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SHILOH SKYLIGHT



CONNECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

*Academic
Excellence on a
Christian
Foundation -
Teaching Students
to Know, Love, and
Serve God.*



STATE OF SHILOH UPDATE

➤➤➤ **BJ BUCHMANN, HEAD-OF-SCHOOL**



Each school year brings both progress and new opportunities to strengthen the mission of Shiloh Christian School. Across academics, culture, and operations, our focus remains the same: preparing students to know, love, and serve God while pursuing excellence in learning and character.

Shiloh Christian recently aligned board committees and staff working groups around four focus areas:

1. Learning & Academics
2. Sustainability & Growth
3. Whole Student Development
4. Safe & Healthy School.

This strengthens the connection between strategic oversight and day-to-day leadership while continuing to develop strong governance.

Shiloh's Board Of Directors is also working through ACSI Flourishing Board training.

One important step forward this year is the implementation of Edusfere, a curriculum mapping tool that will help ensure strong alignment of instruction from preschool through grade 12. Led by Dean of Students Beth Heyne, the initiative began with faculty training in January and will help preserve curriculum resources while supporting strong academic consistency across classrooms. At the same time, Shiloh has developed a Portrait of a Graduate, clarifying the spiritual, academic, and character outcomes we desire for every student who walks across the graduation stage.

Within student life, intentional efforts are strengthening school culture and expectations. Under the leadership of Dean of Students Mark Kunze and Student Life Director Jeremy Hein, initiatives addressing attendance, eligibility standards, and communication are helping reinforce a Christ-centered environment where students are challenged to grow both academically and spiritually.

Shiloh is also investing in long-term sustainability. Over the past two years, the teacher salary grid has increased by approximately 17.5% at the base level, strengthening our ability to support and retain excellent faculty. Feedback from the Best Christian Workplaces Survey continues to guide improvements in staff engagement and organizational health.

Generosity from our community continues to move these priorities forward. This year's Skyhawkction raised over \$373,000, Shiloh exceeded a \$100,000 matching opportunity, and Giving Hearts Day generated \$30,000 in support of the school's mission. While these are meaningful milestones, important work remains as we continue the Path to Excellence Capital Campaign to retire the remaining building debt and invest in Shiloh's future.

Your continued partnership makes this possible. Every gift strengthens the foundation of Christ-centered education at Shiloh—for today's students and for generations to come.

BJ Buchmann

IDENTITY AND PURPOSE IN CHRIST

REFLECTING ON SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

➤➤➤ PASTOR JEREMY HEIN, STUDENT LIFE DIRECTOR



At Shiloh Christian School, we believe that learning and faith go hand in hand. Spiritual Emphasis Week, held January 19–23, 2026, gave our students the chance to grow together in faith, hear God’s Word, and be reminded that He is at the heart of everything we do at Shiloh.

We were honored to welcome Daniel Ritchie as our guest speaker. Daniel’s story is both extraordinary and deeply encouraging. Born without arms, he has learned to live a thriving life defined not by limitations, but by God’s grace and purpose. Through his personal journey, Daniel reminded our students that their value and identity are found in Christ, not in circumstances or the opinions of the world. As Daniel Ritchie shared with our students, “If God has brought me to a place of contentment and joy in this very visible difference, then He is most able to do the same for anyone else.” His words set the tone for a week filled with encouragement, perspective, and hope.

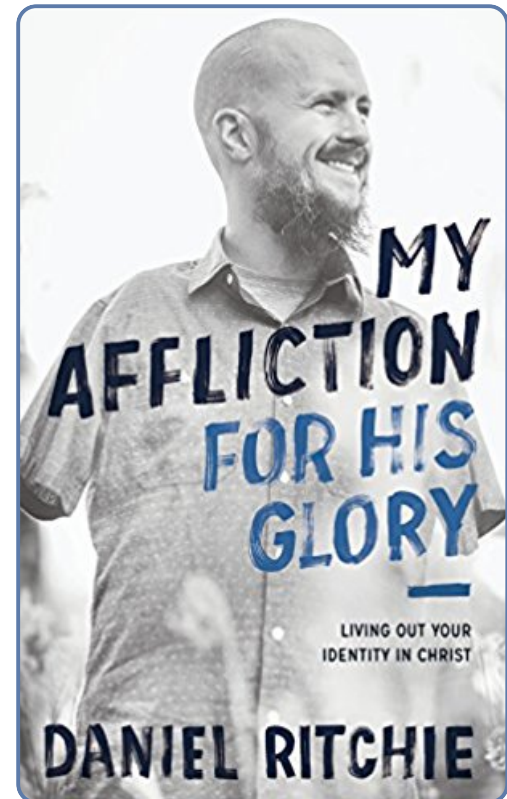
Throughout the week, Daniel challenged students to see themselves and their lives through God’s eyes. Through sessions exploring passages like John 9:1–7, 2 Corinthians 1:3–9, Matthew 9:9–13, and 1 Timothy 4:8–14, students were encouraged to embrace these truths:

- Jesus sees you and made you valuable.
- God is not distant; He is a constant comfort even in suffering.
- Following Jesus has a cost, but it is worth every step.
- Every student has a God-given story and platform to make an eternal impact.

