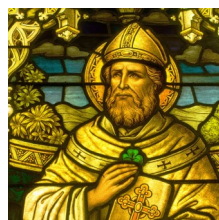


SHSF MARCH NEWS

Experiencing Joy through Faith, Family, and Community

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This Lenten Season

Each year, the church sets aside 40 days as a special time we call LENT. This year's Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. We held a beautiful Ash Service here at school because the weather prevented us from attending Mass on that day.

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 15th at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales church.

Each child has received a packet of Lenten goodies to share with their families. Fr. Kevin spoke to us all on Ash Wednesday about praying, fasting, and almsgiving during this Lenten season. 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 2024-2025 School Year

The full tuition rate for the 2024-2025 School Year is \$6,200. Your commitment to our school is so important and greatly appreciated. Please remember that our tuition rate is still significantly lower than the cost to educate.

Tuition assistance applications must be done online again through FACTS. Families who are currently enrolled and seeking tuition assistance must have this application done by March 31st, 2024. 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.

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Important Dates in March

Friday, March 8th—
End of Trimester/Teacher Inservice
NOON DISMISSAL

Saturday, March 9th—
Wintertastic Auction
5:00pm at MACC

**Thursday & Friday,
March 21st & 22nd—**
Conferences
NOON DISMISSAL

Saturday, March 23rd—
Easter Egg Hunt—10:00am

Wednesday, March 27th—
Spring Picture Day

Friday, March 29th—
Good Friday
NO SCHOOL

Sunday, March 31st—
Easter Sunday



To learn more about St. Patrick, click [HERE!](#)

The Saints Alive Podcast is created by parishioners of our church!





Wintertastic Celebration & Auction

Celebrating Educational Excellence

A Benefit for the Educational Programs at

The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis DeSales



There is still time to bid on our online silent auction [HERE!](#) The silent auction closes on Saturday evening at 9:00pm. I'd like to thank the Auction Committee, Maru and the Mt. Anthony Country Club, our sponsors, and those of you who purchased tickets to Saturday evening's event for all of your support. I am excited to bring the LIVE auction back to life!

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day will be on Wednesday, March 27th. Students do **not** need to wear their uniforms for these photos. Sibling photos are an option. If you would like your children to do the sibling photo option, please inform the office and fill out a *separate* form. Please contact the office for more forms if needed.



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End of Trimester & Student-led Conferences

The last day for the second trimester is Friday, March 8th. We will dismiss at noon on the 8th for a Teacher Inservice. We have two half days scheduled for March 21st and 22nd for conferences. Students will be dismissed at noon on those days. If you have not already, you should be hearing from your child's teacher 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 Friday, March 15th. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the report card, questions can be asked at the end of the conference.

Thank you all for taking an active role in your child's growth and education!

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00am. This event is for our PK-4th graders and their younger siblings.

If there are any families who are willing to donate a dozen or two filled Easter Eggs, the PTG would be so appreciative!

Please drop off by
Wednesday, March 20th.



HAPPY EASTER