



# SHSF NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Information

October 2014

## Harvest Bazaar Coming Soon

Everything is going well in preparation for our annual Harvest Bazaar to be held on Saturday, October 25, at the Parish Center. We are just one month away! Don't forget about the 3 hour contribution of time required by each family. Your help is essential if we want to make this year's fundraiser the best yet and there are still so many things you could do. Last year we raised \$11,000 in just one day.

If you are "crafty" in anyway, we desperately need items for the craft table and donations for the silent auction. We are also always looking for tag sale items for the white elephant table. One man's junk is another man's treasure as the saying goes. NO TRASH PLEASE! These items can be dropped off at the Parish Center anytime during normal business hours starting on Tuesday, October 21. Unfortunately we cannot accept tag sale items after Thursday, October 23. Please plan accordingly.

If you haven't been asked to help just yet, there still is plenty to do in order to get ready. Raffle tickets need to be sold. (Thank you in advance for selling yours!) Pastries need to be baked. Used books need to be collected. (no textbooks or magazines) Silent Auction items need to be donated. Suggestions are also appreciated. Helping out at the bazaar and coming to it are wonderful ways to feel a part of our school.

## 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.*



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales 307 School Street Bennington, VT

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## School Pictures

### Tuesday, October 14

School pictures for all Sacred Heart St. Francis students will be taken on Tuesday, October 14. Lifetouch Studios will be taking our pictures again this year. This is a prepay program, but you have many options to choose from in selecting your picture packages this year. These prices, along with the details about what is included in each package will be sent home soon. All students will be photographed in their school uniforms.

Lifetouch Studios is well known for their school picture program. They will also be assisting us again in our yearbook publication for the 2014-2015 school year. If you should have any questions about school pictures, please call the school office.

### HALLOWEEN

Each class (Pre-School through Grade 8) will have the opportunity to share some light refreshments with their classmates sometime during the day on Halloween. Room parents or room coordinators will be contacting you about whatever treats are recommended by the classroom teachers.



## Room Parent Meeting

### We can always use your help.

In order to plan for events that take place during the school year, Mr. Estes will be hosting a meeting for all ROOM PARENTS on Wednesday, October 8, beginning at 6:30 PM in the eighth grade classroom. This will hopefully help Room parents understand all the expectations and clarify the things that need to be done at various times of the year. We would like to thank those parents who have already volunteered to serve in this capacity. If you are interested in becoming a room parent, it is not too late. Wednesday's meeting should last only an hour.





**Earn Cash for Our School!**

## Working Together

Wow! Preliminary results from the recent fund raising activity indicate that we might make a profit of approximately \$3000. Thank you to everyone who participated. We are off to a great start.

### A very simple way to help

Parents are spearheading an all-out attempt to get more folks from our community to save **CAMPBELL SOUP** labels and **BOX TOPS** for Education for us. If you would be willing to help out in the effort, please call the school office. Suggestions are gratefully accepted.

We are also promoted the Hannaford for Schools and Price Chopper Tools for Schools programs that enable our school to get extra resources for our programs.

### HARVEST BAZAAR

(8 AM—2PM)

AND

### PASTA DINNER

(5 PM—7 PM)

Saturday—

October 25, 2014

Sacred Heart

St. Francis de Sales

Parish Center

*Proceeds to benefit  
your child's school!*



### BAZAAR REQUIREMENT

### 3 HOURS OF YOUR TIME.

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR  
FORM LETTING US KNOW  
HOW YOU CAN HELP AT  
THE BAZAAR.

WE DESPERATELY NEED  
FOLKS FOR CLEAN-UP  
THAT DAY STARTING AT  
2 PM. THE MORE PEOPLE  
WE HAVE, THE FASTER  
WE CAN GET IT DONE.

## Change in Plans

### Please mark your calendars!

Since Halloween actually falls on a Friday this year, and the week before is the night before the Harvest Bazaar, we have decided to replace the annual Halloween gathering with a Get Ready for Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, December 3. Room Parents from Grades 3 and 4 will be responsible for this event. It will most likely be reminiscent of the Christmas Tree Lightings that we have had in the past. More details will be available next month.



**MONDAYS**  
**OCTOBER 13 and 20**

# From the Principal's Desk

There is real “value” in practicing certain time-honored values. Throughout this school year we will take a look at six character traits, why they are worth practicing, and what you can do to help develop them in your child.

Our first is the value of patience. Do you remember when you had to quietly wait your turn for an ice cream cone when the ice cream truck came to your neighborhood? Or when you had to go to several stores to find just the right birthday gift for a friend? Today many of our tasks and errands take only a few minutes, thanks to modern technology and time saving inventions. This progress, however, has created a desire for instant gratification, and with that, a loss of patience.

At the same time, research has found that the capacity to exercise patience and self-control correlates with higher self-esteem, better grades, and better interpersonal skills. How can you help your child learn patience?

- ◆ Start small, start short: Give your children many chances to practice waiting.
- ◆ Teach self-control: Treat your children as if they can control themselves and let them know, in a calm manner, that this is the behavior you expect.
- ◆ Create purposeful delays: Slow down your response time to your children’s requests and demands. They will learn that they can wait for things that matter.
- ◆ Take turns: Teach your children to wait for others. This skill will serve them well in life.

Practicing patience in your home will benefit your child and your family for many years to come.



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*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.*