Students connected personally with his encouragement, understanding that challenges, limitations, or doubts do not define them. As Daniel reminded them, “Being defined by the work of Christ and having that hope is so much bigger than my disability.” Instead, they are called to trust God with their story, shine where He has placed them, and pursue a life fully surrendered to Christ.

We also celebrate the role of worship in shaping the week. Special thanks to April Blotski (alumni) and the 5th Grade Worship Team, who led our elementary students in heartfelt praise, and to Krisha Fuller (alumni) and Dan Weigel, who inspired middle and high school students with powerful worship experiences. Together, these moments of music and reflection created an environment where students could respond to God in meaningful ways.

We are filled with gratitude for what God accomplished in our students’ hearts during. Many left motivated, inspired, and reminded that their identity and purpose are found in Jesus Christ alone. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness, for Daniel’s witness, for our talented worship leaders, and most of all, for the students who engaged with hearts open to God’s work. May the lessons and encouragement from Spiritual Emphasis Week 2026 continue to guide, strengthen, and inspire our Shiloh family throughout the remainder of the school year and years to come.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As we finish the last quarter of the 2025-26 school year, we extend a special thank you to all of Shiloh’s faculty and staff - from our dedicated and amazing teachers to our kitchen, facilities, and office teams who go above and beyond every day! Please lift them up in a prayer of encouragement, patience, and perseverance to finish the year strong!

GIVING HEARTS DAY CAMPAIGN

>>> THANK YOU!

Because of our incredible community, Shiloh reached our Giving Hearts Day goal! We are grateful to everyone who donated, prayed, attended the Game Night/Giving Night, baked or bought goodies at the Bake Sale, took a heart from the Giving Hearts Day tree, or shared and encouraged others to give.

Giving Hearts Day was never about one big gift. It was about many faithful acts of generosity and kindness. Each person gave what they could and God multiplied it. The generosity strengthens our students, supports our staff, and advances our mission of academic excellence on a Christian foundation.



Giving Heart Day is more than just giving - it's freely and joyfully showing kindness to others because of God's great love for us!

Our elementary students had an opportunity to 'fill a heart' by completing acts of kindness for others. Our goal was to see how many 'full hearts' we could get by Giving Hearts Day.

This picture shows our Giving Hearts Wall and was a way for students to see the impact of their kindness on others.

GENERAL GIVING

>>> LAURIE EISENBEIS, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The chart below reflects donations since July 1, 2025. We are thankful for the generosity of the Shiloh community and look forward to continued growth as Community Partner renewals approach.

Shiloh is always seeking new Community Partners who want to showcase their business while investing in student learning. If you know of a business that may be a good fit, I would welcome the opportunity to connect.

There are many ways to support Shiloh, including Community Partnerships, general giving, designated gifts, and memorial donations. Each gift plays a meaningful role in helping our students learn, grow, and thrive.

Charitable Contributions	Projected	As of 2/28/2026	Difference over/under
Skyhawktion	\$250,000	\$371,805	\$121,805
Giving Hearts Day	\$20,000	\$30,200	\$10,200
Community Partners	\$150,000	\$75,000	(\$75,000)
General Donations	\$150,000	\$32,574	(\$117,426)
Friends of Shiloh	\$150,000	\$225,122	\$75,122
Designated Donations	\$29,000	\$15,400	(\$13,600)



TRUST IN TEENS MENTORING

>>> KATHLEEN WRIGLEY, ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR

TNT Mentoring is a mini Big Brothers/Big Sisters-style program that has been part of Shiloh for the past eleven years. High school students volunteer 30 minutes each week to spend intentional time with an elementary student playing games, coloring, doing activities, praying together, and building meaningful connections.

The program has become a favorite for both the “bigs” and the “littles,” creating opportunities for encouragement, friendship, and Christ-centered mentorship. Through these weekly interactions, older students step into leadership while younger students experience care, connection, and positive role models within the Shiloh community. Over the years, many meaningful relationships have grown through this simple but impactful program.

The picture on the right shows how the impact of TNT Mentoring extends beyond just the time spent together at school. Xavier W. made the trip to Dickinson to cheer on this TNT Mentor, Xavier B. in a Region 4 Basketball game!



