

# SWASF - Quarterly Newsletter

August 2023



## **SEDRO-WOOLLEY ALUMNI & SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation - 2023  
Quarterly Newsletter

### **Summer Wrap-Up**

Greetings Cubs, Alumni and Foundation Supporters,

What another fun year the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation has had. To recap, here are a few of our most favorite and memorable highlights of the year...

- We had another successful year of classroom grants and gave out \$9,218.50 throughout the District. We also provided \$8000 to the SWHS trapshooting as part of the Pat Odlin endowment.
- Awarded over \$71,000+ in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Hosted the first All-Class Picnic since 2019. We sure loved seeing all of our fellow Cubs!
- Added 5 new scholarship partners to our growing scholarship program which allowed us to provide \$16,000 in aid to our graduates.
- Lola Ellestad, one of the original 3 members to start the scholarship program & alumni association, was once again able to present at the 2023 Senior Awards Night Ceremony (pictured above outside SWHS).
- Held the first annual Summer Harvest Concert (replacing the Harvest Happening Auction) and raised the funds needed to provide our annual grants this next year in 2023-2024.



As we reflect on all that we have accomplished and enjoyed this year, we are filled with heartfelt gratitude to each of you who has wholeheartedly supported our mission and enabled us to create meaningful impact for our children and schools.

We wish you sunny days and cozy evenings as the summer transitions into fall!  
Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation - Board of Directors

**As always, to share future announcements or information to be included in an upcoming edition of the newsletter, please e-mail us at: [info.swasf@gmail.com](mailto:info.swasf@gmail.com). We hope to hear from you! Go Cubs!**

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Upcoming Board Meetings & Community Events

- August 24th, 2024 - Reading and Resources at Cascade Middle School (Back-to-School Event)
- September 15th, 2023 –SWASF Board Meeting
- November 17th, 2023 –SWASF Board Meeting

The 24-member volunteer board meets on the third Friday of odd-numbered months at the Sedro-Woolley School District administrative offices on Trail Road at 11:00 a.m.

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**Learn more about various community organizations**

**READING & RESOURCES ON THE FIELD**

- Sedro-Woolley Fire Department
- Sedro-Woolley Police Department
- Sedro-Woolley Solid Waste
- Central Skagit Library
- Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club
- Skagit Transit
- Concessions available

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR  
BY EVERGREEN BOOSTER CLUB**

**FREE BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
BY INSPIRE CHURCH**

**CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
6-7:30 P.M.  
AUGUST 24**

The Sedro-Woolley School District is not responsible for the goods and services of third parties provided or highlighted at this event, which is for informational and support purposes only.

### **Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation will be there too!**

The Sedro-Woolley School District will again be hosting "Reading & Resources on the Field" from 6–7:30 p.m., August 24 on the field between Cascade Middle School and the Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club.

There will be backpacks stuffed with school supplies from Inspire Church, a Scholastic book fair hosted by the Evergreen Parent Group where families can purchase affordable books, a bevy of vehicles from the City of Sedro-Woolley's fleet, as well as information and resources from many local organizations such as Skagit Transit and the Central Skagit Library. Mary Purcell's Parent Group will have concessions available! Sedro-Woolley's Boys & Girls Club will also have fun activities set up for those in attendance! For more information, email [swsdcoms@swsd101.org](mailto:swsdcoms@swsd101.org).

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# SWHS

*All-Class Picnic*

JULY • 13 • 2024

RIVERFRONT PARK - SEDRO-WOOLLEY



**Sheri Paulsen & Barbara  
Ward Thompson**



**SWHS Class of 1964**



**Pat Hyatt & Dani Baird  
Russell**

## Re-Capping the 2023 All-Class Picnic!

After several years of being unable to gather, the All-Class Picnic was back in full swing this year! We had such a wonderful afternoon visiting with friends and classmates. So much so that we are already counting down the days until next year's gathering. Mark your calendar, as we can't wait to see you all again on July 13th, 2024.

