



Warrior Connection

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER—SULLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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From the Desk of Mrs. Veenstra...

What a glorious time of year to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to share this good news with the world. As we reflect on the birth of our Savior, it is also important to remember why He came to earth...He was born to die. Christ came to conquer death and pay the penalty for all of our sins. He came to become the ultimate sacrifice for the sins we have committed in the past, the sins we committed today and the sins we will commit in the future.

Let's celebrate our Savior's birth, but also the love that was shown on our behalf for God to send His son to earth, for a purpose, to die for us. What a wonderful picture of love. This Christmas may your homes be filled with thankful hearts for our Savior, Jesus, who came to earth. Luke 2:11 shares of this birth, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Come let us adore Him!

Some Christmas Reminders

- * May the Christmas GIFTS remind us of God's greatest gift, His only Son.
- * May the Christmas CANDLES remind us of Him who is the "Light of the world."
- * May the Christmas TREES remind us of another tree upon which He died.
- * May the Christmas CHEER remind us of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."
- * May the Christmas FEAST remind us of Him who is "the Bread of Life."
- * May the Christmas BELLS remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth.
- * May the Christmas CAROLS remind us of the son the angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!"
- * May the Christmas SEASON remind us in every way of Jesus Christ our King!

Attached you will find a letter and newsletter from New Life CRC in Spring, Texas. This is the church that we sent our change to in October to help with the Hurricane Harvey relief. It is exciting to see how our loose change is being used to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Please continue to pray for our friends in Texas.

LOG-STO Update: Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization School Tuition Organization has reached its goal for 2017! We want to thank all who supported this effort and we praise God for His faithfulness!!

In Christ's Service, Mrs. Angela Veenstra



K-8 Art Mrs. Davis

Slowing down to look closely at God's Creation is in itself an art. By examining the colors, shapes, textures with the effect of changing light at different moments, we in the art room can find much inspiration in God's truly awesome world. Studying these concepts in itself is worship to our loving Creator which is my art classroom theme "Put the Awe of God in your Art"! To have the students look up to Him and give Him the credit during the entire art process is worship to Him, from start to finish. In Psalm 65: 8 it reads, "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy."

From studying nature, exploring places, seeing how God sees us in portraiture, telling stories, reading books, playing with space in sculpture, writing reflections about our art and depicting the changing seasons are some of the many facets of my lessons.

STEM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) comes into play this year in the following examples: architecture design, animal observation, the science of color, the mathematics of optical design concepts, learning the parts of an ocean wave before utilizing it in a painting and exposure to visual thinking activities including imagery and pattern lessons that help develop critical thinking skills for the future.

On my webpage you can see descriptions of all the lessons we have done to date. I am also starting to add photos of the art room in action on the New Creations page. Currently there are pictures from the K-2nd and 5th/6th grades from first and second quarter with my goal being to add more of each grade. This weekend there will be some Christmas art photos posted as well. As always you are welcome to stroll through the hallways and see the recently finished art projects!

Blessing others with our visual art pieces come in different venues beyond our hallways in the following ways. The middle school students will participate in Fine Arts this year and some students from 1st-8th grade have a chance to

participate in the Student Art Exhibit at the Des Moines Arts Festival in the summer. Last year SCS was represented at the DSM Arts Festival by Will Dykema, Abby De Vries, Blake Six, Erika Van Maanen, Gracie Clayton, Colton Vos, Larissa Pleima and Kelly Van Wyk. I also always include an Art that Heals lesson where the student's art and writing combine to help encourage someone in need. Last year the seventh and eighth graders joined the seventh and eighth grade NCS art students in sending handmade cards to a Veteran outreach. Their request was to have humorous cartoon art and letters of day to day routine descriptions that bring comfort to the recipient. This year I am still in prayer for God's leading on where we could bless others with art filled cards this coming spring. Look at the school's website for an update!

Here are two great Iowa Art contests that would be best completed with a parent. The child does all the work, but transportation to specific buildings of interest could be a fun short trip for the family.

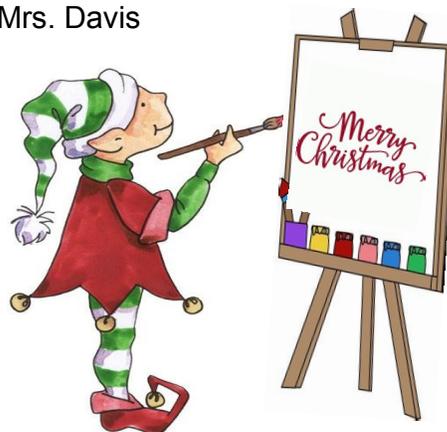
Architecture by Children for K-6th grade which involves the student drawing a public building in Iowa that holds fond memories for the artist. The entry form has a space for the child to draw on.

SNAPSHOT IOWA for 7th-12 grade students it involves the student taking and submitting an unmounted black and white photograph of Iowa Architecture. Details for these two contests are found on www.iowaarchfoundation.org Entry deadline for both contests is March 2, 2018.

It is a blessing to come here on Wednesdays to teach art, as the students have an excellent work ethic and a kind demeanor that makes each art class enjoyable!

Have a blessed Christmas Season!

~Mrs. Davis





Spotlight on Laurie Loftus

Position at SCS: Secretary

Years at SCS: 7 years

Places I have lived: Pomeroy, IA., (hometown) Lakota, IA., Lone Rock, IA., Pocahontas, IA., & currently Searsboro, IA

Children: 4 - Dalton (17), a junior at L-S school, Mallory (15), a sophomore at L-S school, Mayley (4) attends pre-school at Diamond Trail in Lynnville, & Maggy (3)

Favorite childhood books: Cat in the Hat books

Favorite books as an adult: I am not much of a reader, but I enjoy reading current events and stories of celebrities in magazines.

Favorite vacation spots: Hawaii, Florida, & Alabama

Places you would like to visit: St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Islands. I would love to go on a cruise to several different tropical destinations.

Favorite Bible verse/passage and why: Jeremiah 11:6
“For I know the plans I have for you, “declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Even though it is really difficult to understand why certain things happen in your life, this verse tells you that God does have a plan for you.

An influential person(s) in your life: My mom. She was a wonderful, caring, selfless person who always gave more than she received.

Very few people know about this about me but, I went to college right out of high school for cosmetology and I still keep my license active. I was also a police/911 dispatcher for 15 years and also worked in a prison.

PRAYER WARRIOR'S CORNER.

1. Prayers of thanks for the overwhelming support received for the Hurricane Harvey Service Project.
2. Prayers for safe travels for all those who are traveling for the Christmas holiday.
3. Prayers of thanks for all the faithful supporters of Sully Christian School.



CALENDAR

December 22 - January 2 - No School - Christmas Break

January 3 - Classes resume

January 22 - No School - Teacher In-service



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