“Our son struggled with feeling nervous, often finding school drop-offs and social situations overwhelming. Being paired with a TNT mentor changed so much for him - the time, words of encouragement, and friendship from an older student helped Lincoln feel like he truly belonged. With that support, Lincoln’s confidence has grown and he even now proudly participates in school activities.”

- Shiloh Parent



A COMMUNITY BUILT ON RELATIONSHIPS

>>> BECKY STRUTZ, ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR

When we describe Shiloh as a small school community built on relationships, moments like this are what we mean.

At the last game of the 5th & 6th grade basketball season, the Skyhawks varsity & JV basketball team showed up big to cheer on the younger Skyhawks. For the younger players, it meant a lot to have the support of the older athletes; and for the older players, it was a simple way to encourage the next generation.

This kind of connection happens in community where students grow up together. Younger students look up to older ones, and older students step into leadership in ways that matter - whether through programs like TNT Mentoring, cheering at games, or simply taking time to encourage younger students in the hallway.

It's one of the intangible things about Shiloh that's hard to explain until you experience it. Students are known here and relationships across grade levels are part of everyday life.

As we continue enrollment for the 2026-27 school year, word of mouth continues to be the most common way new families learn about Shiloh. When families share their experiences with others, it helps tell the story of what makes this community special.

If you know a family who may be looking for a Christ-centered school community, please encourage them to reach out or join us for our Enrollment Open House on Thursday, April 23 at 5:30 PM. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet teachers, and learn more about our school community.

Enrollment Open House

- Thursday, April 23rd
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- PreK - 12th grade



BY THE NUMBERS

REMAINING BALANCE
ON PROJECT:
\$2,000,000

MONTHLY INTEREST
PAYMENT: **\$20,000**

PATH TO EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN

FINISHING WHAT WE STARTED

»»» **DAVID WONNENBERG, SHILOH BOARD MEMBER**

Shiloh's classrooms, learning spaces, and facilities are used every day to support students as they grow academically and spiritually. These spaces are the result of faithful generosity from families and supporters who believe deeply in the mission of Christ-centered education.

While much has been accomplished, an important step remains. Shiloh continues to carry a portion of the loan that helped make these improvements possible. At a current interest rate of **6.76%**, resources that could be invested directly into students and programs are instead going toward interest.

Through the Path to Excellence Capital Campaign, the goal is to reduce and ultimately retire this debt so more resources can be directed toward Shiloh's mission. Many families and supporters have already helped move this effort forward, but additional partnership is needed to finish the work.

Every dollar given toward the campaign goes directly toward reducing the loan balance - lowering interest costs and strengthening Shiloh's financial foundation for the future. Your generosity helps ensure that the focus remains where it belongs, on educating students.



In January, new shelving was installed in the library. The expansion project not only provide additional classrooms, but also provided an opportunity to relocate and expand Shiloh's library!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

PURSUING MINISTRY AFTER SHILOH

In this feature, we highlight several Shiloh alumni who have answered God's call to ministry and are serving Christ in churches and communities.

- Valerie Fuchs Reinhiller, class of 1981 - Associate Pastor at Faith United Methodist Church in Williston
- Heidi Strutz Mitchell, class of 1981 - Co-founder of "Build Your Marriage" Christian ministry
- Jay Deckert, class of 1988 - Executive Director and Pastor at FaHoCha Bible Camp at Warwick, ND
- Tim Lucas, class of 1989 - Lead Pastor at Surprise Church Mandan
- Paul Nather, class of 1991 - Campus Pastor and Bible teacher at Shiloh Christian. Former Senior Pastor of Century Baptist Church in Bismarck
- Krisha Erickson Fuller, class of 1999 - Worship Leader at Riverstone Church in Bismarck
- Seth Heringer, class of 2001 - Associate Professor of Theology and Scripture at Toccoa Falls College, Pasadena, CA
- Zane Miller, class of 2011 - Worship Leader at The Bridge Church in Bismarck
- Aaron Jordan, class of 2012 - Pastor at The Bridge Church in Bismarck
- Michah Johnson, class of 2016 - Pastor at HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry, in Hawley, MN ; Chaplain for the Army National Guard
- Samuel Desir, class of 2016 - Missionary
- Josey Griess, class of 2019 - Director of Horse and Ranch Ministry at Circle C Ranch, Bismarck
- Josh Lardy, class of 2020 - Global Missions Ministry Resident at Christ Church, in Phoenix, AZ
- Andrew Ring, class of 2021 - Preseminary at Concordia College in Seward, NE

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

At the end of January, we welcomed back the 2015-16 Girls Basketball team as they celebrated the 10 year mark of their state championship win!



