



Sioux Falls Lutheran School

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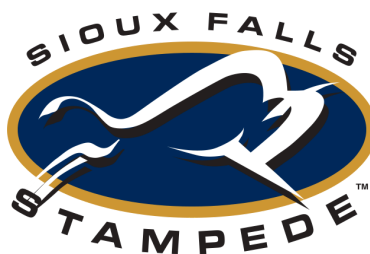
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April 10, 2026

STAMPEDE HOCKEY

Our 4th and 5th Graders have been invited to sing the National Anthem at a Stampede Hockey game on Friday, April 17! Please see the email from Mrs. Prouty for more information.



Additionally, ALL SFLS families are invited to attend the game. Please use this link to get discounted tickets, as well as a FREE ticket for any SFLS student! Please use the Promo Code "STUDENT" at checkout. There is contact info in the link if you need more than one student ticket. Come for a fun night of hockey and fellowship with our SFLS family!

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/SFLutheranChoirApr17>

2025 TAX INFORMATION To find instructions for accessing your 2025 tax information through the FACTS Management System, click [HERE](#). Please consult your tax advisor for questions regarding tax credits and deductions. With any other other questions, contact Monica at finance@sflutheranschool.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sioux Falls Lutheran School's annual golf tournament is coming up on Monday, August 3 at Bakker Crossing. This year's Mardi Gras-themed event

will add even more fun and flair to a great day on the course with our community. All proceeds support our school's activities and athletics programs. More details, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, will be shared soon—stay tuned!



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NEW **HELP US SPREAD THE WORD
ABOUT KINDERGARTEN**

As you may recall, we shared last spring that enrollment in our 4-year-old preschool program for the 2025–26 school year was lower than in previous years, and we intentionally expanded our 2-year-old program to move younger children out of our wait pool.

With fewer 4-year-olds moving up to kindergarten, we have more openings in kindergarten for the 2026–27 school year than usual—just as we anticipated.

This creates a wonderful opportunity to welcome more students from across our community as they begin their kindergarten journey at Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

Do you know a family with an incoming kindergartener? We would love your help in spreading the word and inviting them to explore SFLS. Please see details on how you can get involved!

Share the Love. Earn \$500.

Refer a friend for kindergarten at Sioux Falls Lutheran School and you **BOTH** receive a tuition credit!



Families who are registered for the **2026-27 school year** and refer a friend who enrolls in kindergarten for the **2026-27 school year** will earn a **\$500 tuition credit** for both themselves and their friend!*

Know a family with an incoming kindergartener?
Invite them to explore SFLS today!

- ✓ You receive \$500
- ✓ Your friend receives \$500
- ✓ It's that simple!



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**To qualify for the \$500 tuition credit, the new family must meet all admissions requirements, complete the entire enrollment process, pay the \$400 enrollment fee, and maintain continuous enrollment for the duration of the 2026-27 school year. Once these conditions are met, both the referring family and the new family will receive a \$500 tuition credit on April 15, 2027. This offer is only valid for new kindergarten enrollments for the 2026-27 school year.*

SFLS AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help is a free resource for students after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays until 4PM. It is supervised by an MS/HS teacher and provides students with a quiet, studious environment to complete homework or work on group projects. Use the QR code to sign your student up!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to access the QR code.

LIBRARY

As we near the end of the school year, please take a moment to check with your student(s) for any overdue or missing library books. We appreciate your support in ensuring all books are returned so all students can continue to enjoy our library collection!

SUPPORT SFLS WITH THE COMMUNITY CARD – in Partnership with First National Bank



The First National Bank in Sioux Falls is excited to offer a Community Card in partnership with Sioux Falls Lutheran School—a simple way to support SFLS through everyday purchases.

The [Community Card](#) works like a debit card, drawing directly from your checking account. When you swipe your card and select the credit option, a portion of each purchase is donated back to Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

It's an easy way to show your school spirit while supporting the mission of SFLS in your daily life. As an added benefit, FNBSF is currently offering a **\$350 incentive** when you open a new personal checking account. This limited-time promotion runs through **June 30, 2026**.

To request a card or open an account, please contact Emily Schonebaum at (605) 782-5742 to learn more.

