



**SCRIBNER-SNYDER
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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2023**

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Patrons:

The students and staff have been very busy since their return back to start the second semester. Both our elementary and high school students in grades 2-11 have taken the second round of Maps/NSCAS testing. The scores from this testing cycle will be used to help improve curriculum goals.

At the beginning of each semester students are given a chance to drop and add courses. With this process the student must get the signature of the teacher's class they're dropping and from the teacher they're adding. They're also expected to get a parent signature so they're aware of the change as well. To end the process, Mr. Stithem looks over the form and makes sure the change is being done for correct purposes. Mrs. Fischer also checks the student's transcript to make sure it doesn't affect their graduation requirements.

SSCS is in the process of getting a new K-12 Math curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year to better align with the state's new Math Standards. Mrs. Nemecek has been put in charge of the selection process and is doing a great job. Caryn Zietlow (ESU consultant) has also been here to assist our staff as they review several Math samples.

The basketball and wrestling teams continue their seasons with upcoming conference competitions and several games/meets to be held in the month of February. As always, we encourage everyone to come and support our student-athletes during these competitions.

Best Regards,

Mr. Stithem

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

**FEBRUARY 8TH FROM 4-7:30 P.M.--GRADES 7-11
AND FROM 2-7:30 P.M. --PREK--6TH GRADE.
STUDENTS HAVE A 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL THIS DAY!**

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Joe Peitzmeier

It is my hope that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday with families. I am grateful for the opportunity to greet students as they come back from break so excited to share their holiday stories.

Since November of 2021 the School Board has been working with DLR Group (an architectural firm) to conduct a facility study to help the board set long range goals for the facility and program needs of the school district. DLR staff have interviewed staff, shadowed students, and conducted preliminary studies examining classroom sizes, traffic flow, etc. In the meantime, the Board has also enlisted the services of staff from the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) to facilitate a Strategic Planning Process. From the information gathered by this process coupled with the facility study process, I believe that the Board will have collected valuable data to set goals to propel this district for the future. We see this process as a beginning of an exciting future for Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. Ultimately, this process is about all of you, our valued students, staff, and community and our commitment to providing the kind of environment that will allow all to thrive. Thank you for your support, dedication, and commitment to SSCS. We plan to have another community engagement meeting in early February. Keep an eye out for an invitation.

I am pleased to announce that the School Board unanimously voted to accept my recommendation to hire Malia Nemecek to replace retiring Principal Brad Stithem as the PK-12 Principal starting with the 23/24 school year. Beginning her teaching career in 2012, Mrs. Nemecek taught for 9 years at Clarkson Elementary school in Clarkson, Nebraska. She came to Scribner-Snyder Schools 2 years ago as the Activities Director and Director of Data and Student Services. She is a 1993 graduate of Scribner-Snyder and has tremendous pride in our two communities. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and has worked to support students, teachers and our communities. I am confident in her ability to lead our school and cultivate a positive school culture.

Mr. Stithem's retirement announcement from SSCS comes after 12 years of service to this community. Mr. Stithem has 35 years of educational experience in all. Mr. Stithem has been a blessing to our school district and community. His job responsibilities were broad in scope and we are grateful for his service. We wish him well in his retirement.

In closing, I want to mention that January 22 – January 29 was Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. Board members dedicate many hours and deal with many challenging issues that may affect them personally or professionally. Yet, the members of the Scribner-Snyder Community School Board of Education continue to work to provide a safe and orderly environment for every student and provide a learning atmosphere where every student feels welcome and can be successful. At your next opportunity, please thank these people for their time and dedication to this sometimes-thankless service. The 2022-2023 school board members are: Laura Schnoor, President; Mike Fischer, Vice-President; Matt Kruse, Secretary; Janis Baker; Don Beck; and Aaron Lange.

