

# FEBRUARY NEWS AT SHSF

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## TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Tuition assistance applications will all be done online this year. You may begin the application process starting on February 28, 2019. Families who are currently enrolled and seeking assistance must have these done by March 31. A few key points to keep in mind:

If you are seeking scholarship assistance, you must file these forms by the stated due date. Scholarship amounts will be announced in April and each family applying for assistance will

receive a letter announcing the amount of assistance our school is able to offer. FACTS has a toll free number if you need help filling out your application.

Families who believe they need financial aid are encouraged to take advantage of the assistance that is being offered. Grant Aid applications assure fairness to all our families.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Estes and he will gladly answer your questions.

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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.



## WINTERTASTIC AUCTION COMING SOON

Join us for a fun evening with your friends and colleagues and help us raise funds that will benefit the educational programs at The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales.

### DATE:

Saturday, March 2, 2019

### TIME:

6 PM Hors d' oeuvres and Cash Bar  
7 PM Live Auction

### WHERE:

The Mount Anthony Country Club  
180 Country Club Drive  
Bennington, VT 05201

### COST:

\$30 Admission  
\$225 for a Table of Eight

### GREAT ITEMS!



### ***IN-SERVICE DAY***

**Noon Dismissal  
Friday,  
February 8**

## NEW SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

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](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) to register for the new program.

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is Thursday, February 14. There are no actual parties scheduled for this holiday, but students in all grades will have the opportunity to exchange Valentines with their classmates and have light refreshments at the end of the day. Room Parents will be contacting you to help out once plans have been made.



Happy  
Valentines  
Day

# BASKETBALL GAMES

## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

### Boys

- 2/4 Home vs. Dorset 5:15 PM
- 2/6 Away at Grace 4:00 PM
- 2/13 Away at Arlington 5:15 PM
- 2/28 Home vs. Long Trail 5:15 PM

### Girls

- 2/4 Home vs. Dorset 4:00 PM
- 2/13 Away at Arlington 4:00 PM
- 2/26 Home vs. Gabriel Abbott  
(Coed) 4:00 PM
- 2/28 Home vs. Long Trail 4:00 PM

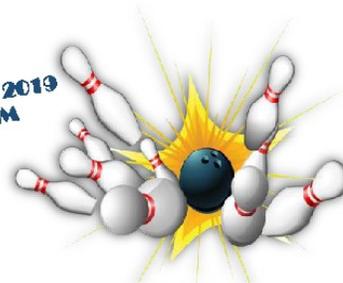
***Winter Break  
February 18—  
February 22***

Youth Ministry  
Day Sponsored  
by the  
Diocese of  
Burlington  
February 2  
9:00AM – 3:00PM  
Sacred Heart  
St. Francis de Sales  
Parish Center

## Bowling Fundraiser!

\*To Benefit the Sacred Heart Class of 2019 Field Trip to NYC\*

**WHEN:**  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:00-8:00PM



**WHERE:**  
Bennington  
Lanes  
Northside Dr.  
Bennington, VT

**\$10/person  
Includes shoes!**

Please contact [ashley\\_sky225@yahoo.com](mailto:ashley_sky225@yahoo.com) to reserve your lane!



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents make a difference every day! Parents strengthen our school community by being responsible citizens, good parents, and generous volunteers. In the process, we teach our children a most valuable life lesson.

Each of us is blessed with different gifts and talents, beliefs and backgrounds, and that is something to celebrate. For it is through the combination of these countless very different gifts that we are able to create a rich and vibrant community.

The most important thing to remember is to remain true to yourself and, wherever you are, do what you can to be of service each and every day. Whatever your gifts, each small action or kindness has a ripple effect. If you make a difference in the life of just one person, you have made our community a better place in which to live.

There could be no more powerful gift for our children than learning from the shining example of their parents. We each have the power to make a difference for our children and in our community every single day. Let's be sure that no matter who we are and what gifts we bring, the difference we make is a positive one.

Together, we can make our school the amazing community we want it to be. Let's begin today!

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