



APRIL NEWS AT SHSF

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REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Tuition letters will be sent home to all our families the week of April 29. These letters will also indicate scholarship awards for those families who are eligible for tuition assistance. Applications for financial assistance were due to FACTS this week.

Registration deposits (\$125 for those paying monthly and \$75 for those making one or two payments) along with contracts

will be due back by Friday, May 10. Deposits are not refundable and they are not to be deducted from the total tuition. [Contracts must be signed in order to reenroll your children for the next school year.](#)

If your children will not be returning to SHSF, we will also need to know that before the registration date of May 10.

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Mission Statement

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
for Pre-Kindergarten—through Grade 4
April 13, 2019 starting at 10 AM on the school grounds

WARM WEATHER UNIFORMS

Students may start wearing their warm weather uniforms when they return from Spring Break on Monday, April 22. These school shirts (dark green polo shirts) and khaki shorts are available only from our uniform suppliers. [No other shirts or shorts may be](#)

[worn. Please follow the rules!](#) The toll free telephone number for Flynn and O'Hara is 1-800-441-4122 in case you need to order uniforms from them. Ordering on-line is also an option. Please call the school office if you need further information.



SPRING BREAK

**THE WEEK OF
APRIL 15-19**

ENJOY!!!

RACE FOR EDUCATION

On Tuesday, May 14, our school will be participating in our seventh RACE FOR EDUCATION. By now you have probably read all about it or heard about it from your children. We invite all our families and friends to join us in helping raise funds for our school. The Race for Education is a walk-a-thon which will involve all of our students walking around a

designated area for one hour. Students will get people to sponsor them during the Race by making a donation to our school. This is where



your help is needed. We are asking parents to provide the names and addresses of family members and friends who might be willing to make a donation. These names will be written on the label sheets that were already sent home. All labels need to be returned to school by April 12. From there the students will prepare mailers for all the addresses we receive. These names will not be shared with anyone but us. No need to worry. We are not selling names to a third party. Prizes will be awarded to students based on the number of names we receive. The students seem quite excited about the prize list. It should be a lot of fun for everyone

YEARBOOK SALES

We have some exciting news! Our yearbooks will once again be in full color this year and the cost will be \$12. Due to some wonderful sponsors and the positive relationship we have developed with LIFETOUCH over the years, this could be made possible. It is not too late to order, but don't wait

long or you will miss out on this opportunity. Yearbooks can be ordered online or through school. [If you want your child's yearbook personalized, you must place your order online.](#)

Treasure the memories of this past year, by getting your order in right away.

NEASC VISIT

April 7 begins our long anticipated visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Team. We welcome five educators from New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont to Bennington for four days. In order to prepare for our NEASC visit, Friday, April 5, will be an early dismissal day for our school. Students will be dismissed at noon.

We are hoping that our visiting team experiences firsthand the warmth and strong sense of pride that comes from our wonderful school community. Please keep our visitors and all of us in your prayers during these days.

**NOON
DISMISSAL**

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 5**



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All volunteers, including parents, are required to comply with the school's request for a Vulnerable Record Check for the safety of our children. This is in accordance with Diocesan policies and is required for anyone who wishes to work with our students in any capacity. Fingerprinting is not necessary for this background check.

In addition, all staff members, coaches, and volunteers (new and old) who work directly with children (including field trip chaperones,

lunch room helpers, etc.) must complete a new on-line program called "VIRTUS." If your "Safe and Sacred" certificate has expired, you will need to complete the new program right away and all others need to have it done before they can volunteer or be a chaperone for events. Don't delay!

The "Safe and Sacred" program previously used will no longer be accessible or valid.

Please check www.vermontcatholic.org to register for the new program.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We live in a world that appears increasingly materialistic and selfish. As followers of Jesus, we often struggle with this reality. Jesus told us that "I have not come to be served, but to serve." On a very hopeful note, many children today are able to see clearly the overemphasis on material things in our world and are determined and ready to do something to change that. Social researchers call the children in today's elementary and high schools a "hero generation." We see evidence of this in many programs that young people have started in their schools and communities to meet the needs of the poor and needy. Today's young people are committed to making our world a cleaner and more just world in which to live.

As technology brings the world closer together, it becomes clearer that all human beings rely on one another in countless ways. It is our charge to work together to do all that we can to make our world a better place. The kinds of changes necessary to do this are both grand and small in scale. What can you do to teach your child the importance of service to others?

- Model reverence for all of creation.
- Show compassion for those who are less fortunate or in need.
- Consider a family service activity such as working in a soup kitchen with your child, helping a neighbor with yard work, or working with Habitat for Humanity.
- Encourage your child to be generous in helping at school either through clubs or whenever there is need.
- Summer may be a great time to undertake a new service activity with your family.
- Most importantly, lead by example.

The path of service is rewarding one. Do what you can to encourage this belief and practice in your family.

