

SHSF NOVEMBER NEWS

Experiencing Joy through Faith, Family, and Community

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Thursday, November 16th

Harvest Bazaar this Saturday, Nov. 4th.

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 4th from 6-8pm at the Parish Center on Main Street.

Don't forget to show up on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (depending on what you signed up for) to help set up and/or run the bazaar.

November School-wide Service Project

This month, we will be doing a collection of items to benefit folks at some of our local nursing homes. We are hoping to bring smiles and show them that they're in our thoughts and prayers. There will be a bin for collecting the following items in each classroom:

- Magazines
- Puzzle Books
- Adult Coloring Books w/ Colored Pencils
- Cozy blankets
- Cheerful door decorations
- Festive socks (with grips)
- Nail polish
- Slippers
- Decorative Picture Frames
- Self-care items
- Homemade cards
- Hats, mittens and scarves



Important Dates in November

Wednesday, November 1st—
All Saints Day
Mass at 9am at Church

November 12th-19th—
Discover Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, November 12th—
10am Mass at St. John's
Reception to Follow

Thursday, November 16th—
Picture Retake Day

Sunday, November 19th—
8am School-led Mass at SHSF
Reception to Follow

Wednesday, November 22nd—
Half Day— Noon Dismissal

November 23rd & 24th—
NO SCHOOL

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.

End of Trimester and Student-Led Conferences

The end of the first trimester is Wednesday, November 22nd. Report cards will be sent home via email to parents on Friday, December 1st. This year, parent-teacher 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 4-8th. 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.

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 schoolwide masses at both of our supporting parishes and holding a "Shadow Day" for prospective students and an Open House for prospective parents/families.

At 10am on Sunday, November 12th, we invite families to attend mass at St. John the Baptist parish. The PTG is sponsoring a reception afterward.

At 8am on Sunday, November 19th, 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.

We will also premier our promotional video!

The PTG is requesting help and donations for the receptions. A note will be going home this week to donate breakfast items and/or your time. You can email Katie Hayden and/or Sara Sokolowski if you have any questions or are willing to donate.
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On Thursday, November 16th, we will hold a 'Prospective Student Shadow Day' and an Open House Night from 6-7pm for prospective students and their families. Please pass the word to any mission-driven families that may be interested in enrolling at our school.

From the principal:

I would like to take the time to thank all of the students and families for the incredible success of the Dan's Chocolate Fundraiser. Your efforts surpassed my expectations and I am so thrilled to announce that we raised almost \$9,000 for our school! Thank you so, so much. It was also so wonderful seeing so many families at our school Trunk-or-Treat. Thank you to all who had a trunk and those who participated. I pray you all have a blessed Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you at our Discover Catholic Schools Week Mass!

HAPPY
Thanksgiving