

SHSF MAY NEWS

Experiencing Joy through Faith, Family, and Community

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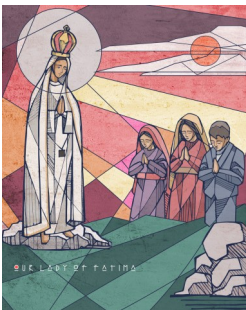


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May: the Month of Mary

We will be honoring Saint Mary throughout this month of May. We will do our May Crowning at Mass on Friday, May 2nd during the 9am Mass. If weather isn't cooperative, it will be the following week. At school, we will have Mary crowned for the month and have asked students to bring flowers to present to Mary. If students would like to bring some in, we will have vases for flowers at the feet of Mary.



Click [HERE](#) to hear the Saints Alive episode of Our Lady of Fatima

*Congratulations
to all of our students
who are celebrating the
sacraments of
Reconciliation, First
Communion and
Confirmation this
month! May God
continue to bless your
faith journeys!*

Terra Nova Testing

Next week, all schools in our diocese are taking the TerraNova Next standardized tests. The TerraNova Next provides an accurate measurement of important skills, knowledge and grade-level expectations while spotlighting how students are progressing toward standards.

It is imperative that your child is present at school and well rested, hydrated, and has 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. In absolutely no way do I want students, families, or teachers stressing about this test. These tests do not measure the "whole" child. We 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 and be respectful of their peers who are doing the same.

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 5th and continues until May 16th. 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.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be here during the week of May 12th through 16th. K-8 classrooms will have shopping time during the week.

The Book Fair will also be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during that week from 3:00pm-5:00pm for families to come shop. There is a "Parent Only" shopping option on Thursday from 6:00pm-7:00pm. For easier shopping for your kiddo in school, you can set up an "eWallet" by clicking [HERE](#).

2025-2026 Registration & Tuition Contracts

Returning families should receive their tuition contracts for the 2025-2026 academic year by the end of next 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 Friday, May 23rd. 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.

Book Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year

Preschool: \$100
Kindergarten: \$150
Grades 1-5: \$175
Grades 6-8: \$180

Sacred HeARTS Week

Our third annual Sacred HeARTS Week will be May 19th-23rd. This is a great week for promoting our students' talents in the arts.

Monday, May 20th
Student Art Show
5:00-6:30pm
All students PK-5,6-8 Art Elective will have artwork on display

Wednesday, May 22nd
Band/Show Choir Concert
6:30pm

Thursday, May 23rd
Talent Show
6:30pm

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.



Important Dates in May

Friday, May 2nd—
May Crowning
9am at SHSF

Week of May 5th-9th—
Terra Nova Testing

Friday, May 9th—
Ascension of the Lord
Mass at 9am

May 5th-16th—
Read-a-thon

May 12-16th—
Scholastic Book Fair

Week of May 19th-23rd—
Sacred HeARTS Week

Friday, May 23rd—
Noon Dismissal
Teacher Inservice

Monday, May 26th—
Memorial Day
No School



End of the Year

The end of the year is quickly approaching. I am looking for volunteers for "FUN DAY" which will be on Wednesday, June 11th.

8th Grade Graduation will be on Thursday, June 12th at 6:00pm at the Church.

The last day of school will be Friday, June 13th and we will dismiss at 11:15am from our end-of-year Mass and awards celebration which will start at 10am at the church.



Welcome, Mrs. Lothor!

I am excited to announce that Nikki Lothor has joined our school community as our new School Secretary. Coming with experience in fundraising and an administrative office work in other institutions, I am confident that she will be an incredible asset to our team! I hope you all welcome her with open arms and help show her how wonderful our community really is!

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