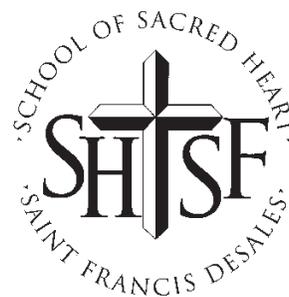


# SHSF NEWS



Monthly Newsletter

April 2017

## Registrations for 2017-2018

Tuition letters will be sent home to all our families the week of April 24. 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 Monday, May 8. 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 8.

## Change for April and May



Since we have used so many snow days and so as to not extend our school year beyond Friday, June 16, we will be making up the last two snow days ( March Blizzard) by extending the school day just during the months of April and May. Dismissal will now be at 3 PM instead of 2:40 PM starting on Monday, April 3, and ending on Wednesday, May 31. Car line will begin at 3 PM.

On another note, we are asking parents to leave the school grounds via the driveway near the garage when they are picking up at dismissal. Too many people have been working through the car line with their children and this is very dangerous. For the safety of everyone, please follow these important guidelines.

### 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.*

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*Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday during prayer.*

# Race For Education



## Annual Race for Education

On Tuesday, May 16, our school will be participating in our fifth RACE FOR EDUCATION. By now you have probably read all about it or heard about 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. Labels will need to be returned to school by April 6. 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.

## Spring Has Arrived

Students may start wearing their warm weather uniforms when they return from Spring Break on Monday, April 24. 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. 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.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY,**

**APRIL 9 AT 10 AM**



## **“YEAR OF CREATION” PROJECT**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**



## **SPRING BREAK**

**BEGINS**

**APRIL 14— ENJOY!!!**



## **KING ARTHUR’S FOOD FOR GOOD (MIDDLE SCHOOL)**

**WEDNESDAY**

**APRIL 26**



## **SHREK, THE MUSICAL, JR.**

**PERFORMED BY OUR  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

**MAY 17, 18, 19, 20**

# **Order Your Yearbooks Now!**

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. Treasure the memories of this past year, by getting your order in right away. Who knows? Your picture may be appear as well.

## **Let's Play Ball**

Our girls softball team will be starting in the new few weeks...as soon as the weather improves just a bit. Look for a schedule of games to be sent home soon. Thank you to Marcia Hendery who has volunteered to coach our girls this year. It is not too late to join the team. A few more girls participating would be great.

Home games will be played at the Bennington Recreation Center on Gage Street. The girls would love to see you at the games cheering for them.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for parent volunteers (Make sure you have completed all your safe environment requirements.) who might be able to assist the teachers during recess time. An extra set of eyes and hands would be greatly appreciated. It doesn't even need to be an everyday thing, just when you are able. The times scheduled for playground are before school, from 8:00 until 8:15, and at mid-day recess from Noon until 12:25 and from 12:30 until 12:55.

If you are interested in helping out in anyway, please see Mr. Estes.



# From the Principal...

Our nation needs more scientists, and it particularly needs scientists imbued with the moral values appropriate to the followers of Christ. As we help our children choose careers, we should certainly encourage their interest in the fields of science, math, engineering, and technology.

More than that, however, we need to make all children both scientifically literate and environmentally aware. Scientific research uncovers new methods and new possibilities for actions in many fields, but the decisions about the use of these discoveries must be made by all of us. To respond intelligently and make the right moral and ethical choices, we need to understand the present problems and the potential advantages and disadvantages of suggested solutions.

In the years ahead neither we nor our children can afford to acquiesce blindly to actions which affect our environment, our health, and civilization itself. Increased knowledge and understanding of scientific and technological ideas will be essential, and now is the time to develop both. We need to instill in all children a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world. We need to help children learn to think and see the world in a logical manner. Together, let's help our students see science as a way of learning strategies for protecting the resources and the inhabitants of the world, and as a way of appreciating the marvelous complexity God has created and of which we are stewards.

Pope Francis reminds us in this "Year of Creation" that we are responsible for taking care of our world and everything in it. It is never too late to make a difference.

**We are always seeking new students. If you know of any family who may be interested in enrolling their children, please let us know or have them give us a call. Word of mouth is a great marketing tool. Maintaining our enrollment is crucial to our existence. Please help your school community.**



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