



Sioux Falls Lutheran School

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## CELEBRATE HIS GIFTS UPDATE NEW

Thank you to all who joined us on Nov. 2 for the Celebrate His Gifts Gala! We raised a total of \$127,970, including \$64,835 for tuition assistance. If you'd like to help us meet our goal of raising \$100,000 for tuition assistance, there's still time to make a donation online at [bit.ly/2024-chg-ta](https://bit.ly/2024-chg-ta).



## CONGRATULATIONS 2024 SFLS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEW INDUCTEES!

Please join us in congratulating the 2024 inductees into the SFLS chapter of the National Honor Society - Logan Baumbach, Taylor Miller, Addison Vis, Elyse Prouty, Tessa VanGerpen, Mason Harty and

Brynlee Post. These students exemplify the traits of Godly character, service, scholarship, and leadership both in our school and in the community. They were inducted into NHS in a ceremony in the SFLS chapel on November 4th and will continue to be leaders and positive Godly role models to all students here at Sioux Falls Lutheran.



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## 1ST GRADE PET DRIVE

FIRST GRADE'S

### PET DRIVE FOR ANIMALS IN NEED

We are collecting blankets, towels, washcloths, Milk-Bones, and Clorox wipes to donate to Sioux Falls Humane Society.



Help make a difference in lives of shelter pets!

**How You Can Help:**

- Blankets & Towels (new or gently used)
- Washcloths
- Milk-Bones and Cat Nip Toys
- Kong toys (no stuffies or ropes)
- Clorox Wipes and Windex

**Drop - Off Locations**  
Mrs. Thomas Room  
Mrs. Verduyse Room

**Deadline for Donations:** November 26th  
Every donation helps provide comfort, care, and supplies for pets in need. No item is too small, and your contribution will make a huge difference!  
THANK YOU for supporting our furry friends!

## FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA FOOD DRIVE

The National Honor Society is collecting canned foods for Feeding South Dakota for their fall service project. The collection will be for K-12th grade and the classes that get the first and second most food collected by weight will earn a pizza and a cookie party respectively. The collection will take place from November 11th-22nd. The most needed items are:

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned chicken & tuna
- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Taco shells, tortillas, seasoning, etc.
- Canned pasta meals
- Boxed pasta meals & easy mac
- Microwave meals
- Baking mixes
- Pancake mixes & syrup
- Rice, pasta, pasta sauce
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Kid-friendly snacks
- Granola bars

## REPORT CARDS

Grades K-12...Your student's report card is now available in FACTS. Please log into your Family Portal>left menu, under "Student" heading, click the dropdown arrow>click "Report Card". To switch between students>click the dropdown on the top of the report card. To print>click the "Print" icon in the upper right. If your student is missing a grade, check back soon, as they will be updated shortly!

## KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for kitchen volunteers from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays. Please contact Laurie Ascher by text or call at (605) 759-3063 or email [ascherfam74@gmail.com](mailto:ascherfam74@gmail.com) if you are interested!

## LICENSE PLATE DECAL

Show your SFLS support on your SD license plate! We now have license plate decals available for purchase. They are \$10 for a set of two. Please contact Mikela Iverson at [miverson@sflutherschool.com](mailto:miverson@sflutherschool.com) to purchase.



## CAREER CORNER

Would you or someone you know make a great addition to our team? We're seeking:

### Preschool:

- Part-time education assistant position, Tuesday afternoons

### Elementary:

- Full-time 4th Grade Teacher (2025-2026 School Year)

### Eagle Care:

- Part-time afternoon assistants. Adults and/or high school age students:
  - Flexible Schedule: Between 3:15 - 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Please prayerfully consider joining our team and/or sharing these opportunities with someone you believe would be a good fit! Contact Debbie Pankow at [dpankow@sflutherschool.com](mailto:dpankow@sflutherschool.com) for more information.

View jobs and application instructions here: [www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers](http://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers).

## CHAPEL

**SAVE**  
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**DATE**

**Monday,  
November 11**  
**Veteran's Day Chapel**  
**8:50 a.m.**  
**Grades 4-12**

**SFLS**  
**SIoux FALLS**  
**LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
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**Invite Veterans to  
Chapel Nov. 11**

**Veterans Day Chapel is Monday, November 11th**, led by Pastor Asmus from Memorial Lutheran Church:

- Grades 4-12 at 8:50 AM

**Wednesday, November 13th**, led by Pastor Asmus from Memorial Lutheran Church:

- Grades K-3 at 8:50 AM

This year's theme is *ONE - The Gospel Story is Our Story*. This week's topic is: *In His Service*.

