

# SHSF NOVEMBER NEWS

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## Harvest Bazaar TOMORROW, November 2nd

Remember, come support our school and our many vendors at the Parish Center from 8am-3pm. There are many raffles and our Harvest Auction with more than 80 items to win! Please drop off the BAKE SALE items you committed to on Friday, November 1st (tonight!) from 6-8pm at the Parish Center on Main Street. Don't forget to show up on Friday (tonight!) or Saturday (depending on what you signed up for) to help set up and/or run a table at the bazaar.



## Veterans Day

We DO have school this Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th. This year, we are taking this as an opportunity to learn and honor our Veterans as a school community. We will be marching in the parade as a school. We will be lining up at the old Middle School on Main St. at 10:30am. We invite any parents/Veteran family members to join us! Please be sure your child(ren) have the necessary outerwear for the weather.

Students must also **BRING A LUNCH FROM HOME** because the SVSU does not have school, therefore we cannot get our lunch from them that day.



## November School-wide Service Project

This month, we will be doing a collection of canned goods, non-perishable items, and personal hygiene products to benefit HIS Pantry. Students can bring items into school throughout the month of November and we will present what we collect as a school to HIS Pantry the first week of December. Hopefully our collection will allow them to restock their shelves after Thanksgiving in preparation for the remaining holidays of the season!

## Discover Catholic Schools Week

The NCEA holds a week in the fall each year that promotes Catholic schools. During Discover Catholic Schools Week this year, we will hold a "School Mass" at 8am on Sunday, November 17th. Similar to last year, we invite families to attend mass at Sacred Heart St Francis de Sales parish. This mass will be celebrated how we do on Fridays for our school masses. Our liturgical choir will be singing and our students will be reading, serving, and greeting. For those of you who have yet to attend a Friday, school mass with us, you will not be disappointed. It truly is a beautiful experience. We ask that all families attend a mass to support the parishes that support our school. Students should wear their school uniforms.

The PTG is requesting help and donations for the reception. A note will be going home this week to donate breakfast items and/or your time. You can email Sara Sokolowski or Erin Wright if you have any questions or are willing to donate.

## Picture Retake Day

Friday, November 15th

All students/staff that were not photographed in October must be photographed.



## Dan's Chocolate

Dan's Chocolate orders should be going home during the week of November 11th.

# End of Trimester and Student-led Conferences

The end of the first trimester is Wednesday, November 27th. Report cards will be sent home via email to parents on Friday, December 6th. Once again, conferences will be student-led. This means that students will be leading the discussion themselves. The first conference of the year will be where students share their strengths, areas of struggle, goals for the year, and how the teacher(s) and family can help support them throughout the rest of the school year to meet their goals. This gives students the opportunity to feel empowered and take ownership of their own learning. Conferences will take place during the week of December 9-13th. Teachers will reach out to families to schedule. Communication between family and teacher is imperative for your child's success. 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, knowing they always have us as educators and you as family on their team. Having students lead this conversation makes them feel empowered and that their voice matters. We appreciate your support.

## Weather

As the weather changes, please be sure you're sending your child with appropriate clothing and footwear. Please send your child(ren) with snow pants, hats, gloves, boots, and warm jackets and/or umbrellas when appropriate. We will go outside for recess and walk to church as long as the "feels like" temperature is at 10° or more. Fresh air and body movement are essential for proper child development. Dismissal will continue to be outdoors as well. Because dismissal and carline take less time than recess, we will do outdoor dismissal unless it is downpouring rain.

## Thanksgiving Centerpieces

If you ordered a centerpiece from the PTG fundraiser, please do not forget to pick it up at the Gift Garden between Saturday 11/23 and Wednesday 11/26.

## 8th Grade Bottles and Cans Account

The 8th grade has started fundraising for their end-of-year trip and events. They have started a bottles and cans account at the Bennington Beverage Outlet. If you're willing, feel free to drop off any bottles and cans and add them to the SHSF 8th Grade account at BBO. They're so grateful for your contributions!



## Important Dates in November

**Friday, November 1st—**  
All Saints Day

**Saturday, November 2nd—**  
Annual Harvest Bazaar

**Friday, November 15th—**  
Picture Retake Day

**November 17th-23rd—**  
Discover Catholic Schools Week

**Sunday, November 17th—**  
DCSW School-led Mass  
8am at SHSF Church  
Reception to Follow

**Wednesday, November 27th—**  
Half Day

**Thursday, November 28th—**  
Thanksgiving  
NO SCHOOL

**November 28th & 29th—**  
NO SCHOOL

## Afterschool Enrichment Programs

I am so excited that we will be able to offer some enrichment opportunities for our 2nd through 8th graders. Musical Theater will be on Mondays and Thursdays and Art will be on Tuesdays. This first session will run from the week of November 11th through the end of January. I am hoping to have more opportunities for a second session in the spring! Please sign up by Wednesday, November 6th so we can make sure we have enough numbers to run the programs. Paper forms went home this week and it was emailed to 2nd through 8th grade families also. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