*****News from SSCS A.D. Mrs. Nemecek*****

Winter sports and activities are in full swing. Our Girls Wrestling Team is doing an amazing job! On January 24th the girls competed in the first girl's Conference Tournament. This was a combined conference tournament – East Husker Conference and Lewis and Clark. Nattlie Hull went 3-0 with 3 pins becoming the FIRST EVER girl's wrestling individual conference Champion in East Husker Conference history! Ashley Stadt also finished in 1st place going 4-0 with 4 pins, earning Conference Champion! These are awesome accomplishments! We are looking forward to districts. District Wrestling will be on February 3rd and 4th in Madison. If you can make the drive to Madison to cheer on the girls, they would love it! They have all had a fantastic season and currently, our team is ranked 8th in the state! It is a small team but a mighty team! We are very proud of them!

Jr. High Wrestling has started. Our team is a mixture of boys and girls. They started their season at a tournament in Oakland and did very well! The team finished 11th out of 19 teams and all six athletes placed! Dakota Jenkins - 4th, Jazlyn Schlecht - 2nd, JoJo Collazo - 1st, Dereck Collazo – 2nd, Shawn Larson – 1st, and Hector Garcia – 3rd. Keep up the great work!

Jr. High Girls basketball has also started. We will be hosting some competitions in the Scribner-Snyder gym Feb. 6th and Feb. 13th. The games will start at 4:00 pm. If you cannot make it to the game, check the Scribner-Snyder Facebook page. Most games are streamed on there.

East Husker Honor Band is Feb. 6th at Twin River Public Schools. We had several students try out and were selected to be a part of the honor band. Congratulations to Zoey Gathman, Kadyn Wheelock, Nattlie Hull, Rylee Nemecek, and Garrett Hunke.

The Speech Team had their first competition and did a wonderful job! Hannah Ryun placed 1st in Impromptu Speaking, Rylee Nemecek – Poetry 5th, Zoey Gathman-Entertainment 6th, Gillian Hunke – Poetry 7th, Kadyn Wheelock – Serious Prose 7th, and several other members received superior ratings.

As you can see, Scribner-Snyder has some very talented students. We are very proud of their hard work! They make us **PROUD!**

Tiny Trojan News –Mrs. Schnoor

Preschool has had no short of fun this school year! We've spent our days at school learning the alphabet, numbers and social skills. The kids love to practice writing their letters on the white board and guessing what items are in our weekly letter tub. The children have been busy cooking each other meals in the kitchen center, playing restaurant and letting their imagination soar in the art center.

In September we started taking monthly trips to our wonderful town library! The kids love listening to a story by Ms. Arlene and completing a



craft after. We also spend some time browsing and checking out books to read while at school. Ms. Arlene and Ms. Angie are great help when the kids can't decide which of the books to pick! Someone can always be found in the library center reading one of the many books or creating their own stories with the puppets. During our classroom story time, the children enjoy when we reread books as it gives them the chance to help me read the story.

My twelve active students love to share their stories! This year the kids have had the chance to journal every Monday about something that they did on the weekend. They have great pictorial depictions! Right before Christmas break, the children practiced how to write a letter by writing one to Santa telling him what they would like for Christmas. I know the second semester of the school year will be filled with just as much creativity and lasting memories as the first semester!



Casper, The Friendly Bus Driver?

By Hannah Bowling

Imagine having a friendly conversation, when an unexpected voice appears out of nowhere. That voice might just be from the always energetic and upbeat Mr. Beerbohm. When Mr. Beerbohm attended Scribner-Snyder as a student, he admits he was known to sneak up on his peers to talk with them. As the Scribner-Snyder Community Schools morning route and activities bus driver, Mr. Beerbohm continues to enjoy engaging in conversation with others, especially the students whom he serves.

However, there is more to know about Mr. Beerbohm than what meets the eye. When asked what he wanted to do for a career at a young age, he said, "I wanted to be a farmer." Due to Mr. Beerbohm's interest in agriculture, he also joined FFA his last year of high school.

