**What is the SCS Auxiliary?**

The Sheldon Christian School Auxiliary is made up of all moms & dads of students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The Auxiliary has two main functions: to raise funds to help keep the cost of tuition down for our families, and to support and encourage our teachers and staff.

The Auxiliary has 6 officers: President and Vice-President, Secretary and Vice-Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Treasurer. Each officer serves two years consecutively – the first year as a “vice” or “learner” for the office they will hold the next year. The whole Auxiliary body meets two times a school year and these meetings are led by the officers.

The Auxiliary has a certain financial obligation to meet which is determined by the Board of Sheldon Christian School. We do this through 4-5 fundraisers a year. The Winter Auction and Basketball Tournament are annual events that bring in the bulk of this commitment. Other events are voted in by the Auxiliary. Typically we have added a Baked Potato Supper and a beginning of school year Open House Supper, as well as the sale of a food item to help make our goal. Parents are asked by the Auxiliary officers to serve as Chair and Co-Chairs of each of these projects to head them up. Again, each person would serve 2 years in a row – the first year as a co-chair (learner) and the next year they would be the chair. Other Parents are assigned as helpers to these events. Typically, every parent helps at either the Winter Auction or the Basketball Tournament each year (the following year, the list is flip flopped). Parents are also asked to provide items for these events and help serve food, set up, clean up, etc. A list of who is assigned to work which fundraiser is published the first week of school. Trades can be made between parents to accommodate schedules, and substitute workers (like dads and grandparents or older children) are welcome as well.

Two other duties belong to the Auxiliary: providing Room Parents, and helping to celebrate Christian Education Week. Each classroom has two Room Parents who volunteer to support and encourage the teacher in each room by coordinating drivers for field trips, planning parties, making a class basket for the Winter Auction, etc. Christian Education week occurs in April, and we try to make this a special week for our teachers and the whole school by giving thanks for the opportunity we have to help our children learn about God’s world from a Biblical perspective.

We consider it a joy and a privilege to work so closely with our school to help it run smoothly and effectively. We give great thanks to God for all the parents who give of their time and gifts to help out the Auxiliary and we are so glad to have you join us ☺.