

# MARCH NEWS AT SHSF

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## LENT BEGINS NEXT

Each year the church sets aside 40 days as a special time we call LENT.

This year's Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. We will have a distribution of ashes here at school at 10 AM. .

Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday afternoons (3/8, 3/29, 4/12) in our multi-purpose room beginning at 2 PM. All are welcome.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for students in Grades 3 through

8 will also take place during the Lenten season.

Lenten boxes to help support Operation Rice Bowl are being sent home next week for all our students. Please emphasize with your children the importance of sacrificing for others. These boxes will be collected during Holy Week.

It is important for us to journey together with Jesus remembering the sacrifices He made for all of us.

## WEEK

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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

**COST:**  
\$30 Admission  
\$225 for a Table of Eight

**GREAT ITEMS!**



**LUNCH NOTE: SCHOOL LUNCH WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15. DISMISSAL IS AT NOON.**

## ***IN-SERVICE DAYS***

**Noon Dismissal**  
**March 15**  
**March 21**  
**March 22**

# WINTER PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports for the Winter Trimester will be distributed on Wednesday, March 20 for Grades 5 through 8. All others will be distributed during your scheduled parent-teacher conference on March 21 and 22. Please take the time to go over these with your children. Parents are also encouraged to login to Renweb to check out their parent portal. There is a great deal of information there for you including grades, behavior notices,

attendance, a calendar, daily lessons, and assignments. This is particularly helpful for students when they have to miss school. Go to Renweb.com. Our district code is SH-VT. Remember when talking with your child that it is important for you to continually encourage them to always do the best that they can do. Praise them for what they have done well, and remind them to keep trying in areas where they seem to be having difficulty.

### ***AN IRISH BLESSING***

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand. May St. Patrick guard you wherever you go, and guide you in whatever you do—and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always.*

## CASUAL PICTURES

"Spring" Casual Picture Day for Sacred Heart St. Francis School will be Wednesday, March 20. Students in all grades will be photographed in their casual attire. They do not have to wear

their uniforms today, but they need to dress appropriately for school. Purchasing pictures, however, is optional. More details will be sent home soon.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Each year the Applications for tuition assistance are due to FACTS. This year's date is March 31. Please get your forms in on time.

Tuition assistance amounts will be announced in April and each family applying for assistance will receive a letter announcing their scholarship amount. FACTS has a toll free number if you need help filling out your application. You must file on-line this year. Paper applications are no longer available. Directions are

included in this week's email.

Next year's tuition rate has been set. Tuition for the first child in the family will be \$4995. Tuition for the second will be \$4795 and tuition for the third will be \$4595. This represents a modest 3% increase.

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

***PARENT -  
TEACHER  
CONFERENCES  
March 21 and  
March 22***



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

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Students who recognize their personal learning style and use strategies appropriate to that style become successful learners. At school, we try to help each student become aware of what makes learning easier for him or her. Through observation, talking with your child, and trying some simple experiments, you can help identify his or her personal learning style.

Knowing whether sight, hearing, or touch is the dominant sense is important. Try saying a series of ten numbers aloud and see how many the child can recall. Let the child see another set of numbers and try to recall them without looking back. Then let him or her copy a few simple designs and try to redraw them from memory. Try similar experiments with words and pictures. You may discover that your child is a visual learner, an auditory learner, a kinesthetic learner, or a combination of two types.

In the classroom, we try to teach in a way that will consider each student's dominant sense. Some children may learn easily from pictures, maps, charts, or graphs while others may need to hear an oral explanation of what they are seeing. Still others need to be doing something involving movement as they learn (perhaps making their own map, graph, or illustration).

Environmental factors such as light, sound, and temperature affect ability to learn. Subjects taught in an individual's peak performance time may seem easier because of that reason. A child's maturity, motivation, and sense of responsibility affect his or her approach to learning.

Helping your child find out what works best is certainly a worthwhile goal for you, and the student who learns to "work smarter, not harder" is likely to be a successful student.