He has been a bus driver since 1997. When asked what inspired him to work in education, he said, "Mr. Bartek and Mr. Kaup inspired me." However, it wasn't only these two gentlemen. Mr. Beerbohm was also inspired to work at a school from watching his little sister play ball. He enjoyed the atmosphere her extra-curricular activity provided and wanted to be a part of it.

Mr. Beerbohm's journey working in transportation wasn't only through Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. Prior, he drove bus for West Point Public Schools and West Point Central Catholic Schools. Mr. Beerbohm has funny stories to share while driving the bus at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools.

One time while he was driving students to Lincoln, a school sponsor was helping him back up the bus, but Mr. Beerbohm went too far and hit a limo. The scratch on the limo was a few inches long, but now Mr. Beerbohm always laughs at the memory.

Mr. Beerbohm has helped multiple staff and students through his career choice. Back when buses were not handicap accessible, Mr. Beerbohm tried to make them handicap accessible through the inspiration of one of Scribner-Snyder's teachers who wanted to ride with her students on a school trip but wasn't physically able to. Mr. Beerbohm created a ramp for the bus and even tested it to accommodate her.

On another occasion, there was a child with special behavioral needs who wanted to ride with his classmates to school. Thanks to Mr. Beerbohm and his little steps of action, the student was able to ride on the bus with his friend. Mr. Beerbohm explained, "The kid was so excited."

Due to the, "...good group of kids and staff here," Mr. Beerbohm remains our dedicated and reliable bus driver at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. We are all blessed that Mr. Beerbohm can be our bus driver and bring heart-warming moments to our campus.

On a side note, make sure when you are talking with friends, to look behind you. That unknown voice might be Casper...or Mr. Beerbohm, the friendly bus driver appearing for some fun conversation.

Mrs. Schnoor: Leading the Preschool

By DesiRae Svehla

What happens when one meets a preschool teacher yet they have no idea what to say? Have no fear when Mrs. Leigh Schnoor is the Scribner-Snyder Community School's preschool teacher. Mrs. Schnoor is so nice that her students can always talk to her and she will listen. She works hard to look after her students.

Even the hardest working teachers have personal challenges in these colder winter months. Schnoor said that, "...getting up in the morning" is a challenge when one just wants to lie in bed and be comfortable. When Schnoor was in high school she participated in "Band, Choir, Dance, Cheer, FFA, Musical, Basketball, Track, and Cross Country." She is happy that she has this opportunity to be where she is now, thanks to her college professor. "...I always knew I wanted to work with children, and it was my college advisor who encouraged me in teaching. My mother and grandmother were teachers."

Schnoor loves working with kids because "...she gets to see the world through their eyes, and they can take toys wherever they are going." Schnoor said that the funniest story she recalls was, "Last year, I had the cooks help me put green dye in the milk and the kids thought it



was the leprechaun, so we spent the rest of the day finding the leprechaun.” She said that it was also one of the best moments in her life.

When one is looking for a teacher or trusted adult to talk to, look no further than Mrs. Schnoor, because she will listen and tell you what she is thinking about your situation. Mrs. Schnoor can always be counted on to find something to laugh about or even to hear what you have to say. Mrs. Schnoor continues to have a deep connection to education and the preschool students at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools.

‘THE TROJAN HUT’ STORE IS NOW OPEN AT S-S. CHECK OUT THE ORDER FORM LOCATED WITHIN THIS MONTH’S NEWSLETTER. ORDERS ARE DUE BY FEB. 11TH! CONTACT MRS. KAFONEK WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

The spring semester is looking to be a busy one for the Scribner-Snyder FFA Chapter!

This semester is filled with applications, contests, events, conventions, banquet, and more.

Proficiency and State Degree applications are due at the beginning of February. We have one member, Addison Lange, applying for her State Degree. Along with an application, there is also an interview process that must be completed for this. The State Degree is the highest award that the state association can bestow upon its members. A minimum requirement for time and/or money invested in a supervised agricultural experience, FFA activities, community service hours, etc. must be achieved to attain this recognition. Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Students can compete for awards in nearly 50 areas ranging from agricultural communications to wildlife management. We have several students who will compete in areas like Hospitality and Management, Poultry Production, and Equine Placement. The application for this consists of several short answer questions, financial statements, skill and competencies reflections, and photos.