A tremendous thank you goes out to Sheri Paulsen (Class of '94), the 2023 All-Class picnic committee chair. We are so thankful for her hard work and efforts in ensuring this treasured event returned!

And another big thank you to Mercadie Davis Photography for capturing these amazing photos! Click the link below to see the entire gallery and save your favorite ones!

<https://mercadiedavisphotography.pixieset.com/allclasspicnic/>

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## Summer Harvest Concert Success!

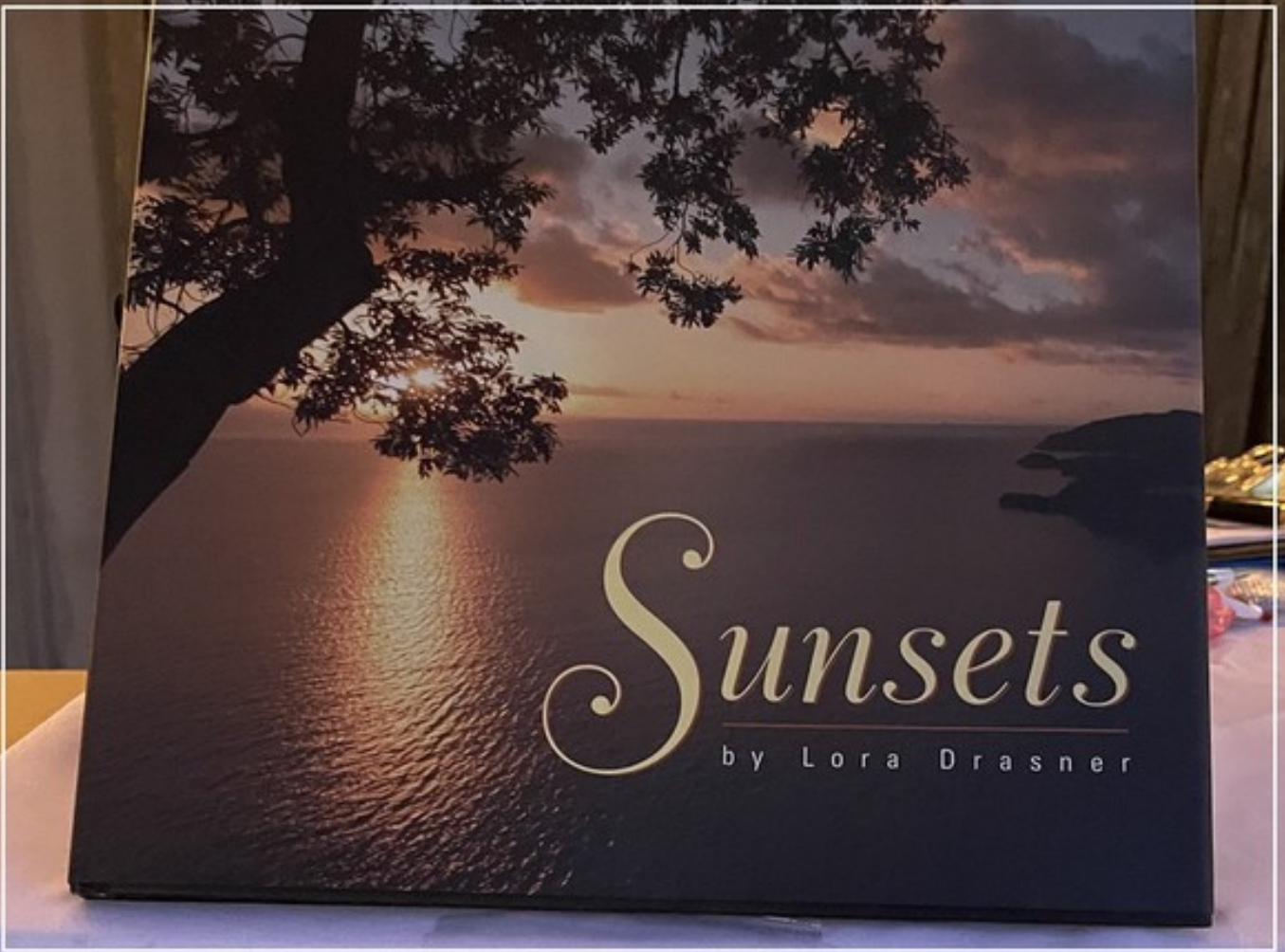
On August 5th, 2023 – the annual Harvest Happenings, a tradition usually reserved for the fall season, underwent a captivating transformation into the Inaugural Summer Harvest Concert featuring local Whatcom County band, The Penny Stinkers!

