

# SHSF OCTOBER NEWS

Our mission: The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales is dedicated to providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values. In an environment that is caring, challenging and respectful, our school strives to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.

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## SUMMER UNIFORM — LAST DAY—

Friday, October 1st will be the last day for the summer uniform. Starting Tuesday, October 5th, students will no longer be allowed to wear the green polos, skorts or shorts.

**If students are not in correct uniform, the following will occur:**

**Strike 1:** Out of uniform notice sent home and must be returned, signed by a parent/guardian.

**Strike 2:** Out of uniform notice sent home and 20 minutes of school service time granted.

**Strike 3+:** Out of uniform notice and parent/guardian will be called/notified. Parent must bring correct uniform needs and/or pick up student until uniform is corrected.

Please review the uniform policy published in the handbooks on our school website.



## Important Dates during October:

**Sunday, October 3rd—**  
1st/8th Grade at School Collections Mass

**Monday, October 4th—**  
Faith Formation Day.  
School will be closed to students.

**Monday, October 11th—**  
Indigenous Peoples' Day.  
School will be closed.

**Wednesday, October 13th—** Picture Day

**Friday, October 29th—**  
Half day/noon dismissal for teacher in-service.

**Saturday, October 30th—**  
Trunk or Treat at the Parish Center parking lot. 6:00-6:30 pm

## TRUNK OR TREAT

I got a great response from families from my survey. Any family that is interested can set up their trunk at the parish center parking lot at 5:15 pm on Saturday, October 30th.

## COVID-19

Please continue to self-screen for health and wellness at home. **DO NOT** send your child to school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19. We will continue to wear masks, wash hands frequently, and disinfect often at our school.

We encourage all eligible staff, students, and community members to get the COVID-19 vaccine and be tested if they show symptoms. Area residents have the ability to conveniently schedule or drive-up through Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's new COVID Resource Center located at the gym on the former SVC Campus.



## NOW HIRING EVENING CUSTODIAN

Part time.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL  
IF INTERESTED!

## PICTURE DAY WILL BE ON OCTOBER 13th.

Be on the lookout for more information from Lifetouch.



# Annual Harvest Bazaar

The Annual Harvest Bazaar will take place on **Saturday, November 6th** at the Parish Center on Main Street in Bennington. All families are required to participate by baking for the Bake Sale table and donating two hours of time.

### Interested in being a vendor?

Fill out the Vendor Registration Form, found on the school website, and submit by October 29th OR email [nichole.l.warner@gmail.com](mailto:nichole.l.warner@gmail.com) for more information.

## GIFTS-N-THINGS FUNDRAISER

Because COVID-19 is still weighing heavily on our community and world, our fundraisers are still going to be different than “normal”. It is important that families participate. These funds are essential in order to have funds to meet our expenses and continue to provide for financial assistance.

This week we sent home the materials for our Fall ‘Gifts-N-Things’ Fundraiser. All orders are due by October 20th and can be placed online or brought to the school. Donations are also accepted if you don’t feel you are able to participate.



### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL SAFETY

Please consider your surroundings. Students and families should only be crossing on the crosswalk. Families should **NOT** be parking in front of driveways. **THANK YOU.**



SCHOOL CROSSING

## BIG MONEY RAFFLE

Tickets for the Big Money Raffle will be sent home with students soon! Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. First prize is \$500, second prize is \$200, and third prize is \$100. Tickets can be returned to the school or either of the parishes. The drawing will be at the end of the Harvest Bazaar. Winner does not need to be present to win. If you would like more tickets, please call the school or your parish and we will be sure you get more.



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a wonderful start to the school year and I want to thank all of the teachers and staff, families, and students for their continued flexibility and understanding as we continue to navigate through the world as it is today. I am so blessed with smiling faces each morning and the ability to pray together as a school on a daily basis.

Please remember that parent and family attitudes and actions have incredible affect on the children in the household. It is important to model respect and understanding, even in times of disagreement. While we don’t tolerate gossip, disrespectful and inappropriate lan-

guage, or hurtful actions at school, it should also not be tolerated at home. This includes via social media outlets or texting. Model mature conversations.

Jesus was the prime example of respecting all who came across his path.

There are many stories in the Bible demonstrating Christ’s respect both for himself and for all of God’s creation. Christ treated everyone with respect, whether the lowliest among us or the greatest. The sinner, the leper, Mary Magdalene, Zachaeus the tax collector - all were treated with complete respect by Jesus. Let’s all be an example for our children and respect like Jesus did.