FFA Week activities are also in the planning stages! Scribner-Snyder FFA enjoys celebrating the National FFA Organization and promoting FFA to our school and community. Face painting for the elementary students, drive your farm machinery to school day, official dress day, snack attack (providing a snack to the junior high and high school students), agricultural trivia, the hidden owl, and elementary lessons are just a few of the activities that are planned for National FFA Week (**February 20-25**). This helps the chapter to let the school and community know more about agriculture and the National FFA Organization.

The Scribner-Snyder FFA BBQ and Pie Auction is set for **Tuesday, March 14th**! We look forward to the silent auction, labor and pie auction, meal, and gathering of community members. FFA members will again be baking some homemade pies (and cheesecakes), available for your bidding and enjoyment! Each FFA member will also be auctioned off in the labor auction. Each high school member will be sold to the highest bidder for eight hours of labor. Along with the labor and pie auction live auction; there will also be a silent auction. As we receive prizes we will post them on our facebook pages so you can see the items we have up for bid. The evening will also have a smoked and shredded barbeque pork supper served. This meal consists of a shredded pork sandwich, salad (potato or Aide's macaroni), chips, beans, dessert, and a drink. The meal will be served from 5:30-7:30 pm. Cost for the meal will be a free will donation. The labor and pie auction will begin at 6:45 pm. Following the labor and pie auction the silent auction will close. Some children's games and activities will also be sponsored, to engage the kids in agricultural literacy information throughout the evening. This event helps the chapter to pay for state and national conventions, contests, and other expenses! The Scribner-Snyder FFA members work hard to prepare for the evening, we hope that you are able to join us for the fun.

A few students from Scribner-Snyder are excited to participate in The World Food Prize, Nebraska Youth Institute in April. This event takes place at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. The goal of this institute is to help students engage in ending hunger and poverty. Students research a country with a global challenge, write a paper about that country, and propose a solution to their problem. These students earn a \$500 College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources scholarship and become recognized as Borlaug Scholars.

We would like to send out a **special shout out** to those from our community that donated their time to judge our Leadership Development Events last fall: Mishele and Dan Beerbohm, Pastor Bruce Schut, Jordan Young, Becky Hull, Arlene Alsmeyer, and Beth Boyle. This contest would not be possible without the generosity of their time!

Community service is another area in which our chapter is always trying to fulfill. Last fall we held a food drive at the school. This yielded over **950 items** to go toward the **Faith Food Pantry**! Any opportunity in which we can give back to our community, we are more than happy to do so.

Coming up this spring, the Scribner-Snyder FFA members are also looking forward to participating in District Career Development Events and the Nebraska State FFA Convention. State Convention is three days which provide so many opportunities for our students. We have several students earning the right to compete in contests including: Natural Resources, Meats, Employment Skills (Hannah Ryun), Junior Public Speaking (Zoey Gathman), and Agriscience. In addition to contests, we are hoping to have a display for the hall of chapters. The junior high members enjoy participating in the Quiz Bowl at State Convention. Shortly after convention is over, we will be holding chapter officer interviews and our recognition banquet (**April 24th**). May brings our petting zoo, family picnic, and Chapter Officer Leadership Training.

