

SMALL CLOUD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS . . .

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"With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

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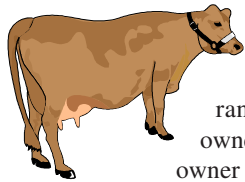
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A NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN

Two new animals were added to the Small Cloud farm during the summer. At the close of the last school year, Small Cloud acquired a cow. Here is the story of how cow #798, or "Daisy," as she was later named, became a resident at Small Cloud.

Daisy had been pastured in the field next to the Nelson home, and both teachers and students had become very attached to this friendly creature. She was so different from the other cows—so much tamer. When the owner brought his truck to pick up all the cows and move them to another location, the students begged Mrs. Nelson to ask the owner if they could buy the cow they had learned



to love and save her from being turned into hamburger. Mrs. Nelson was hesitant. She had no money to buy a cow! But, at the insistence of the students, Mrs. Nelson ran down the street to see if, by chance, the owner would be willing to sell the cow. Yes, the owner was willing, she found out. The reason the cow was so tame, he said, is that it had been hand-raised. He told Mrs. Nelson that the price was determined by weight; and, based on the cow's estimated weight, he would want to receive a specified amount for her.

"I'll have to get back to you," Mrs. Nelson said, and immediately called her cow-loving father, who agreed to purchase the cow and house her at the school.

So Daisy took up residence with the goats and the pig behind the Nelson home. But the Nelsons learned something about cows—they are herd animals. Daisy was no exception. Loneliness got the better of her, and she escaped from her pen, heading for the end of the road, where there were others of her kind. Not once, but several times Daisy left home, visiting the neighbors across the street, etc. Although Mr. Nelson put in new fencing, nothing could keep Daisy home. So Small Cloud's cow is now enjoying her life in a friend's pasture with others of her kind. What to ultimately do with her remains to be decided.

The other animal addition is Sophie, a golden lab puppy, which was purchased by the Nelsons for their son, Stephen, for his second birthday. She's a beautiful puppy; but, in true puppy style, she chews everything in sight, creating havoc in the garage. She loves romping with Stephen and greeting visitors the minute they step out of their cars. Judging by the size of her paws, she's going to be a big dog.

August 30th was the first day of school this year. The teachers had just returned from a trip to the East Coast to attend a church conference. Fifteen students and preschoolers were enrolled for the 2007-2008 school year.

School began as usual, but did not stay that way for long. It was early on Thursday morning, September 6, 2007—just one week after school had begun. Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Seely looked out the kitchen window. They enjoyed watching Sophie romp and play. All was well. Then, suddenly, Sophie stopped. A whimper let the teachers know that all was *not* well any longer. They called Mr. Nelson, who was home that day. Soon he, Kellie (our aspiring vet), and

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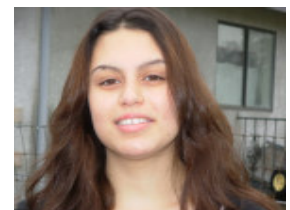
A NEW CHAPTER FOR SMALL CLOUD

November 5, 2007, marked the beginning of a new chapter for Small Cloud. Although we had entertained the idea of hiring help for many years, doubts of how to hire and how to pay

for an employee kept pushing this important step aside. Finally, after much prayer, we took the giant leap of faith and hired our first official employee.

Tiffany Ellington, a former student of Small Cloud, joined the Small Cloud team

as a teacher's assistant. Currently, she works a lot with our youngest students—Megan, Kilah, and Stephen. (And they can be a handful!) When not with these youngsters, she fills her time well by cleaning, cooking, and monitoring recesses. She is a fantastic worker, and we are so grateful to have her with us!



We have often been asked by you, our readers, what you can do to help us. Many of you have full-time jobs or live far away from Small Cloud, and so volunteering is really out of the question. But here is a wonderful way for you to help us—you can help support our employee. If God tugs on your heart to do so, send your donations marked "Employee Fund" to SCCS, PO Box 650, Wilton, CA 95693. Thank you very much, and God bless you! — Mrs. Nelson

ALL ABOUT ME

(a creative writing assignment)



Mikey Petrovich, age 10

I live in the country. I have three dogs at home, three cats and eleven chickens. My family has six members—my mom and dad, my two brothers, and my sister.

I like to play with my cats and dogs. Sometimes I give them balls. They chase them, and the dogs catch them in their mouths. They look like they have fun playing with the balls.

I like to ride my bike and play with my cats and dogs in the country.



