt, we have learned how to stand up with them and become Warriors of God. Our favorite Bible character is Joseph because he became second in command in Egypt.

Science

By: Kara Van Wyk and Blake Veenstra

In science this year we have learned about plants, weather, and the ocean. Right now we are learning about magnets and electricity. Did you know that magnets have two poles and in order for them to stick together they have to face their opposite pole? Blake's favorite topic is magnets and electricity because "you get to play with batteries and wires." Kara's favorite is the ocean. "I liked learning about what is in the ocean."

Writing

By: Sierra Pleima and Drew Van Soelen

This year in writing we have written our own fairytale. We make them up, videotaped them, and watched them. It was embarrassing to watch them. Sometimes for writing we write in our prayer journals. We have written a prayer to God, talked about how you act, and thought about how to act in sports. Right now we are picture writing. It is where you have a picture and make up a story about it. Our class loves writing!

Math

By: Kody Jansen and Kelly Van Wyk

This year in 3rd and 4th grade math was hard, but we had favorite topics. Kody's was multiplication and division. "I like multiplication because it is easy." Kelly's favorite subject is graphs. "I like graphs because we got to make one and survey the class, and because it was more fun than the other subjects." We also learned about time, temperature, money, and addition. Although we said math was hard, it was fun.

*Heather Young is also in our class, but was not in attendance on the days when we wrote our articles.

As you can see we have learned and covered many different topics. It has been a fun semester and all of us are excited to see what the rest of the school year will bring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the 3rd and 4th grade classroom!

Tuition Support Program

Do you feel led to support a family through the Tuition Support Program?

The finance committee is administering this program to assist families currently attending Sully Christian School and in need of tuition assistance.

If you would be interested in donating to the program please contact Rod Jansen (527-2727) or Ed Van Kooten (594-4316).



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Legacy of Grace

Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization would like to thank you for your generosity this year. You have donated \$170,000 of the approximately \$340,000 that we need to raise before December 31. Please pray that God will bless our efforts as we raise the needed funds for Christian School tuition grants. Please go to www.logsto.org for a donation form and any contact information.

Please pass on any comments or concerns you may have received about just directing people to the website instead of providing hard copies of information and donation forms.

SCS Wishlist

- Plastic forks & spoons
- Small paper plates
- Clorox Wipes
- Sturdy tape dispenser: 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom
Approximate Cost: \$5.00 - \$10.00
- Kids games, new or gently used for 1st & 2nd grade
(Examples: Hi-Ho Cherrio, Ants in the Pants)
- 3rd & 4th Grade Novels: Approximate Cost: \$80.00
- HDMI television for students to watch recorded videos of themselves doing presentations, speeches etc.
Approximate cost: \$300

PRAYER WARRIOR'S CORNER

1. Prayers of safety for all of the families who are traveling for the Christmas Holiday.
2. Prayers to keep students and staff healthy and free from illness.
3. Prayers for the family of Stephanie Mulder who is grieving the recent loss of her Grandpa.



Thank you

On behalf of the Cookie Committee, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many people who spent countless hours baking cookies for our cookie walk. Also, thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by placing pre-orders and purchasing cookies the day of the cookie walk. We also want to extend our appreciation to the fundraising committee for their support and help with our efforts along the way. The cookie walk wouldn't have been a success without each and every one of you.

December Board Highlights

Centennial celebration dates have been set for 8/30/13, 8/31/13, and 9/1/13.

The fundraising committee has lined up the River City Improv group from Calvin College as entertainment for the Hostess supper to be held on 1/28/12

Food and fun night plans are underway for 3/3/12

Sully Christian will participate in Jasper County Emergency Planning in order to be eligible for FEMA money in case of a disaster. There will be no cost to the school.

The teacher's request for 4/5/12 to be used as an in-service day to work on curriculum for Core requirements was approved.

Phyllis Zylstra closed the meeting in prayer

Sully Christian School Fundraising Committee would like to update you on our upcoming fundraisers:

Hostess Supper: Mark your calendars for the annual Hostess Supper coming up on January 28th! This year we welcome the River City Improv group from the Calvin College Alumni. Their shows weave skits, games and songs with audience suggestions to create unique entertainment experiences for each show! It will be a great night filled with fun and laughter! This year's Hostess Supper earnings will go toward LCD projectors to be installed in each classroom. These projectors will be used for classroom presentations, educational videos etc... Any remainder of earnings will go toward new Monroe tables for the gym. Just a note... GEMS will not be providing babysitting during this year's Hostess Supper.

Food & Fun Night: March 3rd, plan to attend Food & Fun Night! Committees are already underway to make sure the event is a fun filled night for the whole family! A great time for the kid in all of us! The Food & Fun Night Auction Committee has already begun working on this year's auction line up! We are always looking for new ideas to add to our Experiences Table. Do you have an 'experience' you would like to add to our table? Examples of what we've offered in the past: Turkey Hunt, Hot Air Balloon Ride, Weekend Harley Ride, Day of Boating, Pella Date Night.... Have an idea? Contact an auction committee person! The Auction Committee is also looking for sponsors for the packages we offer on the Live Auction. **Are you looking to make a tax deductible donation before the end of the year?** We can use your help to be able to build great packages! Let us know if you would be interested in donating! Look for updates from the various committees about donation opportunities and activities planned for the evening.

Food & Fun Night Auction Committee: Mike & Lisa Van Sant, Lauren & Julie Van Wyk, Curt & Candice Vos, Terry & Paula Nikkel

The fundraising committee would like to thank the Cookie Walk Committee for all the hard work they put in to make the Cookie Walk a very successful fundraiser. This year's Cookie Walk profit was... \$2,438.31! That's \$900 more than last year! Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this fundraiser's success!

Thank you to everyone that placed an order for the new Sully Christian Warriors Apparel! Let's get out there, wear our new apparel and promote our Warriors!

GO WARRIORS!

Fundraising Committee:

Kevin & Brenda Van Kooten

Curt & Candice Vos

Randy & Jodi De Vries