Another exciting opportunity that our chapter is working towards is putting up a greenhouse. We are trying to find enough funding to get this project accomplished! Our science and ag classes would directly benefit from a space like this, but there are several other opportunities for elementary classrooms to utilize the space, or for produce to be used in the school cafeteria. We are excited about this endeavor, but have a way to go for our funding goal.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb. 1**—FFA Dist. Proficiency Review @ SS, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 6**—Honor Band @ Twin River
- Feb. 7**—FFA State Degree Interview @ WPB, 5 pm
- Feb. 8**—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 8**—Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9**—NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service
- Feb. 10**—NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 17**—State Dance @ Grand Island
- Feb. 24**—Trivial Pursuit Night @ SS
- Feb. 28—Mar. 2**—Senior Sneak Trip to Wyoming
- March 2**—Pre-School & Kindergarten Round-Up
- March 3**—NO SCHOOL
- March 6**—District Speech @ Wynot
- March 8**—Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- March 10**—NO SCHOOL
- March 14**—FFA BBQ/Auction
- March 17**—NO SCHOOL/State Speech @ Kearney
- March 21**—Juniors ACT Test Date
- March 25**—Musical, 7 p.m. (Sister Act)
- March 26**—Musical Matinee, 1:30 p.m.
- March 27**—EHC Quiz Bowl @ SS/Blood Drive @ SS
- March 31-April 1st**—Alumni Tournament @ SS

Dependable and Diligent

By Shandera Simpson

Years of experience have nothing on our talented Mrs. Papousek. This is her first year here at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools, assisting staff and students as a recently added para-professional, and she's already making a positive impact on campus. Papousek can be found most of the time helping in the elementary buildings. She enjoys working with children and getting to know them. "My favorite part about spending time with the kids is watching them learn new things." said Papousek. Being a para isn't the only characteristic that is interesting about Papousek. she was also a part of, "the yearbook staff and also a library aide," when she was in high school. In addition to helping in her school library, the book that stuck with her the most and she fondly remembers is *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls. Mrs. Papousek not only works with the elementary students, but she also helps in the Life Skills room. She is a kind, positive woman and will be there for her students when they need something. Her favorite part about working at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools is getting to work with all the students throughout the day and learn new things along with them. Some may say all teachers or paras stay focused on their work 24/7 or are always doing something relating to school activities, but



that's not all true. Teachers and paras enjoy joking around with one another. For example, Mrs. Papousek was startled by the sudden appearance of her coworker Mrs. Rolf, saying that, that has been her funniest experience of the year so far.

Mrs. Papousek said that her reasoning for deciding to work in education was, "to work with children because it is rewarding to see their faces light up when they learn something new." When she has free time and can do something she loves, Papousek stated, "I like to go camping at the river."

When walking around campus one will find that you can be outside quite a few times throughout the course of the day. When asked if she could change one thing about our campus, Papousek stated, "It would be helpful to put up covered walkways outside so the kids don't have to walk in the rain and/or snow." She elaborated that this idea would also help to keep the inside buildings a little cleaner for the custodians. Mrs. Papousek is always there to help. Every step of the way.



Mr. Ell: Thriving in Technology

By Andrea Hass

It's always important to maintain fun at school as an adult and a student. Scribner-Snyder Community School's Network System Operation Technician, Nick Ell, shares some of his funny and embarrassing moments from school. Mr. Ell was incredibly involved in school activities as a high school student, were FCCLA, One-Act, Theater, student manager of Football and Basketball, Choir, Swing Choir, and Band.

One funny moment Mr. Ell remembers from Theater is, "Well I laughed at it then and still to this day. I was in the musical *Grease* and my character's name was Rump. One scene always made me nervous and was slightly embarrassing. Someone had to de-pants me on stage! It always got a good laugh during the show but was embarrassing the first time." Another funny moment Mr. Ell experienced, but as an adult rather than a student was when, "Mrs. Kafonek has seniors for an economics class and getting to help with a game show one day was fun. I used gameshow sounds to have fun with the students."

Mr. Ell also stated that he has had some funny mishaps with computers and technology. One example of this was, "Testing my skills with the Esports team on *Smash Brothers*. I got beat badly even though I love playing that game. Everyone had a good laugh, but I still maintain that I can beat them. Challenge dropped!" Another unexpected experience came last year when, "...I had a computer come to my office and the excuse was 'The computer is melting on the bottom of my laptop.' They were right; it was melting the plastic. The motherboard was short-ing out. That was a first for me." said Ell.

