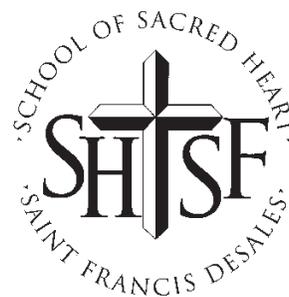


SHSF NEWS



Monthly Newsletter

November 2016

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 23rd) 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.

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.



Sixth graders enjoying each other's company.

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Saints Basketball at the Parish Center Starts Soon!

Basketball Season Approaching

Students in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 who are interested in playing basketball for our school's two teams will begin practicing soon for the upcoming season. Practices and home games will be at the Parish Center on West Main Street. Playing on these teams is a big commitment and one that should be taken very seriously. Boys and girls who want to play must attend all practices

Information regarding dates and times for practices and games will be sent home with Middle School students once all the details have been finalized.

We wish our boys and girls well as they begin their season.

Calendar Notes

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS' DAY

EARLY DISMISSAL (NOON)

FOR FACULTY IN-SERVICE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

NOON DISMISSAL

EARLY DISMISSAL (NOON)

ON WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

NO SCHOOL

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 24 AND 25



Committee Members

We are looking for interested parents who might like to serve on one of our School Board's functioning committees.

These committees include:

- Physical Plant/Health and Safety
- Finance
- Development and Marketing
- Family Spirituality
- Curriculum and Resources
- Technology

There are no terms and committee members can serve for as long as they like. There is always so much to do, but with your willingness to serve, we can do even more for our school. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to become involved, please call (442-2446 Ext. 3), e-mail or speak to Mr. Estes in person.

HARVEST BAZAAR

Saturday—November 5

Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Center

238 West Main Street

Bennington, Vermont

8 AM—3 PM

Come see our new format!

Proceeds Benefit

Sacred Heart St. Francis School

For information, call 802-442-2446



PASTA DINNER (following Bazaar)

5 PM—7 PM

\$8 Adults \$5 Children under 12

Report Cards Coming

Our fall trimester ends on Wednesday, November 23. Report cards will be distributed at Parent Teacher Conferences on December 8 and 9 for Kindergarten through Grade 4 only and on Wednesday, December 7, for students in Grades 5-8. Parent Teacher Conferences for middle school are optional, but they can be requested if thought to be 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.

From the Principal...

“Pray always,” Jesus said (Luke 21:36). But our lives are filled with activity. There is never enough time. We find ourselves “saying prayers” rather than praying. True contact with God in prayer requires lifting the heart and mind to Him. Our children need to learn the real joy and peace that prayer can bring. What, then, can we do? And when is a better time to do it than the coming Advent season.

As always, the best teaching—in your home as in school—is done by example. Share periods of silence with your child, silence that will give you both a chance to listen to God. Open your hearts and minds to His presence. Let Him lead you to a deeper awareness of His love. Time spent with Him is priority time. Setting the alarm a bit earlier can give your family a chance to be together to join in asking God’s blessing for the day and filling your hearts with His love.

A short time each evening reading from the lives of the saints can introduce children to the special friends of God, better models to follow than many of today’s “stars.” The sense of community with those who have responded to the love God offers so bountifully will strengthen us, Our trust in God will grow, and we will find it easier to talk “with” rather than “at” God as we pray.

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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