Andy Petrovich, age 13

I have three cats, five dogs at home and at my dad's shop, and eleven chickens. My favorite thing to do is drive my mom's car around our property. I can drive my dad's jeep too. I use the stick shift to change the gears.

My dad bought me a 2003 XR 100 (dirt bike). I have a lot of fun riding it, and I let my friends ride it too.

My brother Davey has a Honda four wheeler, and it has about 75 hp. I have a lot of fun driving with my family around my property.



Mariana Cardenas, age 10

My name is Mariana, and I live in Elk Grove. I have one sister and one brother. They are bigger than I am. My sister's name is Wendy, and my brother's name is Sergio. I also have a bird.

My favorite things to do are swimming and ice skating because it feels like you're flying. It's also fun because my parents watch me do cool things. I can also see the downtown mall and other people nearby.

I am so thankful for my family and friends. I'm also happy I know God.



Jantee Webster, age 16

I was born March 29, 1991, in the small town of Sacramento, California. From the day I could walk, I've loved animals. Every time there is an animal in need, I am there to help it. From frogs to birds, dogs to rabbits, I've had them all.

In my spare time I usually listen to the radio or watch television. I also read, but that's only if I have a good book. Once in awhile I'll catch up on all the latest gossip with my friends, either on the phone or on the Internet.

I attended an arts school before I came here. I used to be in drama, art, dance, and orchestra. I liked that school a lot; and I would have been going there this year as well, but it closed down. Small Cloud is almost as fun as my old school, but it's getting there. I've been to nine schools already in my life, and I know how to make friends quickly.

Even if the school is not that fun, I make the best of it. I try not to look at the negatives. If I don't find anything positive, I make something positive; and before I know it, I'm having a great time at school. Like now, I think I'm having a great time at school, and I'm getting good grades.



Chris Lamb, age 14

My name is Chris. I was born in Kingston, Jamaica. But now I live in Sacramento, California. I have one brother and a lot of cousins. My favorite color is green. I live with my brother, my Mom, my dad, and my aunt.

My favorite thing to do is spend time on the computer. I like keeping in touch with my friends. Also, I like to go outside and play a variety of sports.

The school I used to go to was W.P.C.S. The school I go to now is S.C.C.S. This school is fun so far, but I liked my old school better. I hope I have a lot of fun here.

This is part of my journey through life, and there will be more adventures to come.

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ALL ABOUT ME (con't)



Aaryn Whiteside, age 13

I am a child of God and a product of love. My name means peace; it is a derivative of modern English. Some call me Aaryn, but my dad calls me "Baby." Everyone knows me as Aaryn Whiteside.

I was born on October 25, 1994, at U. C. Davis Hospital. I've been blessed with a large, caring, and wonderful family.

I am the oldest of three. Unfortunately, I have two younger brothers. My brothers are Freddy (who is ten), and Patrick (who is eight). I come from a very diverse family. They come from Ireland, Jamaica, the Philippines, and France. I enjoy doing things with my family.

Many of my hobbies include my family. We like to go to the lake together, and when we are there, we wakeboard. I like going to my grandma's house every Sabbath. I also like riding bikes with my brothers. We also like school.

Arthur C. Butler is the school I went to from kindergarten through the sixth grade. In the middle of sixth grade, my family moved; so I transferred to James McKee Elementary. Then I graduated to Joseph Kerr Middle School. After finishing seventh grade I transferred to Small Cloud Christian School. I do think it is quite a transition going from public to private school.

Overall, my life has encompassed twelve years, during which I have experienced joy, pain, hate, happiness, and sadness. But through it all, I realized that God is my all in all.

DO YOU SAVE YOUR NEWSLETTERS?

Recently Mrs. Schendel attempted to arrange all of our school newsletters in a binder (both Candle Lights and Small Cloud Chronicles). To her disappointment, she discovered that there are five missing issues, with no computer backup. Is it possible that any of our readers have kept the old issues? The five missing issues are as follows:

- ✓ July/August 2000
- ✓ July/August 2002
- ✓ March - May 2003
- ✓ June - August 2003
- ✓ September-November 2003

If you have any of these issues and are willing to part with them, would you be so kind to send them to us so that we can include them in our binder.



IN HIS HANDS

by Andie Seely, age 12

My life is in the Lord's hands.
I will obey His commands.
I will fight on the Lord's side.
With Him I will abide.
I will stay by Him always.
I will not go away. He will lead me along.
I shall do no wrong.
What a friend He is.
We will always be His. Amen!

OUR VOLUNTEER

She comes to help out every Tuesday. Steph Knezovich, one of last year's high school graduates, volunteered to come to Small Cloud and help out wherever she can. Steph loves to cook, but she is a great help in many other areas as well. Her willingness to come and give us a hand is much appreciated. Thank you, Steph!

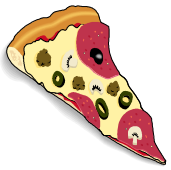
YOU CAN HELP

You can help Small Cloud Christian School very simply, just by the search engine you choose for your internet use. Here's how:

Go to www.Goodsearch.com, and make that your default search engine. (This is actually the Yahoo search engine, but you have to access it through Goodsearch.com.) Below the search box is a box which says "Who do you Goodsearch for?" In that box, enter: Small Cloud Christian School. (You probably won't need to know this, but our ID# is 857616.)

That's all! Then you just search as usual, and each time you do, Small Cloud earns a small amount. The estimate is about 1 cent per search, although the last payout to charities amounted to 1.3 cents per search. By the way, you only have to enter our name once—it will appear each time you use Goodsearch.

Thanks for your help.



. . . AN **SCCS** FAVORITE

PITA PIZZAS

Lay an unopened pita pocket on a cookie sheet and spread Prego or other spaghetti sauce evenly to the edges. Then layer on the following ingredients:

- ✓ Fresh diced green pepper
- ✓ Fresh diced mushrooms
- ✓ Sliced black olives
- ✓ A sprinkle of salt
- ✓ A sprinkle of Italian seasoning
- ✓ And, . . . the key to this wonderful-tasting pizza: a drizzle of “Mother Sauce” (see recipe below)
- ✓ (You may also wish to add some diced pineapple and vegan cheese.)

Pop your pizza in the oven and bake at 350° F. for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool and serve with a nice big green salad.

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MOTHER SAUCE

(recipe taken from *The Maui Vegetarian*)

- 1/2 cup washed raw cashews
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- 1 Tbsp. “Parmesan” (see recipe below)
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 3/4 cup olive oil

In a blender, blend all the ingredients except the olive oil. Then, with the blender on medium speed, add the olive oil slowly until well mixed.

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“Parmesan” Sprinkle

(recipe taken from *The Maui Vegetarian*)

- 1/2 cup almonds
- 1 cup nutritional yeast

Using a food processor, blend almonds until very fine. Add the nutritional yeast and blend until well mixed with the ground almonds. This sprinkle is delicious on pasta, salad, etc.

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Andie gathered up the whimpering dog and took her to the Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic. The doctor there gave them the bad news: Sophie had broken her elbow—right on the growth plate! If it were not surgically repaired, Sophie’s front right leg would remain at its present size forever. She was referred to a specialist and operated on the next morning. Care instructions: Two months in a crate! It was not an easy task, to be sure—hard on the poor little puppy and hard on those caring for her. But we are happy to report that Sophie and her caregivers survived the ordeal. Sophie is now happily running around with Jack again—her black lab buddy.

One of the goals this year at SCCS is to improve the physical fitness of each child. Each week, students (grades 3-12) are required to run a mile. In preparation for their first run, Mr. Nelson mowed the field behind the school. As soon as he drove the tractor off the newly-marked field, young men and women took off. Five and 3/4 laps equal one mile. As each student passed the gate, a straw was handed to him or her. Onlookers Kilah Dear, Megan Petrovich, and Stephen Nelson stood by Mrs. Seely as the runners passed and repassed the school gate. Primary student Davey Petrovich tagged along for awhile, then joined the onlookers.



Soon Stephen volunteered to hand out straws to students. He clutched “his” straws tightly, however, and grunted “uh-uh” as the first student reached for his well-deserved straw. Later, Stephen realized how much fun it is to reward runners and happily fulfilled his responsibilities.

Perspiring students enjoyed spraying their faces with water. “Watch it! Not on my binder,” I (Evelyn Holmstroem) warned with a smile, as I quickly protected my binder from splashing water.

Readers, why don’t you join the SCCS students in improving *your* endurance and speed. Go time yourself right now. Careful. Be sure to warm up first. You may even want to walk the entire mile for your first time, then gradually to run a little, then a little more, until—if possible—you run the entire mile. E-mail us *your* time and we’ll include it in our next newsletter issue. — Evelyn Holmstroem and Gretchen Schendel ■

THE PARENTING CORNER

Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator—individuality, power to think and to do. The men in whom this power is developed are the men who bear responsibilities, who are leaders in enterprise, and who influence character. It is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men’s thought.” - Ellen G. White, *Education* (Review and Herald Publishing Association), p. 17