Mr. Ell has also had his share of challenging encounters with technology. "Challenging things in my day seem to vary but when the building lost power...No one gets internet, and it can take up to 15 minutes before things pop up. Another challenge is when the internet goes down and there is nothing I can do to fix it." said Ell.

Mr. Ell can always find the lessons learned in the mistakes. "I would say I have always been interested in technology, but no, I haven't always been good at working on technology. I failed many attempts and destroyed laptops trying to get them open. I learned from everything I have tried and failed on. I am still learning every day because this job changes all the time and I always need to keep up with the trends."

Mr. Ells' favorite part of helping students is, "I like being able to work with students so they know that things happen with tech. I am here to help and teach little tricks to help students out."

Ell sees himself as a life-long learner by stating, "I always wanted to be able to have the ability to learn and grow on my job every day. Schools give me the opportunities because there is always something different every day or even every hour."

EHC QUIZ BOWL AT
SSCS MARCH 27TH!

Musical approaching at SSCS

One of the teachers mentioned the other day how few days we have left in the school year and the first thought that came to mind was: How are we going to get all of our stuff done? We are approaching February and the calendar is full of activities for the kids and the music department is preparing for several of those.



We are digging out the habits and rosaries along with some cool music and dance moves as the junior and senior high students are preparing for their performance of *Sister Act*. There are over 20 kids working on lines, songs, and choreography for this production. Although it is not one of the traditional Broadway musicals, I think the cast and audience alike will love this performance from curtain to curtain.

February will also be busy with students attending various honor bands. Kloey Wheelock, Marah Fischer, and Aydia Ryun will be in Stanton on February 4th for the Stanton Junior High Music Festival. The following Monday will see Zoey, Garrett, Nattlie, Rylee and Kadyn at Twin River for the East Husker Conference Honor Band. Lots of great experiences for all of them.

Preparations have also begun for the spring concerts and District Music Contest. The Jr./Sr. High Band as well as the High School Chorus have been looking at the music for several weeks already. We will be going to Oakland-Craig for Districts on April 21st and then follow with our spring program on April 27th so put that on your calendars. Also, don't forget about our little ones with the Elementary Spring Program on May 2nd.

Hope to see you all soon!
Mr. Poessnecker

PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

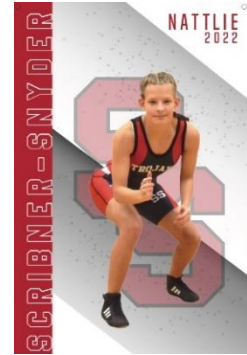
THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches! If you have any questions about the event or what you will need to bring, please contact Deb in the elementary office at (402) 664-2568.

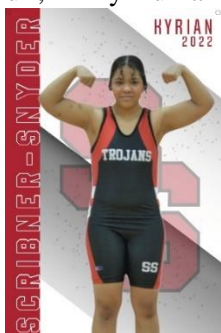


Wrestling season is in full

swing for the Varsity Girls as well as Junior High and Youth teams. The landscape of high school wrestling looks vastly different this year with the continued growth of girls wrestling, the fastest growing sport! There are currently just under 1,300 girls across the state, wrestling in high school,



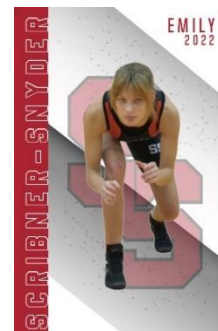
an increase of around 500 girls from just a year ago. We currently have 5 of our own girls on the high school team, a team that is currently rated #8 in the state, Ashley Stadt, Kristen Schellenberg, Nattie Hull, Emily Hull and Kyrian Austin. Weekends are usually spent waking up in the



wee hours of the morning to get in a van and drive in the dark so that we can spend an entire day in a High School gymnasium, to leave after it is make the long actually way sounds! The high



wrestle all day, only once again dark and trek back home. It's more fun than it school girls' season



is full go right now with Districts right 3rd-4th and then the State finale at the 18th.

