

# Weekly Review



Thursday, October 13, 2016

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Dear Parents,

Here we are, "Teachers' Convention" weekend, and we are reminded of how quickly the days and weeks go by. Our first quarter of the school year is more than half over. Most of our students are working very hard and learning lots, and we are proud of them and their efforts. We have just completed our Fall MAP testing and are beginning to analyze results. We'll share your child/ren's individual assessment results with you before parent-conference time. This will be coming up in a few weeks.

Parents often ask how they can help their children in school. Learning math facts and reading nightly are some of the basic things that any parent can have their child/ren do, regardless of their ages or the grades that they are in. This, as well providing opportunities and expectations for daily physical activity, limiting electronic device use, and making sure homework is complete and well-done will help to insure their success in school.

We must also guard against giving standardized or teacher-made test/assessment results more power than they deserve. These tools don't assess hard work, initiative, preparation and organization, nor do they measure a child's ability to work well with others. Neither do they determine if students are responsible, kind, willing to forgive others, respectful or have "Christian hearts". These are certainly as important as academic test scores, and here at Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School, we are committed to teach and provide opportunities for our students to work on and improve upon these qualities, skills, and characteristics as well as to provide an excellent academic education.

Since you are your children's first and best teachers, your involvement in their education is as crucial as the work we do with them in school. We are grateful for all that you do with and for them to ensure their individual growth and success and to help them to be the "best that they can be"!

May your long "teachers-convention" weekend with your children be filled with all good things.

Blessings,

**Jeanne Bitkers, Principal**



## **Run for the Hills 5K Run/Walk**

Our first "Run for the Hills" was a success! Roughly 80 participants joined in on a chilly but sunny fall morning of community building, wellness, and healthy competition. Thank you to all sponsors, volunteers, and participants. Donations are still coming in, and we are looking forward to Run for the Hills in 2017!

## Morning Drop Off

During morning drop off, please remain in line (behind busses and other vehicles) until you reach the sidewalk at the school entrance. For their safety, students should not exit vehicles at any other spot. Thank you.

## Basketball Signups Grades 4-8

The tradition of great basketball at Shepherd of the Hills School will resume in November. Students of all abilities in grades 4-8 are welcome to join. Any students interested in playing basketball, any parents willing to help, or if you have any questions please email Athletic Director, Dan Huhn, at [Daniel.huhn@bemismfg.com](mailto:Daniel.huhn@bemismfg.com). Please respond no later than **Monday, October 24**.

## Flu Vaccinations at SOTH 10/20/2016

The FDL Co. Health Department will host a free flu vaccination clinic for students ages 4 through 8th grade at Shepherd of the Hills on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** at 8:00 am. Information and authorization forms were sent home with students this week. Please return forms to school by Monday, October 17.

## All Saints Day Mass on 11-1-16

PK3 - grade 3 students will dress up as their favorite Saint for the All Saint's Day Mass on **Tuesday, November 1 at 8:30 am**. Please follow this link for costume ideas <http://sothprek.weebly.com/special-events.html> and watch for more information in your child's classroom newsletter.

## Plymouth & Fond du Lac Holiday Parades

We are in need of a few families to plan the holiday parades in Plymouth (11/25/16) and Fond du lac (12/3/16). These are amazing ways to get the word out about our wonderful school! Please contact the school office at 920-477-3551 or [jhively@sothparish.org](mailto:jhively@sothparish.org) if you can help!

## Shepherd of the Hills Grant for SMSA High School

Does your child qualify for the Shepherd of the Hills Grant for SMSA High School? To learn more, please follow this link <http://sothschool.weebly.com/smsa-hs-grant.html>.

## Scrip News

**Hamburger Haus is closing for the 2016 season on Sunday, October 16! Scrip certificates are still available. Take advantage of some gorgeous fall days while they last!**

Someone recently asked us, "So, what's the catch when using Scrip?" The catch – if there is one – is that you may need to plan ahead just a little bit; otherwise, you can do all of your normal shopping using Scrip while earning profit.

It's easier than ever to purchase Scrip using your ShopWithScrip® account. There are thousands of items available for immediate delivery. Order and print ScripNow® eCards, then use Scrip to shop for groceries, gas, eat out at your favorite restaurants and shop at the stores where you like to shop. If you prefer, you can still fill out our paper order form and submit your payment with cash or check.

We have been very fortunate to have the support of many local businesses in addition to national retailers. Check out all options available at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com).

Feel free to contact Nancy Loehr 924-9342, Jodi Ottery 526-3492 or Dawn Ottery 477-4404 with any questions about our Scrip program.

**\*\*Scrip is processed every Sunday except for holidays. All orders to be processed must be received before the start of 10:30 Mass on Sundays\*\***

**[Scrip Order Form \(updated 8/24\)](#)**

**[www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com)**

## General Mills Box Tops for Education Submission

Please submit any General Mills Box Tops box you may have to the school office by **Friday, October 21** for the years first submission. As always box tops clipped neatly are appreciated and please remember to check expiration dates!