NEEDS-BASED VARIABLE TUITION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

K-12 Needs-Based Variable Tuition Applications for 2026-27 school year are now open through TADS. Thanks to our expanding list of generous donors who continue to graciously invest in our mission through donations to our needs-based variable tuition fund, **we are preparing to award up to \$400,000 in needs-based variable tuition to qualifying families** during the 2026-27 school year.

To apply, please log into or create a TADS account for your family at www.mytads.com by clicking on "Financial Aid Assessment." TADS will provide a complete list of required documentation before you begin your application, but please know that items like your previous year's tax return are required. **Applications for the 2026-27 school year are due by Friday, May 15.**

If you have any technical questions while submitting your variable tuition application, please feel free to contact TADS support directly at 612-548-3320, 800-477-8237, or TADS-Support@venturedsolutions.com (M-F 7am-5pm CST).

South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE) K-12 Scholarship Program

In addition to donor-funded variable tuition through SFLS, qualifying families are also eligible to submit their TADS application to the South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE) K-12 scholarship program. During the 2025-26 school year alone, SFLS families qualified for over \$206,000 in tuition assistance through

SDPE, which allowed us to spread our own variable tuition budget even further. If your family qualifies for SDPE and you plan to apply for variable tuition, please plan to submit your application to both entities.

Earn Tuition Credit through RaiseRight

Finally, please also remember that RaiseRight is available as a source of tuition assistance for all early childhood through 12th grade families. Simply buy gift cards for your favorite brands at face value through RaiseRight and use them, instead of cash or other cards, to make purchases. A percentage of each gift card you buy goes directly into an account for your family and gets applied toward your tuition at designated times throughout the course of the school year.

SFLS ART CONTEST

Our high school art students achieved outstanding results in SFLS's first-ever Art Contest, with every entry earning a Superior Rating (95+). Select works across nine categories will advance to the State Art Contest, April 8–11. The awards ceremony is at 3:00 PM on April 11, with a possible caravan to Aberdeen planned. Contact Mrs. Hoekman for details. Congratulations to our talented students—we are so proud!



CAREER CORNER

We're hiring!

Junior High Track & Field Coach (Spring 2026)
Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
Junior High Football Coach
Middle & High School Science Teacher (Physics emphasis)
Orchestra Teacher for the 2026–27 school year
Learn more and apply: siouxfallslutheran.com/careers.



CHAPEL

Chapel for Wednesday, April 15, led by Pastor Ratcliffe from Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church, in the Meyer Chapel & Performing Arts Center.

This year's theme is Walk by Faith, and this week's focus is *Easter and Beyond: Eyes Opened by Faith* based on Luke 24:13-35.

- 6-12: 8:05AM
- K-5: 8:50AM

Preschool chapel will be held on **Wednesday, April 15**, led by Liz Peters, DCE from Memorial Lutheran Church, in the Early Childhood wing, beginning at **8:40 AM** and **9:00 AM**. The theme is *Ascension*.

Campus Chaplain the week of April 13 is Hailey Jo Miller, DCE from Memorial Lutheran Church.

Chapel Offerings: Our 2nd Semester offering supporting the work of Missionaries Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen serving in Romania continues with a total of \$1088.40 so far. Please join us in supporting these missionaries for the last 6 chapels this school year. Through these gifts, we join in God's mission of sharing the love of Jesus with people around the world.

We honor God by serving others!



BUILDING AN ARK OF FAITH FOR OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS

Step by step, two by two, we are building an Ark of Faith — a joyful new playground for our littlest disciples. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, each gift, big or small, helps bring this vision to life. From our mighty Elephants to the diligent Ants, every member of our giving Ark is making a lasting impact. Soon, children will have a safe, faith-filled place to laugh, explore, and grow *for generations of tiny disciples*.



Through the month of May, gifts toward the Ark Project can go even further thanks to a \$5,000 matching opportunity through PTF — doubling the impact of your generosity. You can learn more about this match in the PTF section below.

We invite you to climb aboard by scanning the QR code, emailing bmakepeace@sflutherschool for more information, or visiting the early childhood entrance to see the progress firsthand!



