

SHSF MARCH NEWS

Experiencing Joy through Faith, Family, and Community



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Lent

Each year, the church sets aside 40 days as a special time we call LENT. This year's Lenten season began last week on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

As a school, we will be doing the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent either following Mass at church or in the afternoons at school. There will be a Family Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 24th at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales.



Each child has received a packet of Lenten goodies to share with their families. The packet will include a 'Gathering Around the Cross' activity book and Lenten boxes to help support Operation Rice Bowl. The readings from the 'Gathering Around the Cross' booklet will be incorporated into morning prayer. Please reinforce the importance of sacrificing for others with your children during this time. It is important for us to journey together and remember all the sacrifices Jesus made for all of us. The 'rice bowls' will be collected during Holy Week. You can return them to the parish or school office.

Tuition Assistance for the '22-23 School Year

I want to thank all families for attending the Financial Town Hall meetings. Your commitment to our school is so important and greatly appreciated. Tuition assistance applications will be done online again, through FACTS, this year. You may begin the application process today! Families who are currently enrolled and seeking tuition assistance **must** have this application done **by March 31st, 2023**. If you are seeking assistance, please keep in mind:

- You must file these forms by the stated due date and include all necessary documentation.
- Amounts will be announced in the beginning of May with the amount of assistance our school is able to offer.
- FACTS has a toll free number if you need help filling out your application.

FACTS Grant Aid applications assure fairness to all our families. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. McKenna.

End of Trimester & Conferences

The last day for the second trimester is Friday, March 10th. Student-led conferences will be scheduled by your child's teacher for the end of March.



We have two half days scheduled for March 30th and 31st for conferences. Students will be dismissed at noon. You should be hearing from teachers soon to schedule conferences. Again, they are student-led and children will follow up on the goals they set for themselves, how they are improving and what they need to continue to work on.

Report cards will be emailed home to families on the week of March 20th. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the report card, questions can be asked at the end of the conference.



“Springtastic” Auction & Raffle

This year, although the auction won't be live, it will be an auction! We will be auctioning off some amazing prizes that include near and far getaways, golf membership, prepared tax return, outdoor furniture, experiences with teachers, and so much more! There will also be raffle items. Be on the lookout for more information. Our hope is that once the information is released, school families will share this with loved ones near and far to get the word out. We are always looking for sponsorships and donations to school needs as well. We are looking forward to the involvement of our community in helping to make this a success!



Important Dates in March

Friday, March 10th—
End of Second Trimester

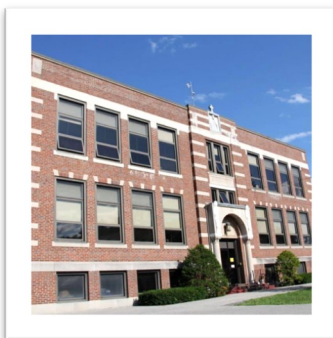
Friday, March 17th—
NO SCHOOL
Full Day Inservice

Friday, March 24th—
Family Stations of the Cross

Thursday & Friday,
March 30th & 31st— NOON
DISMISSAL —Conferences

From the Principal:

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” As we enter into the Lenten season, let us think about the ultimate gift we have been given in the forgiveness of our sins. It is important to remember the sacrifice and the reason behind it. Let us give alms to those in need during this time. This gift gives us, as people of God, the opportunity to live and love as Jesus would. What will your almsgiving look like?



Let us also see Easter as a joyous celebration. It is the most beautiful sign of unconditional love. With Easter comes the opportunity for new life and growth. Work on your relationship with God. Make time for prayer and give all your worries, while counting all of your blessings, to Christ knowing that He forgives you. He loves you. I challenge you all to engage in the activities in the “Gather ‘Round the Cross” book as a family. This will bring you closer to God, will center your thoughts around the true meaning of Lent, and will bring you closer to your family.

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

