

NOVEMBER NEWS AT SHSF

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HARVEST BAZAAR THIS WEEKEND

Everything is going well in preparation for our annual Harvest Bazaar to be held this Saturday, November 3. Don't forget that we need your help. This is essential if we want to make this year's fundraiser the best yet and there are still so many things you could do. Don't wait to be called, **VOLUNTEER! BE AVAILABLE!**

If you are "crafty" in anyway, we desperately need items for the craft table and/or the silent auction.

Have you sold your tickets for the **BIG MONEY RAFFLE?** Better yet, buy them yourself. Maybe you will win and have a little

extra money for Christmas.

We are also always looking for baked goods. Thank you to all who agreed to bake something. For those who haven't, it's not too late.

More importantly, we just need you to stop by and support us. We have over 28 different vendors, many raffles, and great food. It definitely promises to be a fun-filled day.

We are extremely grateful for the time that so many people have devoted to this year's bazaar so far.

Get in the community spirit. You will surely enjoy it.

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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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



We will begin our week long celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, November 4. At Sacred Heart St. Francis School 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, for our school, and for our parishes. Catholic Schools Week 2018 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 the CSW kickoff at the 9:30 AM Liturgy on Sunday, November 4, at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church followed by our CSW Breakfast at the Parish Center.

Please note the daily themes and events listed page 3 of this newsletter.

Come celebrate with us!



NO SCHOOL
Monday,
November 12
Veterans' Day

FALL TRIMESTER ENDS

Our fall trimester ends on Wednesday, November 21. Report cards will be distributed at Parent Teacher Conferences on December 6 and 7 for Preschool through Grade 4 only and on Wednesday, December 5, for students in Grades 5-8. Parent Teacher Conferences for middle school are optional, but they can be

requested, and are strongly suggested, if it appears necessary.

It is always important that we praise our children for what they have done well and encourage them to do better in areas where they may be having difficulty.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It has become a yearly custom for the students at The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis to collect canned goods during the month of November (the 1st through the 26th) for the needy in our parish and in our community. If every child would bring in two, three, or four cans, it would provide much happiness for those who are less fortunate. This is a particularly good time to give thanks for what we have and share with those that have little. Our contributions in past years have made a significant difference in this mission of service.



There will be several boxes placed in each classroom during the month. We would like to have a huge amount of canned goods ready to be given to His Pantry (a local food shelf located at our parish church).

If you would prefer, our students are also collecting toiletry products to be distributed. These items can also be brought to school and we will see that they get to the Parish Center. Thank you for your help and assistance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

Sunday—November 4

CELEBRATING OUR PARISHES

- **OPENING CELEBRATION**— At 9:30 AM Liturgy Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church— All our school families are asked to attend.
- **CSW BREAKFAST**— Following Mass at the Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Center
ADMISSION— \$4 per person if purchased on/before Wednesday, October 31, \$6 PER PERSON if purchased after October 31 or at the door

Monday—November 5

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

- **DRESS DOWN DAY**—\$1 donation to help the “Warm the Children Fund Drive.”
- **THANK YOU BASKETS**— For residents at the Vermont Veterans’ Home
- **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS** — Displayed on each classroom door for students who have performed acts of kindness and compassion **in the community**

Tuesday—November 6

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

- **BUDDY DAY**— (9:15 AM) Older and younger students pair together for a planned activity.
- **SCARECROW BUILDING** — (1:15 PM) The entire school (divided in teams) will join together to build scarecrows on the school grounds.

Wednesday—November 7

CELEBRATING OUR FACULTY, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS

- **TEACHER SWAP**— (9:15 AM) Teachers will be assigned to different classes for a part of the day.
- **TEACHER and STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**— A special way to say THANK YOU to all that these fine educators who minister to our students and our school community everyday. Sponsored by our Room Parents.
- **ALL SCHOOL TRIVIA GAME**— (1:30 PM) A friendly competition among classes led by our teachers

Thursday—November 8

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN VERMONT

- **SEMINARIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY**— Notes will be prepared and sent to our seminarians in our Diocese and in the Congregation of Holy Cross.
- **LITURGY IN BURLINGTON**— Our seventh and eighth graders will travel to Burlington joining representatives from all the Catholic schools in Vermont.

Friday—November 9

CELEBRATING OUR FAMILIES

- **FIRST FRIDAY LITURGY**— (10:00 AM) in our Multi-Purpose Room (Announcement of this year’s **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI** from **SACRED HEART**)
- **FAMILY TREE**— Check out our beautiful tree representing all our school families. It will be on display in our Multi-Purpose Room and blessed during our Liturgy.
- **LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD**— Parents are invited to join their children for lunch. Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 at 11:10 Grades 2-4 at 11:40; and Grades 5-8 at 12:10



**Noon Dismissal
Days
Friday,
November 2
Wednesday,
November 21**



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Effective communication and teamwork is essential to promoting student success. This includes communication between parents and school. Today is a good time to look at the quality of your communication with your child's teacher(s) and school.

Communication between parents and school is intended to have your child's best interest as a goal. Parents can take an active role in creating a strong communication link with the school.

Here are some things that contribute to effective communication:

1. You are the primary educators of your children. View your child's teacher and the school as partners in your important work.
2. Be aware of school-wide communications such as newsletters, calendars, and webpages to better understand the overall operation of your child's school. This should provide you with an overall feel for how things are done at school.
3. Be sure to read any and all communications from your child's teacher and do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher when you have any questions or concerns. Although it is sometimes easier to default to the position of "no news is good news," this will ultimately benefit your child.
4. Remember, it is much easier to address a small problem than a larger one. If you have a particular concern, don't wait to voice it. There may be a quick and simple solution to a small problem., whereas once something has developed into a major issue, it may be very difficult to resolve successfully.

Respectful communication between parents and school will not only contribute to your child's success in school, but will also model for your child the way that people should treat one another. What better lesson could a child learn?

This month, you will be receiving a short survey that will help us prepare for our accreditation in April. Please take a few minutes to let us know how we are doing. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you and your family special blessings during this time of Thanksgiving.



FROM ALL OF US AT SACRED HEART ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL!