



# Our Lenten Journey Continues



These are some things you could do as a family during this Lenten season to bring you closer to Jesus.

- ◆ *Go to Mass.*
- ◆ *Donate clothing to the needy.*
- ◆ *Help feed the poor.*
- ◆ *Pray together.*
- ◆ *Volunteer for a good cause.*

- ◆ *Help one another.*
- ◆ *Visit the sick and the lonely.*
- ◆ *Read scripture together.*

Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday afternoons (3/2 and 3/9) 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 on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6 and March 7 at 1 PM.

Don't forget to use your Rice Bowls during Lent.

Please journey with us during this season of renewal and prayer.



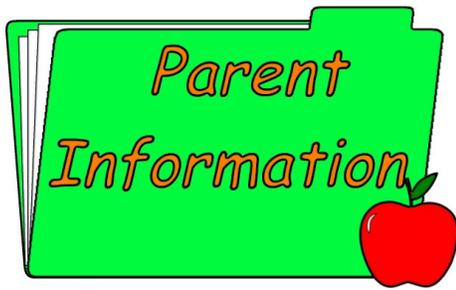
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## Mission Statement

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.

# Tuition Assistance Applications



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 assistant 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..

Next year's tuition rate has been set. Tuition for the first child in the family will be \$4850. Tuition for the second will be \$4650 and tuition for the third will be

\$4650. This represents a modest 1.7% 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.



# Wintertastic Auction 2018

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 3, 2018

## TIME?

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

## WHERE?

Mount Anthony Country Club  
80 Country Club Drive  
Bennington, Vermont

## GREAT ITEMS!



## CALENDAR NOTE

**Public schools in Bennington will not be in session on Wednesday, March 21. Students are asked to bring their own lunch on this day.**

**Our Early Dismissal days this month are**

**March 15, 16, AND 22.**

**SACRED HEART DOES NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23 (DIOCESAN WIDE IN-SERVICE DAY) AND GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30.**

## Winter Progress Reports

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Progress reports for the Winter Trimester will be distributed on Wednesday, March 14 for Grades 5 through 8. All others will be distributed during your scheduled parent-teacher conference on March 15 and 16. 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.



## Casual Picture Day

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"Spring" Casual Picture Day for Sacred Heart St. Francis School will be Wednesday, March 21. 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.

## Easter Egg Hunt

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Easter is early this year, so our annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Preschool and Kindergarten parents, will be held on Saturday, March 31. This is the day before Easter. It will begin at 10 AM. Be on time because it doesn't last long once it has started.



### **BASKET BINGO**

**Tuesday, March 13 at**

**6 :00 PM**

**Doors Open at**

**5 :00 PM**

**Sacred Heart St. Francis  
de Sales Parish Center  
\$10 for regular games  
and \$3 for special games.**

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**MARCH**

## From the Principal

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The Lenten season has traditionally been a time for reflection, a time to recognize our own imperfections, a time to make amends and to seek forgiveness through prayer and service to others. When Easter finally dawns, do we breathe a sigh of relief and get back to “normal” living?

This year, let's think not less about Lenten activities, but more about Easter- the joy and the hope that it represents. Without Easter, without the Resurrection, we would face a future of darkness rather than the promise of eternal life. Easter is truly a time of celebration! As we see signs of renewed life all around us in nature, we realize that we can share in that renewal.

What a sign of God's love we experience with the Resurrection! How best can we re-pond to that love? Can we express our own love for God and neighbor in visible ways? Can we model for our children the happiness of spirit which comes with faith? Can we renew with our children the promises made at Baptism?

We are truly Easter people. Together, as parents and teachers, let us face the future with its challenges and its opportunities with renewed faith and hope as we voice our joyful “Alleluia.”