**Preschool chapel** will be held on Thursday, November 14th, led by DCE Liz Peters from Memorial Lutheran Church, in the Early Childhood wing beginning at 8:40 and 9:00 AM. The theme of this week's chapel is *Moses Crosses the Red Sea*.

### CHAPEL OFFERINGS:

**First semester we are supporting Missionary Hayden Rensner in Ethiopia.**

Goal: \$2000

Collected: \$952.64

**We honor God by serving others!**

**Campus Chaplain** this week is Pastor Asmus from Memorial Lutheran Church.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

**Help is 3 Numbers Away** helpline center

**211** maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services

**211** also can connect people with information and referrals for:

- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

**988** provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

**911** provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life threatening Situation

**Call for Information and Community Resources 211**

**Call for Suicide Intervention and Crisis Support 988**

**Call for Emergencies 911**

**Whole Person Care**

**Warm Handoff**

**Safe2Say South Dakota** is a statewide tip line that allows South Dakota students, school staff, and community members to safely and anonymously report sensitive information that concerns their safety, or the safety of others, including mental health concerns.

**SAFE 2 SAY SOUTH DAKOTA**

SUBMIT A TIP BY CALLING 1-844-373-7233

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP

[safe2say.sd.gov](http://safe2say.sd.gov)

### PARENT-TEACHER-FELLOWSHIP

**Next PTF Meeting:**

Monday, 11/11 at 5:30 PM

**Holiday Movie In The Gym:**

Saturday, 12/7

(More details to come!!)

**CONNECT WITH THE PTF ON FACEBOOK**



Scan the QR Code with your camera app to go to the SFLS PTF Facebook Page



Order Dates by 10 AM	Pick-Up Dates after 11 AM
Monday, November 11	Thursday, November 14
Monday, November 18	Thursday, November 21
No Orders Week of November 25th	No Orders Week of November 25

PRESCHOOL

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Do you know someone with a preschooler who would make an excellent addition to our school family? Invite them to [RSVP to our Preschool Open House](#) from **10:00 AM-12:00 PM on Saturday, December 7th**, where they will meet our staff, tour the school building, receive answers to questions, and discover the value of investing in their child’s future at SFLS.

**KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW NIGHT 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 5th**

4-year-old & 5-year-old families—mark your calendars and plan to join us for Kindergarten Preview Night! During this special event designed specifically for soon-to-be kindergarteners and their families, you’ll receive the opportunity to meet our kindergarten teachers and elementary principal, visit with other incoming kindergarten families, receive answers to your questions, and discover the value of investing in your child’s future at SFLS. [RSVP to Kindergarten Preview Night here](#).

ELEMENTARY

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Save the Date for Elementary Grandparents Day. We invite “grand friends” of our Kindergarten - 5th Grade students to join us on November 26th from 1:00-2:45 PM. We will start in the chapel to hear our students sing. Then Grandparents will join their students in an open house format, moving from classroom to classroom for different activities. If your child does not have a grandparent who can join them, parents/aunts/uncles/neighbors...are all welcome to attend in their place.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT**

Join us on Monday, November 18th, at 5:30 PM to learn everything you need to know about middle school! You’ll meet our teachers, learn about the transition to middle school, explore academic and extracurricular opportunities, and connect with other families who are interested in middle school at SFLS. Above all, you’ll discover the value of investing in your child’s future at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Supper will be served after the event at 6:30 PM. Please [sign up here](#) to join us!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **MULTIMEDIA CLUB FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The SFLS Multimedia Club is in full swing, and it's not too late to join! This is a great opportunity for students to dive into photography, videography, graphic design, and content creation. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 20th at 3:30 PM** in the **STEM Room** with special guest speaker **Madison Felty with M. Felty Photography!** Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month after school. For more information, contact **Vania Asmus** at [vasmus@sflutherschool.com](mailto:vasmus@sflutherschool.com).

### **HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT**

Join us on Monday, November 18th, at 7:00 PM to learn everything you need to know about high school! You'll meet our teachers, learn about the transition to high school, explore academic and extracurricular opportunities, and connect with other families who are interested in high school at SFLS. Above all, you'll discover the value of investing in your child's future at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Supper will be served prior to the event at 6:30 PM. Please [sign up here](#) to join us!

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## ATHLETICS

### **BASKETBALL:**

- MS Girls and Boys Basketball first game Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Canistota beginning at 4
- JV Girls Basketball practices begin on Tuesday, November 26
- JV/V Boys Basketball practice begins on Monday, December 2

### **JAYCEE'S JUMPSTART:**

- Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 3:30

## ART

I am looking for Christmas cards with the Nativity and Holy Family to reuse. Please save food containers with lids 4-12oz. Yogurt and sourcream containers work great! They can be dropped off in the office or given to Mrs. Hoekman. Thank you! Mrs. Hoekman

**You're invited!**  
**Wine & Design**  
 11.09.24 | 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
 Sioux Falls Lutheran School Commons  
 6715 S. Boe Lane  
 Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Use QR code to register for Wine & Design

Make it your own! Different Easter verses to consider!

