



Planning for the Harvest Bazaar

Everything is going well in preparation for our annual Harvest Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 4, at the Parish Center. We are just one month away! Don't forget about the 2 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 \$14,000 in just one day.

Last year's format

worked so well that we will be continuing with that same venue. In addition to the many vendors we will still have our silent auction, our own craft table, bake sale, breakfast and lunch, raffles, bingo and our delicious pasta dinner that evening.

We need a few folks to take over as chairs of a couple of committees. Please say "yes" if you are called upon or better yet, volunteer ahead of time by calling or emailing Mr. Estes.

In any event, there is 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. 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



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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.

Safe Environment

For the safety of our children, all volunteers, including parents, are required to complete an on-line certification entitled “Safe and Sacred.” You can access it by visiting www.vermontcatholic.org. There is a link to the program under Child Safety. Just a note, you will be required to do a background check as part of the certification. Completion of this is in accordance with Diocesan

policies and is required for anyone who wishes to work with our students in any capacity. Fingerprinting, however, is not necessary for this background check.

It may take a few weeks for you to receive a certificate of completion due to the large number of volunteers in all our schools completing the program.

Safe and Sacred is a yearly program, so please keep your



Monday, October 9
Columbus Day

Monday, October 16
Diocesan In-Service Day

certificates up to date.

If you should have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gilarde in the office, who is our Safe Environment coordinator.

Save Your Box-Tops

We are spearheading an all-out attempt to get more folks from our community to save their BOX TOPS for Education for us. If you would be willing

to help out in the effort, please call the school office. Thank you to Allison Matunas for agreeing to be our new Box Top coordinator once again this year.

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

Room Parent Meeting

In order to plan for events that take place during the school year, Mr. Estes will be hosting a meeting for anyone interested in becoming a **ROOM PARENT** on Tuesday, October 10, 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.



Tuesday's meeting should last only an hour.

School Pictures

School pictures for all Sacred Heart St. Francis students will be taken on Tuesday, October 10. 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 regular school uniforms.

You should be receiving email reminders throughout the week about the approaching school picture date.

Please be sure to send back your picture envelope with the background you have chosen. If

not, one will be selected for you.

Photos may also be purchased online if that is your preferred method of payment.

Lifetouch Studios is well known for their school picture program. They will also be assisting us again in our yearbook publication for the 2017-2018 school year. If you should have any questions about school pictures, please call the school office.

Halloween Events

Due to popular demand, we are planning on having our second TRUNK OR TREAT Night in the Parish Center parking lot on Monday, October 30, from 5:30 PM to 6 PM. (Car line up at 5:15 PM.) Parents can decorate their vehicles, students

can dress in costumes and parade to each car for a Halloween treat. The event was so much fun last year, perhaps you might also want to take part in the festivities.

On Halloween day, Tuesday, October 31, each class (Pre-

School through Grade 8) will have the opportunity to share some light refreshments with their classmates at the end of the day. Room Parents or room coordinators will be contacting you about whatever treats are recommended by the classroom teachers.

Soccer—Go Saints!

Both our boys' and girls' soccer teams are off to a great start. These young athletes are truly dedicated and show great enthusiasm for the game. We hope that many of you will

actually get to see our students in action on the playing field. All of their games (dates, times, and places) are noted in our weekly updates. Our home games are played at the Lower Willow

Field behind Langway Motors. Please support the Sacred Heart Saints during their season of play. You will be glad you did. We can take great pride in our children's accomplishments.



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From the Principal

Does homework have more than the obvious value of linking home and school? Its immediate purpose is to reinforce the skills and understandings learned in school that day. But used correctly, it can also develop lasting character traits that will serve your child now and in years to come.

After you have provided your child with an appropriate study area and arrived at a mutual decision as to the best time for homework activity, it is time for you to step back a little. The responsibility for completing homework belongs your child. Self-reliance and self-confidence will grow as your child accepts the idea that he or she alone can and must use time management skills and individual initiative to complete their assignments. Your interest in finished work is most welcome, but the work itself is not your responsibility.

As children grow toward adulthood, they need opportunities to make independent decisions, to demonstrate their responsibilities in dealing with problems, and become self-reliant. We do them no favors when we do for them what they should accomplish themselves. The consequences that result from work well done (or ill-prepared) belong to your child. A positive self-worth is not something we can hand to children. It must be built from within through experiences in self-management and acceptance of responsibility.

Annual Harvest Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Center

(8 AM—3 PM)

and

Pasta Dinner

(5 PM—7 PM)

Please support your child's school by attending!

Don't forget to return your Fall Fundraising Packet! These are due October 11th!