

# SHSF NEWS



Monthly Newsletter of Information

January 2015

## Catholic Schools Week 2015

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 25, through Friday, January 30.

At Sacred Heart St. Francis we continue to build the Kingdom of God each and every day. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ because our school community has been enriched by God's gift of faith. We must build on that and create a faith filled future for our children, our school, and our parishes.

Catholic Schools Week 2015 provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to the community what Catholic school parents, administrators teachers, and students have known all along - that we are truly forming a future full of faith and promise. Our school is strong and vibrant because of the faith that we share.

We invite you to celebrate Catholic education by participating in the activities that we have planned beginning with CSW kickoff at the 10:00 AM Liturgy on Sunday, January 25, at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church.

A complete calendar of events will be sent home soon. Please note the daily themes listed on page 3. Come celebrate with us!

### 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.*



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales 307 School Street Bennington, VT

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## For a Happy New Year...

just stick to some simple and basic rules. Have faith in yourself and your abilities. Count your blessings before you cry on your misfortunes. Learn to take each day one at a time. Create opportunities for yourself for quitting is never an option. Above all accomplish all you take under your wings – never abandon without completion.

## *and then...*

close your eyes, say a warm goodbye to the year 2014. Thank God for everything that he has given us. Ask for forgiveness for all our mistakes and at last, wish for an even better year 2015.

**NO SCHOOL  
MONDAY  
JANUARY 19**

**MLK**  
*Day*

Public schools in Bennington will not be in session on Friday, January 23. Since this is the case, school lunches will not be available for SHSF. All students are asked to bring a lunch to school on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Peace on Earth!

To many people, New Year's Day provided an occasion for closing rifts and healing disputes. It was a day of reconciliation.

It was as much a custom to greet a person with "Forgive me for the New Year!" as to say, "Happy New Year!"

Even if there had not been a misunderstanding, one friend would greet another by shaking hands and saying: "If I have done you any wrong during the year just past, I want you to forgive me for the new one."



# Catholic Schools Week

## Highlights

**Sunday—January 25**

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Parish

**Monday—January 26**

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Community

**Tuesday—January 27**

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Students

**Wednesday—January 28**

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Families

**Thursday—January 29**

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Vocations

**Friday—January 30**

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers (Teacher Appreciation Day)

## Thank You!!!

Special thanks for all the many kindnesses the school staff received during the holiday season. We are extremely grateful for all the notes, cards and gifts that we received. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was over the top. It is, as always, a pleasure to work with your wonderful children.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way at our annual Christmas programs. "An Unplugged Christmas" was a lot of fun for everyone and the children performed it amazingly well. The Christ Child was certainly present as the children sang and played with joy and enthusiasm. We were all so proud!



## Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost (1923)

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

# From the Principal's Desk

The beginning of a new year is a time for prayerful gratitude. At Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, we are especially grateful to you and for you. You are the primary educators in the faith of your children, and you allow us to share in that challenge and privilege. Thank you.

As a Catholic school, we are committed to providing experiences of faith to your children in our classrooms that affirm the experience of faith being lived at home. Making this connection is critical to their faith formation. When you share with us the prayer, conversations, and other experiences you have with your children, you are giving us the most basic tools we need to make that connection.

In these early weeks of the new year, let us prayerfully renew our commitment to one another to work together in sharing our faith.



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**We warmly welcome the  
Most Reverend Christopher Coyne  
as the new Bishop of  
Diocese of Burlington!**

*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.*