Create your own spring cross creation! Appetizers, wine, and all supplies provided. Proceeds go to the SFLS Booster Club. ~ \$50/person (Unlimited participants!) ~

RSVP by November 4, 2024 using QR code or contact Lisa Asmus lasmus@sflutherschool.com or call (605) 335-1923

**10th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale & Cookie Walk**

**COOKIE SALE: PRE-ORDER COOKIES BY DECEMBER 4.**

**COOKIE WALK: PAY \$20 FOR A BOX TO-FILL with Cookies, candies, fudge, caramels, and more!**

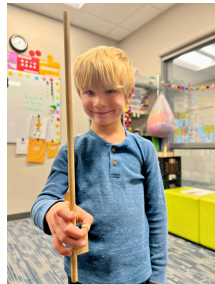
DECEMBER 15, 2024  
 2-4 p.m. SFLS Commons  
 Pick up your Pre-orders &/or Fill a Box - Cookie Walk

Questions? Contact Lisa Asmus lasmus@sflutherschool.com

Supporting SFLS Booster Club which helps fund student activities & athletics.

To Pre-order Cookies: Scan QR Code OR fill out paper form by December 4.

**NOVEMBER Middle School Ensemble Calendar**



**Click or scan to take a look at the SFLS Strings Site!**

Logan Baumbach, Laney Lehman, Makayla Harty, Olivia Eide, Olivia Anane, Weston Elkins, Jackson Miller, Jordan Brack, Kaeleigh Jasmer, Elsie Slavens, Emmarie Pederson and Sophia Shchur were chosen through a recorded



audition process to participate in Elementary Honor Choir last Saturday. They rehearsed all day with other 4th, 5th and 6th graders from all over the state and performed a concert in the afternoon. Olivia Anane also received an award for being chosen to participate in the group all 3 years! Great job to all of you!

Jude Elkins(Bass), Kelsie Miller(Soprano), Kaitlyn Wald(Tenor) and Addison Vis(alto) represented SFLS at the 2024 South Dakota All-State Chorus and Orchestra event on November 1-2. These students joined 900+ other singers from schools all around the state to rehearse with a guest conductor and perform a phenomenal concert on Saturday, Nov 2 at the Premier Center. Well done students! Kelsie Miller, a SFLS senior, was recognized for being a 4-year member of the All-state Chorus on Saturday, Nov 2. Kelsie represented SFLS as a soprano in the All-state chorus for all 4 years of her high school career. Congratulations Kelsie!



Logan Baumbach and Caius Bertelsen were selected to sing tenor in the Concordia National Honor Choir at Concordia University in Seward, NE on Friday, November 1. Logan and Caius joined former SFLS students in the CUNE choir to perform a concert at St. John's Lutheran Church. Congratulations!





MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

# HERE BE DRAGONS

by Kristian Kissel

Friday, November 8 at 6:30pm  
 Sunday, November 10 at 4:30pm

Admission: \$5

Dr. Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer  
 Chapel & Performing Arts Center  
 Sioux Falls Lutheran School

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**Faith** - Rev. Corey Aker and Rev. Jason Rensner

**Lord of Life** - Rev. Billy Newell

Mark Your Calendars: Lord of Life is hosting a Soup and Pie Dinner on Friday, November 8th from 4:30-7 PM. Free-Will offering will be taken and proceeds helping our youth attend the National Youth Gathering next July. Please join us!!

**Memorial** - Rev. Aaron Asmus, Rev. Doug Slavens, DCE Hailey Jo Miller and DCE Liz Peters

You are invited to attend:

- Nov. 17 Chili Cook-off Fundraiser
- The 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve service, Nov. 27, at SFLS, hosted by Memorial Lutheran Church, in partnership with Faith, Resurrection, & Lord of Life Lutheran Churches.

**Our Redeemer** - Rev. Howard Shane (primary vacancy pastor), Rev. David Morfitt (vacancy pastor)

**Resurrection** - Rev. Chris Ascher

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTING MEMBER

**ZION** - Rev. Greg Lehr

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit your FACTS family portal calendar or click this [link](#) to our website for upcoming events.

Please contact [schooloffice@sflutherschool.com](mailto:schooloffice@sflutherschool.com) with any questions or concerns.



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