### [Box Tops for Education Collection Sheet](#)

## Health Tidbit by Dr. Renee Staehling

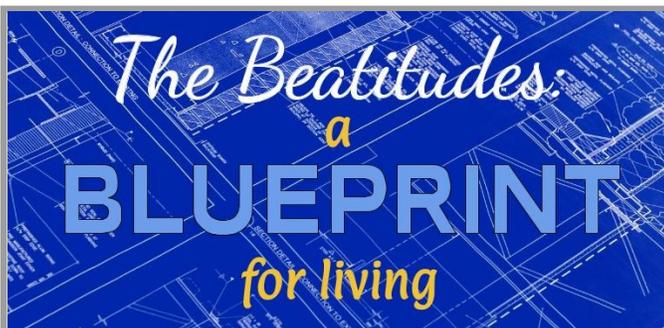
It is flu vaccination time again! I was reminded of this when my daughter brought home the Health Department letter (last week) offering free vaccinations for SOTH students. I highly encourage you to take advantage of this!! These are annual injections, given in Fall, to prevent influenza in the winter and spring. Flu seasons vary in severity each year. The vaccine covers the most common flu viruses for that year. Influenza ("flu") is a respiratory illness, not a stomach illness. The symptoms are much worse than the common cold. If you get influenza, you will feel like you have been hit by a truck. It can be very serious. Each year in the U.S., millions of people are sickened, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and thousands die. There are numerous reasons to get the vaccination: It decreases your chance of getting influenza by 50-60%. It decreases the severity of the illness if you do get it. It prevents the spread of the disease and protects those around you. The elderly, young children, pregnant women, and chronically ill persons are most likely to be very seriously affected. Please consider vaccinating your children!

## LINKS

[16-17 SOTH Dress Code](#)

[16-17 SOTH School Calendar](#)

[16-17 SOTH Parent & Student Handbook](#)



The Second Beatitude:

**Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.**

A person that is mournful is someone who acknowledges that they are a sinner before God. This sinner understands that only through the grace of God do they have salvation.

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YOU  
know**

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SOTH Marketing Committee

Safe Environment  
Education Training  
is a requirement  
for all those who  
work and  
volunteer at SOTH

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# Calendar of Events at SOTH

## Monday, October 17

*Happy Birthday Sam Baus - 8*

Writers Workshop Field Trip

## Tuesday, October 18

*Happy Birthday Emmitt Huhn - 4*

## Wednesday, October 19

Donuts with Dad 7:15 - 7:50 am

All School Mass 8:30 am

## Thursday, October 20

*Happy Birthday Beverly Zook - 4*

*Happy Birthday Hunter Baker - 5*

## Friday, October 21

4K/5K Little Farmer Field Trip

Little Lambs Play Group 9:30 - 11:00 am

## Sunday, October 23

*Happy Birthday Abby Crofts - 3*

SOTH Parish Chicken Dinner

## Monday, October 24

*Happy Birthday Sophie Wilke - 1*

Dinner Auction Meeting 6:00 pm - Coffee House

## Wednesday, October 26

*Happy Birthday Ms. Dwyer - 4*

All School Mass 8:30 am

## Thursday, October 27

2nd Annual SOTH Trunk or Treat 5:45 - 7:00 pm

## Friday, October 28

End of the First Quarter (40 Days)

Little Lambs Play Group 9:30 - 11:00 am

## Tuesday, November 1

*Happy Birthday Hunter Jordan - 7*

*Happy Birthday Aidan Ottery - 8*

All Saints Day Mass 8:30 am (PK3-3 Dress as Saints)

## Wednesday, November 2

All Souls Days (students not attending Mass at 8:30 am)

Beatitudes Theme Assembly 10:30 am

## Thursday, November 3

Math Mania! 2:20 pm

School Commission 6:00 pm

## Friday, November 4

First Quarter Report Cards

Little Lambs Play Group 9:30 - 11:00 am

## Friday, November 4 - Thursday, November 10

Scholastic Book Fair

## Monday, November 7

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm

## Wednesday, November 9

All School Mass 8:30 am

First Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 pm in Church

## Thursday, November 10

Veteran's Day Celebration

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm

## Friday, November 11

*Happy Birthday Mrs. Lefebvre - Student Support*

Veterans Day

Teacher Inservice - No School

## Saturday, November 12

Parish Chili Cook Off

## Monday, November 14

50th Day of School - 50's Dress Up Day

## Tuesday, November 15

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm

## Wednesday, November 16

All School Mass 8:30 am

## Thursday, November 17

*Happy Birthday Kya Crofts - 5*

## Friday, November 18

*Happy Birthday McCoy Timblin - 4*

Little Lambs Play Group 9:30 - 11:00 am

## Monday, November 21

*Happy Birthday Harper Welsh - 4K*

*Happy Birthday Mrs. Schreiner - PK3/4K Teacher*

## Tuesday, November 22

*Happy Birthday Gunner Swift - K*

## November 23-25

Thanksgiving Break - No School

*Happy Birthday Mrs. Hively - Secretary (11/24)*

## Sunday, November 27

Advent Begins

## Monday, November 28

*Happy Birthday Liliana Schneider - 4K*

## Tuesday, November 29

*Happy Birthday Carly Masarik - 2*

## Wednesday, November 30

All School Mass 8:30 am

## Thursday, December 1

School Commission 6:00 pm

## Saturday, December 10

First Reconciliation 10:00 am in Church