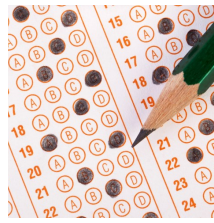
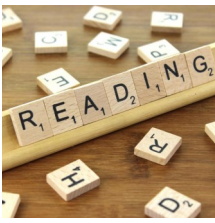


SHSF MAY NEWS

Experiencing Joy through Faith, Family, and Community

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Terra Nova Testing

Next week, all schools in our diocese are taking the TerraNova Next standardized tests.

It is imperative that your child is present at school and well rested, hydrated, and had nutritious meals. We encourage outside/active play in the afternoons and there should be no homework assigned unless it is make-up work. Please be sure your child(ren) are at school by 8:15am as testing starts promptly in the mornings.

The TerraNova Next is a new, updated test with some different question formatting. It provides an accurate measurement of important skills, knowledge and grade-level expectations while spotlighting how students are progressing toward standards.

In absolutely **no** way do I want students, families, or teachers stressing about this test. These tests do not measure the “whole” child. This year, because it is new, it will be considered a baseline for future testing and results. We will use the data to make informed decisions about curriculum and professional development and to set goals for individual student growth. My only expectation is that students give their best effort.

Month of Mary

We will be honoring Saint Mary throughout this month of May. We will do our May Crowning at Mass on Friday, May 3rd during the 9am Mass.

At school, we will have Mary crowned for the month and have asked students to bring a flower to present to Mary. If students would like to bring one in, we will have vases for flowers at the feet of Mary.



Let's Read!

Read-a-Thon & Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to promote the importance of reading this month while also doing some fundraising for our school!



Our Read-a-Thon will start on Monday, May 13th and continues until May 24th. Click [HERE](#) to set up your child(ren)'s reader's account. We've chosen Read-A-Thon because it will not take much of your time, motivates your child(ren) to read, thus developing stronger reading skills, and supports our school. More information will be sent a week in advance.

Congratulations

to our

First Communion and

Confirmation

candidates!



May God bless you all!



The Scholastic Book Fair will be here during the week of May 13th through 17th. K-8 classrooms will have shopping time during the week. The Book Fair will also be open during the following days/times for families to come shop:

- Tuesday, May 14th from 3:00-5:00pm
- Wednesday, May 15th from 3:00-5:00pm
- Friday, May 17th from 12:15-2:00pm (this is a half-day of school for students)

Click [HERE](#) to shop the Book Fair online. For easier shopping for your kiddo in school, you can set up an “eWallet” by clicking [HERE](#).

Warm Weather Uniform

Students are now permitted to wear their warm weather uniforms if they choose to do so. It is important to remember that students must still wear the formal uniform on days we attend Mass.

Please remember that students must wear white, black, or navy blue socks. Also, sandals, crocks, and other backless shoes are not permitted. Sneakers are always the best option. Please refer to the handbook for more information.

2024-2025 Registration & Tuition Contracts

Returning families should have received their tuition contracts for the 2024-2025 academic year earlier this week. Registration deposits (\$150 for those paying monthly and \$85 for those making one or two payments) along with contracts will be due back by Monday, May 13th. These deposits (one per family) are non-refundable and they are not to be deducted from the total tuition.

Contracts must be signed in order to re-enroll your children for the next school year. Please also remember to note if you'd like to include your book fees in your tuition payments. If your registration fee is not included with the tuition contract, it will be automatically included into the calculations of your payments.



Important Days in May


May 6th-10th-
TerraNova Next Testing

Thursday, May 9th-
Ascension of Our Lord

Friday, May 17th-
Noon Dismissal
Teacher Inservice Day

May 20th-24th-
Sacred HeARTS Week

Monday, May 27th-
Memorial Day
No School



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2023-2024 Book Fees

Book fees for next year are still being calculated. Book fee costs will be released once the costs are finalized. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sacred HeARTS Week

Our second annual Sacred HeARTS Week will be May 20-24th. This is a great week for promoting our students' talents in the arts.

- Monday, May 20th from 5:00-6:30pm
Student Art Show
All students PK-5 and 6-8 Art Elective will have artwork on display.
- Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30pm
Band/Chorus Concert
- Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30pm
SHSF Talent Show

All events will take place at the Parish Center on Main St. in Bennington. We are looking forward to sharing our talents with you all.

Restructuring

I am excited to share that we will be taking advantage of an opportunity to implement a multi-aged classroom into our school! There are so many benefits to multi-aged learning and our beloved Mrs. Paquin will be teaching both first and second grades.

We wish Ms. LaPorte many blessings as she continues on to her next step of her career and sharing her many talents. It is also bitter-sweet to wish Mrs. Greenslet a "Happy Retirement" but we are so grateful for her love and dedication to this school and community for over 30 years. Please be on the lookout for more information on celebrating Mrs. Greenslet's retirement.

*Best
Wishes*

End of the Year

The end of the year is quickly approaching. I am looking for volunteers for "FUN DAY" which will be on Monday, June 10th. The last day of school will be Tuesday, June 11th and we will dismiss at 11:15 from our end-of-year Mass and awards celebration which will start at 10am at the church.

8th Grade Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 5:30pm at the church.

From the Principal:

I cannot believe that this school year is almost over! I pray you all had a beautiful Easter and as the season comes to a close, I hope you were able to understand and reflect on the beautiful gift that Christ has given us. Thank you all for continuing to support Catholic education and for being an active member in your child(ren)'s faith and growth. We talk about challenging ourselves to be better students and people and I hope they continue to challenge themselves each and every day. I'm so proud to be a part of this beautiful school family.