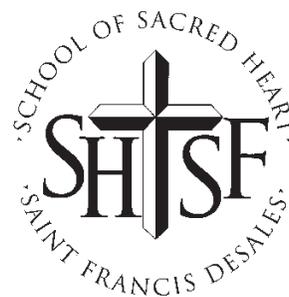


SHSF NEWS



Monthly Newsletter

May 2017

Race for Education

We are off to good start. Pledges have already started to arrive. Thank you for getting those labels into us in such a timely manner. It definitely made a difference.

On Tuesday, May 16, our school will be participating in our annual "Race for Education." By now you have probably read or heard about it from your children. It is definitely a fun way for the students to raise funds for our school. The teachers and staff are also excited about participating in this healthy and safe activity.



The "Race for Education" is a walk-a-thon which involves all our students from preschool through Grade 8. They will be walking at the Mount Anthony Union High School Track for one solid hour starting at 9 AM. Students solicited sponsors by asking them to give a donation to the school.

We look forward to another great event. Come join the fun .
We look forward to seeing you on May 16.

Congratulations to all our students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion during the month of May.



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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The logo for "Shrek the Musical, Jr." features the word "SHREK" in large, green, textured letters. Above the "K" is a small silhouette of a dragon. Below "SHREK" is the word "The MUSICAL JR." in yellow and green. The "DREAMWORKS" logo is positioned above the "SHREK" text.

Shrek the Musical, Jr.

Our middle school students will be presenting “Shrek the Musical, Jr.” on Wednesday, May 17, Thursday, May 18, Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, in our Multi-Purpose Room. All four shows will begin at 7:30 PM. Tickets will go on sale **starting Monday, May 15 and not before.** Admission is \$6 per person. We are asking that you get your seats ahead of time as all seats will be numbered. There will be no need to wait in line if you have pre-purchased your specific seat number. The earlier you buy your tickets, the better seats you will get.

The 60-minute musical, designed for middle-school aged performers, is based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig. The music is composed by Jeanine Tesori and the book and lyrics are written by David Lindsay-Abaire. Shrek The Musical, Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. Our entire Middle School will be performing in this year’s production.

Uniform Information

Once again this year, rather than coming to school for uniform measuring for next year, Flynn and O’Hara will be offering free shipping to all Sacred Heart St. Francis parents who order uniforms with a minimum purchase from June 18 until June 24. You can order online or call the toll free number, 1-800-441-4122. You will receive more information within the next few weeks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! Thursday—Saturday (June 1-3)

More details coming soon!



Calendar of Events

- *May 1-5 Terra Nova Achievement Testing*
- *May 5 Crowning of Mary at Church 9:00 AM*
- *May 8 Registration Fees and Tuition Contracts for next year are due today.*
- *May 16 Race for Education*
- *May 17, 18, 19, and 20 "Shrek, the Musical, Jr." 7:30 PM*
- *May 24 Eighth Grade Trip to New York City*
- *May 25 Ascension Thursday Mass at Church*
- *May 26 Grandparents Day 1:15 PM*
- *May 29 Memorial Day - No School*
- *May 31 SVSU Track Meet (Grades 5 & 6) at MAUHS (Noon)*
- *Jun 1-3 Scholastic Book Fair*
- *June 2 First Friday Mass— 9 AM at church*
- *June 8 School Concert (Chorus/Bands) 7 PM*
- *June 13 Last school day for Eighth Graders*
- *June 13 Eighth Grade Completion Ceremony, Dinner, and Dance 5 PM— 9:30 PM*
- *June 14 and 15 Early Dismissal at NOON*
- *June 15 Adventure Day - No Barbecue this year*
- *June 15 Preschool and Kindergarten Ceremony 12:15 PM*
- *June 16 Awards Assembly 9:30 AM*
- *June 16 Last Day of School (Dismissal will be at the completion of awards.)*
- *June 23 (Friday) Annual Golf Scramble MACC*

May Crowning

Our May Crowning honoring our Blessed Mother will take place on Friday, May 5, during the 9 AM First Friday Liturgy at the church. The eighth grade class will be planning this devotional tribute to Mary. Songs and prayers to Mary will be incorporated. We hope that many of you will be able to share in this beautiful tradition celebrated by Catholics throughout the world during the month of May.

Terra Nova Testing

All schools in our Diocese will be taking the Terra Nova Achievement tests beginning Monday, May 1, and continuing through Friday, May 5 for most grades. Grades 1 through 8 will be testing at various times throughout the week. It will be important for your child to be well rested and at school on time during testing week. Testing will begin promptly following prayer at 8:20 AM during testing week. It is very difficult to schedule time for students to make up tests when they are missing from or late for testing sessions. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Grandparents' Day

We would like to invite all grandparents or special friends of our students to join us on Friday, May 26, for a special afternoon beginning at 1:15 PM. The afternoon celebration will begin with a brief presentation entitled **"HUNGRY TO LEARN"** in the multi-purpose room followed by a reception on the lawn. The children and their guests look forward to this event every year. Please pass on the word early so that the date can be put on their calendars. Our celebration this year will be hosted by the fifth grade parents.

From the Principal...

A common concern of parents is keeping up with their children when it comes to the latest technology. Often, it is the children teaching parents what technology can do. This may leave some parents feeling uninformed and, more importantly, unsure of how to protect their children from some of the dangers associated with a high-tech world. What can parents do to help ensure their child's use of electronic technology so that it is a safe experience that supports learning?

- 1. Talk to your child.** Just as parents want to know where their children are going and with whom they are socializing, find out where your child goes on the internet. Find out who they are chatting with on Instagram or messaging on their phones. Part of your responsibility as a parent is to help your child learn to make good decisions about technology use. This can be accomplished through frequent conversations with your child.
- 2. Develop rules.** The best way to do this is to develop rules together with your child about the safe use of all electronic media. Just as schools have internet use policies, you need them in your home as well.
- 3. Talk with others.** Speak with other parents about how they talk about and handle technology use with their children.
- 4. Educate yourself.** Be alert to new technology and devices. Also explore websites your child visits and see for yourself.
- 5. Connect with school.** Your child's teachers may be a source of great support when there is a question regarding use of technology that supports instruction in the classroom.

New technology provides new opportunities for learning and connecting with others, but we must be sure our children remain safe and benefit from these opportunities. In doing so, we can continually help our children to be responsible and well informed.

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.



**HAPPY
MOTHERS'
DAY!**



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Registration deposits (\$125 for those paying monthly and \$75 for those making one or two payments) along with tuition contracts are due back by Monday, May 8.

Contracts must be signed in order to reenroll your children for the next school year.