Proceeds raised at the night's event will allow the Foundation to help support our students and teachers and enhance the education within the Sedro-Woolley School District through our semi-annual classroom grant program. Since our Foundation's inception, we've proudly awarded over \$430,000+ in grants, reflecting our commitment to impacting education in our community.

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the event's sponsors, including Stiles & Lehr, Edward Jones-Nick Van Jaarsveld, and table sponsors such as John Piazza Jr. Construction & Remodeling, the Olson Family, the Bachmeier Family, Belanger Real Estate, Baird & Russell Team at

John L. Scott, and Doyle Guffie's Rallye Auto & Truck Sales, along with all of our amazing guests who helped to make this event a great success. A big thank you is extended to Eaglehaven Winery for their incredible generosity and hospitality in helping us to host this event.





Thank you to Lora (Weynands) Drasner, SWHS Class of 1983, for her gift of her book, Sunsets, for each of our guests in attendance at the Summer Harvest Concert.

# Classroom Grants

## CLASSROOM GRANTS

The total amount of classroom grants awarded in 2023 was \$9218.50! With the recent success of the Summer Harvest Concert, we look forward to being able to award several more grants in 2023-2024. The first round of grant applications will be early fall!

To date, the Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation has awarded over \$433,000+ in Classroom Grants. A link to a lifetime list of our grants can be found here: [SWASF Classroom Grant Awards](#)

# Scholarships Update

## SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2023, we helped to award over \$71,000+ in scholarships to exceptional students from SWHS!

These scholarship awards are being sent all across the state and throughout the nation. Students' paths in the fall will take them to various destinations, with some choosing to pursue education close to home, like at Skagit Valley College, while others will attend institutions as far-ranging as Oregon, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Another noteworthy accomplishment for the scholarship committee was the successful establishment of several new partnerships this year. This collaboration allowed us to introduce a series of brand-new scholarships for the very first time, including:

- Amanda Proudfoot Memorial Scholarship
- HF Sinclair CTE Scholarship
- HF Sinclair STEM Scholarship
- Skagit Valley Warriors Female Athlete Scholarship
- Eastman Family Scholarship
- Hampton Family Forest Scholarships

Best wishes to these students and all of our former Cubs as they set off on their next endeavors after graduation!

[Click Here to Make a Donation to Our Scholarship Program!](#)





Recently the SWHS Classes of 1980-1986 held a joint class reunion at Eaglehaven. At that event, they helped to raise money for our scholarship program.

On August 5th, at the Summer Harvest Concert, the SWASF was presented **with a check for \$750!!!**

We want to thank everyone who contributed to "pay it forward" to help support our future Cubs!  
[#OnceACubAlwaysACub](#)

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## CUB CORNER

If your class is having an event in 2023 - a reunion, happy hour or other social gathering, be SURE to send it to us to include here in our newsletter or on our Facebook page! We are always happy to help share information about your event and help get the word out. We love seeing our fellow Cubs together and having fun!

# CUB ALUMNI!

We want to hear from you! Let us know what you're up to!

