



**PRINCIPAL CORNER for March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Seeing God in Basketball**

On a recent Friday afternoon, I was walking around our big beautiful playground, assessing the status of our tender young grass, newly planted last summer. Three young students were playing soccer with our After-Care Teacher and the sun was shining.

When I looked up through the black fence of the playground, I saw and heard our SCCS students chatting happily as they walked to basketball practice. The group included 12 of our SCCS girls in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Coaches Cory and Molly Dunn were shepherding the team.

For many of our girls, being on the team marks not only their first experience playing basketball, but their first experience playing on any team. As a result, the learning curve is huge at every practice. Growth mindset is being employed, big time. With competence comes increased confidence; our players are elated with their new capacity on the court.

Our home games are at First Lutheran Church in Poulsville. Siblings, parents, grandparents, uncles and friends fill the seats, two rows deep, to cheer on our players. The hard work of practice makes the games that much sweeter as our students relish each shot, steal, dribble and pass; all cheering on the sidelines are equally excited. The games are a celebration of community, collaboration and growth.

On that Friday afternoon, the positive energy and joy emitting out from our multi-age team added light to my day. God is definitely in basketball.

With joy,  
Susan Kilbane