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC BEE



Mr. Bultema, Shiloh's MS Social Studies teacher, hosted a Shiloh Christian School Nat'l Geographic Bee. Nora Kurlle was crowned champion and Jacob Krull was runner-up. Students competing included Jacob Bieber, Cannon Larrison, and RJ Dingeman

BURLEIGH/MORTON COUNTY MATHCOUNTS



Shiloh had 14 students compete in the Burleigh/Morton County Mathcounts competition. Nora Kurlle and Eli Hatlestad qualified for the state competition!

Students participating included: Kealee Ivesdal, Jacob Krull, Alexandra Verville, Claire Maulding, Marcella Kost, Sophia Porter, Nathan Kurlle, David Porter, Ehli Steinberg, Maelle Heyne, Vander Wagner, and Jacob Bieber

Skyhawk Boys Basketball



Congratulations on a great season!

- Region 4 Champions
- Region 4 All Team: Dawson Davis & Carson Quam
- State A 4th place finish
- State All Tournament Team: Carson Quam

The Skyhawks Girls Basketball team finished the season with a 4th place finish in Region 4A.

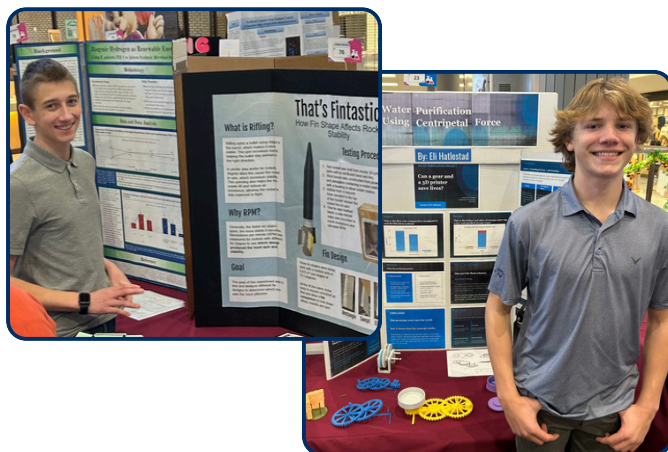
Katie Hammeren, Macie Thompson, and Sophia Heringer were named to the All Region Team

REGION 4 GIRLS BASKETBALL



**ALL REGION
TEAM**

Southwest Central Region Science Fair



Ben Brandt, Emily T, Jordan Haider, Jacob Bieber, Eli Hatlestad, Conrad Gjellstad, Jacob Engen, and Diane Westlund competed in the Southwest Central Region Science Fair. Eli and Jacob qualified for the state competition in Grand Forks at the end of March!

Shiloh hosted its annual Elementary Chess Invitational in January and had a great turnout!

Students representing Shiloh included: Brecken Sellers, Levi Romine, Bodie Peterson, Brielle Fischer, Finley Wrolstad, Josiah Zoller, Sebastian Pippenger, Kellen Nagle, Axton Geigle, Leif Coleman, Forrest Jacobs, Asher Willis, Layla Schmidt, Cully Peterson, Helen Takacs



SHILOH SCHOLASTIC CHESS INVITATIONAL

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected and help celebrate our students throughout the year!

HOME GAMES LIVE-STREAMED

Skyhawk baseball home games are live streamed on YouTube. Get the link on the Shiloh website under 'Activities' or find it on the Activities Calendar in the Shiloh App.

DOWNLOAD THE SHILOH APP

While the Shiloh App is primarily designed for current families, several features and icons - such as the Activities Calendar, Community Calendar, and Shiloh Business Directory - are available to all.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Spring is a busy time for our school community! Below are just a few events for your calendar. Download the Shiloh App for our full school and activities calendar!

- March 27th - Baseball Home Opener
- April 23rd - 26th - The Little Mermaid High School Musical
- May 4th - 5th - 12th grade Spring Music Concert, 7:00pm
- May 8th - Twilight Track Meet
- May 21st - Last Day of School
- May 24th - Shiloh Christian Graduation



PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

From teachers to bus drivers, we'd appreciate your help in spreading the word and being in prayer over our open positions.

Application details and current open positions can be found at shilohchristian.org/employment.



STAY CONNECTED

As Shiloh prepares to celebrate 50 years, we need your help ensuring our alumni and supporter contact information is current. Scan this QR code or visit shilohchristian.org/connect to update your info!



Thank you!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Partners are businesses that have committed to annually supporting our school. This continued giving provides long-term stability and growth in education, programs, and activities for all Shiloh students.

For more information on our Community Partners program visit <https://shilohchristian.org/community-partners/> or connect with Laurie Eisenbeis, Development Director at laurie.eisenbeis@shilohchristian.org