- Class Reunions
- School/College Updates
- Fun with Friends
- Old Pictures

We would love to include any updates on our Facebook page or in the Cub Corner Section of our newsletter.



**SEND US  
UPDATES!**

**EMAIL US AT [INFO.SWASF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:INFO.SWASF@GMAIL.COM)**

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SWHS Class of 1993 Celebrating 30 years!



3rd annual  
JENNIFER FRANCIS-SCHMIDT memorial  
**KICKBALL**  
tournament



PRESENTED BY SW FASTPITCH BOOSTERS

**WHEN : SEPTEMBER 30th, 2023**  
**WHERE : JANICKI FIELDS**

**TWO BASKETS WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!**  
-FALL THEME  
-SKAGIT VALLEY THEME

TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE BASKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE PRIOR TO AND DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE TOURNAMENT. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

TICKETS ARE \$1 EACH OR \$20 FOR 25!

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM BOOSTER PARENTS CONCESSIONS!

50% OF ALL THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE JENNIFER FRANCIS-SCHMIDT SCHOLARSHIP.

**GAMES WILL BE PLAYED RAIN OR SHINE!**

CANT PLAY? WE WANT TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE EVENT WHETHER YOU ARE ON A TEAM OR NOT! DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME PRIOR TO OR DURING THE EVENT!

**TO ENTER YOUR TEAM**

\$200 PER TEAM | UP TO 20 PLAYERS

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP AT  
CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL,  
SEDRO WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL,  
OR CONTACT M.JONES@SWSD101.ORG  
FOR A DIGITAL COPY.

**REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 23rd**

AND MUST BE DROPPED OFF OR MAILED TO:  
CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ATTN: MADDIE JONES (KICKBALL)  
805 MC GARIGLE RD.  
SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WA 98284

**COSTUME CONTEST!!**

PRIZES FOR:  
BEST DRESSED TEAM  
BEST INDIVIDUAL COSTUME

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
SW FASTPITCH BOOSTERS

\*The district does not sponsor this event and the district assumes no responsibility for it. In consideration of the privilege to distribute materials, the Sedro-Woolley School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action led in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including costs, attorney's fees and judgments or awards.\*

**5 POINT MEDIA**

## Jennifer Francis-Schmidt Memorial Scholarship - Kickball Tourney

Proceeds from this event go to benefit both the Jennifer Francis-Schmidt Memorial Scholarship and the Sedro-Woolley Fastpitch Program.

Last year 3 scholarships were given out through the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation in honor of Jennifer Francis-Schmidt.

[Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Facebook Page](#)



# #CUBSGIVE



The Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation is a non-profit 503(c)(3) that raises, manages and distributes funds in support of student education in the Sedro-Woolley School District.

The Foundation has a robust scholarship program and currently provides tens of thousands in scholarships to graduating seniors. The Foundation also has a twice-yearly classroom grant program that provides funding for innovative classroom materials and programs.

**If you would like to help support the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation, a list of different ways that you can make a donation is included below:**

1) Visit [www.woolleycubs.com/cubsgive/](http://www.woolleycubs.com/cubsgive/) to make an online donation.

2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation

Search for @swschoolsfoundation to send payment.

3) Mail a check to us at:

Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation  
P.O Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**Contact Us/Questions:**

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**1) Visit <https://woolleycubs.com/cubsgive> to make an online donation.**

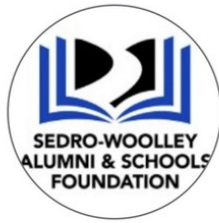
-You can set-up reoccurring donations, along with designate your donation to a specific area: scholarships/classroom grants/greatest need.

**2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation**

-Search for @swschoolsfoundation or scan the QR code (pictured below) to send payment.

**3) Mail check to Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation at P.O Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284**

We invite you to join the Foundation in a partnership with the community to make a difference for our children!



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@swschoolsfoundation



**venmo**

Scan this code to pay

[Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Website](#)



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