

SHSF NEWS



Monthly Newsletter

March 2017

The Lenten Journey...

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 (3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/31, and 4/7) 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 29 and 30.

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

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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Wintertastic

Auction 2017

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 4, 2017

TIME: 5 PM Preview
Dinner at the GRILLE
(optional)

6 PM Hors d' oeuvres
and Cash Bar

7 PM Live Auction

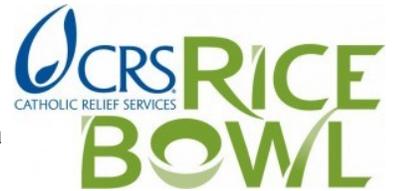
WHERE: The Mount
Anthony Country Club
180 Country Club Drive
Bennington, VT

COST: \$30 Admission
\$20 Preview Dinner
(optional)

Call the Club at 802-442-
2617 for Dinner
Reservations

GREAT ITEMS!

Operation Rice Bowl



As you know, our students are participating in a program that helps increase an awareness of

the suffering that many people in countries overseas and in our own community are facing. It is called "Operation Rice Bowl."

Using the rice bowl as a symbol of poverty and hunger, each child will be given one to take home and it should be using it during this season of Lent. They are asked to place a sacrificial offering in the rice bowl whenever it is possible. Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday during morning prayer at 9 AM.

You might also want to check out the Catholic Relief Services website as it offers a number of Lenten activities.

Let us reach out to those in need in a positive way during this season.

Spring Pictures

"Spring" Casual Picture Day for Sacred Heart St. Francis School will be Wednesday, March 22. Students in all grades will be photographed in their casual attire. Purchasing pictures, however, is optional. More details will be sent home soon.

Calendar Note

Public schools in Bennington will not be in session on Monday, March 13. We have an early release that day. Since this is the case, there will be no lunch at school. Dismissal will be at noon.

Renweb

Parents are 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 of events, 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.



From the Principal...

When we teach children to think as they learn, we are giving them an essential skill far more valuable than the ability to recall isolated facts. The same thinking strategies which are effective in school can be practiced in their personal lives to solve problems and to make decisions. I suggest that you encourage your child in this method of making responsible, prudent decisions.

The first step is to identify the problem. Perhaps your child wants a larger allowance, a later curfew, or some particular privilege. Perhaps there is a difference of opinion in regard to the responsibility for chores around the home. Once the exact nature of the problem is stated, it's time to gather facts and to describe the present situation accurately. The next step is to consider the advantages and disadvantages of various solutions. Many times the wisest decision involves a compromise after everyone concerned has had a chance to consider a number of possibilities.

The more experiences your child has in stating a problem, assessing a situation, discovering all pertinent facts, and evaluating the probable results or alternate actions, the more likely he or she will be able to make reasonable and sound judgments. Differences of opinion can be approached in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, rather than from an argumentative position now and as your child grows into adulthood.

Being able to pray about important decisions is also a good way to reflect upon the situation and it allows God a chance to play a part in whatever decision is made.

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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