Thanks to your generous contributions to our fall fundraiser, the PTF was able to donate \$10,000 toward the new Preschool Ark Initiative playground equipment! You can see the LION representing this gift displayed in the preschool wing vestibule.



Even more exciting — PTF will **match gifts up to \$5,000 through the month of May**, doubling the impact of your support! If you would like to contribute, please scan the QR code in the Ark of Faith section above.

PTF MOVIE NIGHT: Saturday, April 11, 2:30 PM

The Prince of Egypt (1998) is a landmark animated musical from DreamWorks that brings the story of Moses to life—from his beginnings as a prince in Egypt to his role as the deliverer of the Hebrew people.

PTF Meeting: Monday, April 13 at 5:30 PM



EAGLE CARE

Eagle Care welcomes Henry as a new high school worker. He will work in the mornings and Wednesday after school. Welcome Henry!

COUNSELING SERVICES

NEW

“The Worry Chain”

Psychology Tools has created a [Free Guide To Living With Worry And Anxiety Amidst Global Uncertainty | Psychology Tools](#). Worry is a natural human reaction when life feels uncertain and out of our control. For individuals with anxiety, worry can spiral into worse-case thinking scenarios and if not managed, PANIC or FEAR.

Here are some tips for managing worry while also supporting your children. Children often do not have the ability to process situations with the same level of understanding or rational thinking as teens or adults.

Parents play an important role in helping children talk through what they view on social media, hear from friends, and understand by seeking factual information. Children may show worry through their behavior or express fears that something might happen to the people they love and care about.

So, what does worry feel like? It can present as physical symptoms such as headaches, stomachaches, digestive issues, muscle tension, restlessness, difficulty relaxing, or fatigue. It may also lead to irritability or changes in eating or sleep patterns. Worry can feel like a chain of thoughts and images that move into concerns about catastrophic events. A [worry chain](#) begins with a small thought that quickly grows into a much larger fear. This often happens automatically and can feel very real - especially to children.

In addition to global uncertainty, families may also be managing busy schedules, work pressures and rising costs, all of which can impact stress levels.

Click [Here](#) for some ideas on how to *slow down* the worry chain.



Barb DeVos, Contracted School Counselor, is available to support your child's well-being. Barb is at Sioux Falls Lutheran School *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays*. bdevos@carrollinstitute.org or bdevos@sflutheralschool.com

RAISERIGHT (AKA SCRIP)

Order Dates by 10 AM	Pick-Up Dates after 11 AM
Monday, April 20	Thursday, April 23
Monday, May 4	Thursday, May 7
Monday, May 18	Thursday, May 21

PRESCHOOL

Community is one of our core values at SFLS, and we're excited to help families begin building connections as they prepare for kindergarten during the 2026–27 school year. To support this, we're hosting a **Kindergarten Meet & Greet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 11.**

We would like to extend a special invitation for current 4 and 5-year-old families to join us—especially if you are registered for or still considering kindergarten at SFLS. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet

other families, connect with our elementary principal, ask questions, and give your child time to play and begin forming friendships with future classmates.

Please [sign up here](#) if you're able to attend. We look forward to welcoming you!

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PICTURES: *August 13*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Map Testing Reminder

Our final round of MAP testing for the year will be April 20-May 1 for our 1st-8th grade students. This is NOT a “summative” test of their learning for the year. Instead, it is a chance to see how they have continued to grow this school year. The results of these tests also inform our instruction, curriculum, and support decisions.

Thank you for encouraging your students to do their best. Your student will do their best when well-rested and fueled with a healthy breakfast!

We are Easter People

It is always wonderful to end the school year in the Easter season! We are Easter people! Because Jesus lives, we also will live. This changes everything!

End of Year Fun!

There is a lot of learning and a lot of fun still to be had this school year. Be sure to read your classroom newsletters closely for classroom related events (concerts, chat and chapel, music class on the stage, field trips, field day, and more!)

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MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION: Friday, May 15 at 6:30 PM in the Dr. Vaughn & Joann Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center.

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ATHLETICS

TRACK & FIELD

Click [HERE](#) for the full Varsity schedule. Results can be found on the [Athletic.net](#) website. You can also download the [APP](#).



