

# The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

## Bennington, Vermont

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF INFORMATION

## 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.



## WINTERTASTIC AUCTION

We are attempting an on-line Wintertastic Auction this year. The venue will be very different, but we are hoping the spirit and support of the event will continue. There will more information coming your way in the next few weeks. The on-line event will be held on Friday, March 19.



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## LENTEN PRACTICES

These are some things you could do as a family during this Lenten season to bring you closer to Jesus.

- ◆ Go to Mass either in person or virtually.
- ◆ Donate clothing to the needy.
- ◆ Help feed the poor.
- ◆ Pray together.
- ◆ Volunteer for a good cause.
- ◆ Help one another.

- ◆ Reach out to the sick and the lonely.
- ◆ Read scripture together.

Stations of the Cross will take place virtually on Friday afternoons (2/26, 3/5, 3/19, and 3/26, beginning at 2 PM.

Don't forget to use your Rice Bowls during Lent and please pray for us on our Lenten journey of renewal and prayer.



*Yet even now, says the Lord, Return to me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God?*



## CALENDAR NOTES FOR MARCH

*We have several dates in March affecting the monthly calendar. They are noted below:*

### NOON DISMISSAL

### STAFF IN-SERVICE

**FRIDAY,**

**MARCH 12**



### NOON DISMISSAL

### FOR PARENT-TEACHER

### CONFERENCES

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1**



**NO SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

The winter trimester marking period ends March 19. Report cards will be emailed to you on Wednesday, March 31. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually or by phone (this year only) on Wednesday,

Although it looks like numbers are decreasing slightly, we must continue to practice good safety habits if we want to keep everyone healthy and safe. We must remain vigilant especially now. Please remind your children about wearing masks appropriately, washing or sanitizing their

Each year the applications for tuition assistance are due to FACTS. This year's deadline is March 31. Please get your information in on time. Tuition assistance amounts will be announced in April and each family applying for assistance will receive a letter announcing their scholarship amount. FACTS has a toll free number if

## WINTER TRIMESTER ENDS

March 31, and Thursday, April 1. Conferences will take place on an "as needed" basis. If you feel it is necessary to meet with any of your child's teachers, please reach out to them. If the teachers feel the need to

## SAFETY UPDATE

hands frequently, and social distancing. Our Governors' orders are in place for a reason. Please limit contact with others outside your household. If you can't, then keep your children home for a period of fourteen days or for seven days with a negative test result.

meet with you, they will contact you.

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.

If your children are sick or are complaining about being sick follow the protocols and consult your primary care providers. We cannot over emphasize the importance of following these guidelines. Everyone's health and safety are on the line.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2021-2022

you need help filling out your application. You must file on-line this year. Paper applications are no longer available. Next year's tuition rate has been set. Tuition for the first child in the family will be \$5300. Tuition for the second will be \$5100 and tuition for the third will be \$4900. This represents a modest 2.3% increase or an

increase of \$ .69 per day. Families who believe they need financial aid are encouraged to take advantage of the assistance that is being offered. Grant and Aid applications assure fairness to all our families. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Estes and he will gladly answer your questions.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Lenten season has traditionally been a time for reflection, a time to recognize our own imperfections, a time to make amends and to seek forgiveness through prayer and service to others. When Easter finally dawns do we breathe a sigh of relief and get back to "normal" living?

This year, let's think not

less about Lenten activities, but more about Easter- the joy and the hope that it represents. Without Easter, without the Resurrection, we would face a future of darkness rather than the promise of eternal life. Easter is truly a time of celebration! As we see signs of renewed life all around us in nature, we realize that we can share

in that renewal.

What a sign of God's love we experience with the Resurrection! How best can we respond to that love? Can we express our own love for God and neighbor in visible ways? Can we model for our children the happiness of spirit which comes with faith? Can we renew

with our children the promises made at Baptism?

We are truly Easter people. Together, as parents and teachers, let us face the future with its challenges and its opportunities with renewed faith and hope as we voice our joyful "Alleluia."



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## YEARBOOKS

Orders for our 2020-2021 Yearbooks are now being accepted online.

Please visit:

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Our YEARBOOK ID CODE: 3244821

If you are interested in placing and ad or sponsorship of the yearbook, please contact Mrs. Hendery or Mrs. Paustian by Friday, March 19, to be included.