around the corner, in Madison on February CHI Center in Omaha on February 16th-

Junior High season is just starting, having wrestled at 2 tournaments. That eats up most Monday nights in steamy gymnasiums packed full of unruly JH kids. We currently have 6 JH wrestlers, 4 boys and 2 girls. We started off competition at the Wisner-Pilger JH Invite, and just finished up at a tough tournament at the Oakland-Craig JH Invite on January 23rd. Next week the JH wrestlers will have a week off before a tournament in Stanton on February 6th.

There are currently 20 boys and girls in grades K-6th wrestling for Scribner-Snyder. The Youth team just competed this past weekend at the Oakland-Craig invite. All that I will say about a Youth wrestling tournament is that if you have never experienced one, you definitely need to put that on your bucket list. The Youth wrestlers are learning and getting better each week.



If you are looking for some quality entertainment, come out and support your Scribner-Snyder wrestling teams. The High School Girls' schedule, the JH schedule and the Youth schedule can all be found online. The kids would love to see some familiar faces!

On Monday, March 27, 2023, Scribner-Snyder Community Schools will be hosting its semesterly blood drive. The donation site for this blood drive will take place on a Red Cross bus located in front of the elementary building. Donors are reminded that check-in takes place inside of the school. Also, a primary form of identification, such as an American Red Cross donor ID or a valid driver's license, is required upon arrival. The drive will begin at 9:00 am and continue until 2:00 pm. Appointments can be scheduled every 15 minutes during this timeframe.



Although there are many benefits to donating blood, donations made during the month of March will qualify donors for a \$10 visa prepaid card. In addition, the number of units collected through the school's blood drive translates into a \$250-\$500 scholarship for a local Scribner-Snyder senior. Donors that are interested in making an appointment are encouraged to sign up online or contact the school at 402-664-2567.

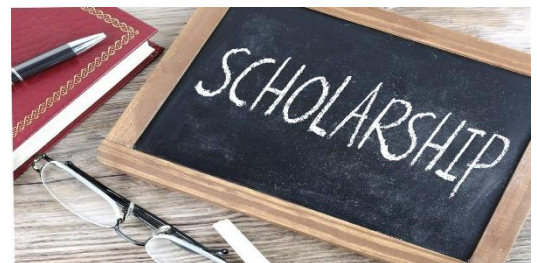
Find upcoming scholarships

Peak scholarship time for high school seniors is between January and April of your senior year. Now is a great time to find some good scholarship resources. Talk to your school counselor about local scholarships, look at some college websites to see what financial aid packages they offer, and check out online scholarship searches. *ScholarshipQuest* is a great online resource for Nebraska-based awards!

Gather your information.

Most scholarship applications have similar components. If you have all of the following information in one place to start, it will make the process a lot easier.

- Your contact information (address, phone number, email address)
- Academic information (your GPA, ACT scores, class rank, transcripts, etc.)
- Financial information (fill out the FAFSA if you haven't already!)
- Your high school activities and accomplishments (*Activities Resume* is a great way to compile this information)



Research essay topics.

You should always tailor your essay to the specific scholarship application, but that doesn't mean that you can't prepare in advance. There are a handful of essay questions that you are sure to encounter when applying for scholarships, and now is the perfect time to put some ideas together. You can find several lists of essay prompts online, but here are a few common questions to get you started:

- Tell us why you deserve this scholarship.
- What major/career do you want to go into, and why?
- Talk about a time that you overcame adversity.
- What are your long-term goals?
- How has a certain person/experience influenced you?
- What are your greatest accomplishments?
- How will this scholarship help you?

Pick your recommenders.

Take some time to make a list of 3-5 (or more) people who might be willing to write a recommendation for you. You want to find adults who know you well, who have seen you in a positive light, and who are trustworthy. Remember, no family members allowed! Some options for potential recommenders are teachers, school counselors, coaches, religious leaders, mentors, or work/volunteer supervisors.