GOLF

Click [HERE](#) for the full Golf schedule.

Summer Camp Registrations are still open.

Please note the new Strength and Agility Camp schedule.

Use the QR Code to get you to the registration page. OR use [this link](#). Under Registration, click on Camps. There will be no additional fees added to your registration. Payment is due at time of registration.

Questions? Ask Lisa:

lasmus@sflutherschool.com or Monica: finance@sflutherschool.com

A promotional graphic for summer camps. On the left, a blue vertical bar contains a white eagle head logo and the year "2026" in white. To the right, the text "SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION & SIGN UP" is displayed in white on a grey background. Below this text is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text reads: "Join us for growth and positive interactions. Many different camps are now open for registration!". At the bottom right of the graphic is the "SOUND" logo in blue and green.



SFLS 2026 Summer Camps



Activity	Date	Grades: for 26-27 SY	Times	Location	Cost
Drama	June 1-5	5-12	9-11 a.m.; Performance Friday at 7 p.m.	SFLS CPAC	\$100 (includes t-shirt)
Strength & Agility	June 1- July 31 (T/W/Th.)	7-12 BOYS 7-12 GIRLS	6 a.m. - 7 a.m. 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.	SFLS Fitness Room	\$185 (includes t-shirt)
Boys & Girls Basketball	June 8-10	K-2 3-5	9-10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	SFLS Gym SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt) \$65 (includes t-shirt)
STEM	June 29 - July 1	1-3 4-6	9:00 - 10:30 AM 10:30AM - 12:00PM	SMART Lab	\$65 (includes t-shirt) \$65 (includes t-shirt)
Football	June 16-18 July 7 & 9 July 7 & 9 July 7 - 9	9-12 3-6 7- 8 9-12	SIGN UP WITH MR. STRANDE 8-9:30 a.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Hamlin HS, Hayti, SD Eagle Field Eagle Field Eagle Field	\$50 \$50 (includes t-shirt) \$50 (includes t-shirt) \$65 (includes t-shirt)
This HS camp includes: July 8: 8am-4pm 7 on 7 Tournament at the Sanford Sports Complex					
Cheer	July 8-9 July 10	4-6 7-12	9am-12pm 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	SFLS Gym SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt) \$65 (includes t-shirt)
Dance	July 13-16	5-12	9-11:30 a.m.	SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
Volleyball	July 20-23	9-12 6-8 3-5	1:00-3:00 p.m. 3:00-4:30 p.m. 4:30-5:30p.m.	SFLS Gym SFLS Gym SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt) \$65 (includes t-shirt) \$45 (includes t-shirt)
Marching Band (fee includes school year)	July 27-31 Aug. 3-7	6-8 9-12	8:00 am - 12:00 pm 8am-3pm	SIGN UP WITH MRS. BIRNSTIEHL SFLS SFLS	\$150 (includes t-shirt) \$185 (includes t-shirt)

Registration is OPEN NOW!

MUSIC

[APRIL Middle School Ensemble Calendar](#)

[Click or scan to take a look at the SFLS Strings Site!](#)



High School Spring Semester High School Ensemble dates:

- Wednesday, April 22 - Large Group Contest (Band and Choir)
- Tuesday, April 28 - Spring Concert (All Ensembles)
- Friday, May 15 - Graduation (Choir, Orchestra, Band)

Upcoming Elementary/Middle School Music Events:

- Thursday, April 23 - Kindergarten and 3rd Grade Spring Programs
 - Kindergarten at 12:30 PM

- 3rd Grade at 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 29 - 1st Grade Music Class on the Stage (after Chat and Chapel)
- Monday, May 11 - 4th-8th Grade Spring Concerts
 - 4th/5th Grade at 6:00 PM
 - Middle School at 7:15 PM

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

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

Faith - Rev. Corey Aker & Rev. Jason Rensner

Our Redeemer - Rev. Brett Simek

Lord of Life - Rev. Billy Newell

Resurrection - Rev. Chris Ascher

Click [HERE](#) for worship times!

SUPPORTING MEMBER

Zion - Rev. Greg Lehr & Rev. Paul Winckler

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Please contact schooloffice@sflutheranschool.com with any questions or concerns.



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