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HARVEST BAZAAR on Saturday, November 5th!

Remember, come support our school and our many vendors at the Parish Center from 8am-3pm.

Please drop off the BAKE SALE items you committed to on Friday, November 4th from 6-8pm at the Parish Center on Main Street.

Don't forget to show up on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (depending on what you signed up for) to help set up and/or run the bazaar.

**Picture Retake
Day
November 17th**



Veterans Day Parade

On Friday, November 11th, there will be no school in honor of Veterans Day. We have been offered the opportunity to march in the parade, as a school community, to support our Veterans and show our school pride.

Any children and families who are interested can meet at the old Middle School on Main St. in Bennington at 10:30am.

We ask that students wear their green shirts and/or fleece jackets and can otherwise dress in red, white, and blue.

The parade starts at 11:00am, marches down Main St., right onto North St. and ends at the Vermont Veterans' Home. It should be over by 11:30am.



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

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 16th) for the needy in our parish and in our community. If every child would bring in two, three, or four cans and/or other non-perishable items, 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 who have little. Our contributions in past years have made a significant difference in this mission of service. There will be a box placed in each classroom during the month. We would like to have a significant amount of canned goods ready to be given to HIS Pantry at our parish.



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales is dedicated to providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel values. In an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, our school strives to develop in every student, the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.



Important Dates for November

Tuesday, November 1st—
All Saints Day

Saturday, November 5th—
Annual Harvest Bazaar

Sunday, November 6th —
2nd/7th Grades at 9:30 Mass (all
classes are welcome)

Friday, November 11th —
Veterans Day, NO School
Parade

Thursday, November 17th—
Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, November 23rd —
Half day/Noon dismissal before
Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday November
24/25th — School is closed for
Thanksgiving Break.

Sunday, November 27th —
Advent Begins



Afterschool Program Wish-List

The afterschool program is hoping that families will donate some fun materials for kiddos to use during their time at afterschool. Please see the list below and if you're willing and able to donate, we will gladly accept! We thank you in advance.

- Play Dough
- Washable Markers
- Glue (Liquid & Sticks)
- Electric Pencil Sharpener
- Coloring Books
- Stickers
- Board Games
- Construction Paper
- Cotton Balls
- String/Ribbon
- Other Art Supplies



End of First Trimester & Student-Led Conferences

The end of the first trimester is Friday, November 18th. Report cards will be sent home via email to parents the week of November 28th.

This year, parent-teacher conferences will be student-led. This means that students will be leading the discussion themselves. The first conference of the year will be where students share their strengths, areas of struggle, goals for the year, and how the teacher(s) and family can help support them throughout the rest of the school year to meet their goals. This gives students the opportunity to feel empowered and take ownership of their own learning.



Conferences will take place during the week of December 12-16th. Teachers will reach out to families to schedule.

Communication between family and teacher is imperative for your child's success. 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, knowing they always have us as educators and you as family on their team. Having students lead this conversation makes them feel empowered and that their voice matters.

We appreciate your support. We know this is different than what you're used to, but it can be an exciting and powerful experience for all involved.

Dear Parents and Families-

It was wonderful seeing so many families at our school Trunk-or-Treat. Thank you to all who had a trunk and those who participated.

This year we have focused on the "challenging" part of our mission. I challenge you, and your children, to be more forgiving, understanding, and kinder to those around us. Let us be thankful for our many blessings and share small acts of kindness as a way to bring light to the world.

I pray you have a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones.

Love and blessings, Mrs. McKenna