After you have your list, ask them if they would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for you when the time comes. Having a pool of recommenders will save you time later.

Make a plan.

Now that you have gathered most of the components for your application, it's time to get organized. When can you set aside time each week to work on scholarship applications? How are you going to track deadlines? Who can help you proofread your applications? No matter what approach you take, creating a manageable plan will make the scholarship process much less overwhelming. Now get out there and start applying!

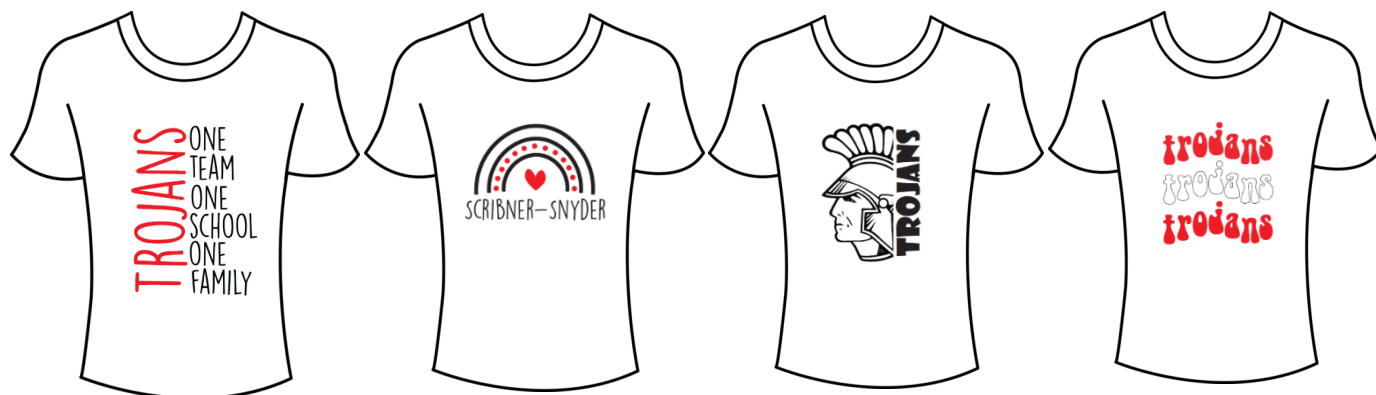
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Students, Employees and Others: Malia Nemecek, Director of Activities and Data; 400 Pebble St., Scribner, NE 68057, (402) 664-2567, mnemecek@sstrojans.org

Scribner-Snyder School Apparel Order Form

The Trojan Hut is Scribner-Snyder's new school store, run entirely by SSCS students. Shirts are made in house, and completed orders will be sent home with your student(s). Fill out the form below & send back to school with payment. Orders are due by February 10th.



Design A

T-Shirt Colors: Tan, Gray
Hoodie Colors: Gray

Design B

T-Shirt Colors: Tan, Gray
Hoodie Colors: Gray

Design C

T-Shirt Colors: Tan, Gray, Red
Hoodie Colors: Gray, Red

Design D

T-Shirt Colors: Black
Hoodie Colors: Black

Sizes & Pricing

T-Shirts

Youth S-XL - \$12
Adult XS-XL - \$14
Adult 2XL-4XL - \$16

Crewnecks

Youth XS-XL - \$16
Adult S-XL - \$18
Adult 2XL-5XL - \$22

Hoodies

Youth XS-XL - \$20
Adult S-XL - \$22
Adult 2XL-3XL - \$28

Parent Name _____ Student Name _____ Grade _____

Design _____ Size _____ Color _____

T-Shirt Crewneck Hoodie

Design _____ Size _____ Color _____

T-Shirt Crewneck Hoodie

Please enclose payment of cash or check. Make checks payable to SSCS.

For questions, please email trojanhut@sstrojans.org