



# School Newsletter

Friday, October 16, 2020

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## Letter from the Principal

Whether rainy or windy or sunny, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate arriving at our wonderful school each day. What a beautiful morning we had today!



Thanks to the care for our community and each other, despite the rise in cases in our area, we continue to have amazing attendance, with only planned or expected absences this week (fingers crossed, wood knocked and prayers sent!) As a result, we are together to learn and pray, grow and play.

We have had enough time in school for the students and classes to find their rhythm and establish our habits and flow of study, all while continuing to have plenty of fun. Parent-Teacher Conferences next week provide a very good moment for a bit of reflection and conversation with your child and teacher to see areas of growth, as well as identifying places where some more work can be done. I am excited to welcome you back in the building to see the student work displayed and have conversations that will reinforce our partnership in providing amazing learning opportunities for the students' faith and academic development.

I offer two reminders: **1) to make sure you have logged in to PowerSchool to see the current state ("progress report") of your student's work relative to the learning standards, and 2) please make sure you have signed up for Conferences using the link, or, if you are more comfortable, contacting the teacher to set up a virtual meeting.**

20-21 Theme: **+ Faith over Fear +**

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We have so many great things happening at Shepherd of the Hills! I was reminded at a meeting this week that The Archdiocese has a lovely Prayer for Schools and the particular section that feels like it especially applies to our community:

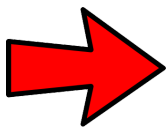
***Help us to view every aspect of our world through the lens of the Gospel and the teachings of our faith, and let every member of our Catholic school communities become a visible example of what it means to put faith into action.***

Have a great weekend!

Best regards and many blessings,

**Mr. Ron Smyczek**

Principal



### [Specialist Classes - October Newsletter](#)

Click the link above to read about what's happening in the Art, Music, Technology, Spanish, and Phy Ed Classes at SOTH!

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### **Dia de los Muertos Prayer Service**

Students will participate in a special prayer service during their Spanish class on **Tuesday, November 3** to celebrate El Día de los Muertos. Students are asked to bring in photos of family members (or pets) who have died that will be placed on our ofrenda (altar) in the hallway outside the school office.

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### **Donuts with Dads - Tailgate!**

The Home & School Committee is continuing the tradition of Donuts with Dad at Shepherd of the Hills on **Wednesday, November 11 from 7:15 - 7:45 am in the school parking lot**. The Gymnasium is not accessible for the event this year so we have made it a tailgate! Dads, grandpas, and other important male figures are welcome to attend with their students.

Guests and children can arrive starting at 7:15 am in our "Tailgate Area," pick up their coffee and donuts, and then socialize with others allowing everyone the space to social distance for safety. We will have a group prayer at 7:45 am before sending the children to class.



*Please RSVP by Monday, October 26, so we can properly plan.*

[Donuts with Dad - Tailgate - RSVP](#)

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## Mindful Mondays

On **Monday, October 19**, we will introduce 'Mindful Mondays' to our students. All students and teachers will begin each and every Monday morning with a short 5 minute activity/lesson that provides the following for the body, mind, and soul:



**Encourage mindfulness, peace, and focus.**  
**Increase memory, attention and emotional intelligence.**  
**Develop creativity and imagination.**  
**Reduce stress and anxiety.**

Our goal is to support our students' social-emotional needs while focusing on mindfulness, gratitude, positivity, and calmness. These hands-on lessons will be a wonderful way to begin our school week together.

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## Wear Green for Trent on Monday

All students and staff are encouraged to wear GREEN on **Monday, October 19** in remembrance of Shepherd of the Hills alumni, Trent Schueffner. All are invited to a memorial service in the parking lot by the greenhouse at 8:15am on Monday.

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## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in Shepherd of the Hills Coffee House **Friday, October 16 through Thursday, October 22**.

Friday, October 16 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm  
Saturday, October 17 - 3:30 - 3:50 pm and 4:45 - 5:30 pm  
Sunday, October 18 - 9:30 - 9:50 am and 10:45 - 11:30 am  
Monday, October 19 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 20 - 3:30 - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 21 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm  
Thursday, October 22 - 3:30 - 7:00 pm

*Shoppers are required to wear a mask in the Coffee House.*

Shop the book fair online at: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/shepherdofhillsschool1>

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## Run for the Hills Results

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Over 120 people participated, volunteered, or bought t-shirts for our 5th Annual Run for the Hills Fun Run & Walk on Saturday, October 3! We made a profit of \$3609.70! Thank you to the following major donors:

<b>Baker Cheese</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<b>Drexel Building Supply</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Jerry &amp; Louise Ottery</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Denny Rahn Excavating</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>
<b>Tom &amp; Julie Welsh</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Mike &amp; Kim Welsh</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Nici Colwin</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Mike &amp; Mary Bowe</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>



We also would like to recognize the following donations that made our event so successful!: **Sarah Desiderio (organization)**, **Armstrong Apples (apples)**, **Baker Cheese (string cheese)**, **David & Colleen Ruplinger (water)**, **B & B Express (Matt & Angie Galligan) (door prizes)**, **Kevin & Betsey Gitter (door prizes)**, **Dan & Chris Gellings (road crew)**, **Lee Wilke (road crew)**, **Brittany Bengel (youth activities)**, **Kim Ottery (t-shirt design)**, **Hair of the Dog Graphics (t-shirt printing)**, **Nici Colwin (photos)**, and **Jenny Hively (registration)**.

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## Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 20 & 22

Shepherd of the Hills will host Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 22 from 3:30 - 7:00 pm**. Parents should sign up for one 15 minute conference with their child's homeroom teacher through the SignUp Genius link below or by calling/emailing the school office. Conference times with Art, Phy Ed, Tech, Spanish, and Music teachers are also available and included in the sign up.

[Fall 2020 Parent/Teacher Conference SignUp Genius](#)

*Would you prefer a virtual parent/teacher conference?* Contact your child's teacher to set up a day and time to meet via Zoom or Google Meet.

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## Trunk or Treat RSVP

SOTH will host the 5th Annual Trunk or Treat on **Thursday, October 29, 2020** from 5:45 - 6:45 pm.

This event is only open to Shepherd of the Hills school students and their families.  
Pre-packaged treats only. No homemade treats.  
One adult passing out treats from each trunk (mask and gloves please!)

Please complete the RSVP below by Monday, October 26.

[Trunk or Treat RSVP](#)

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## Amazon Smile Program

Do you shop at amazon.com? When you shop Amazon and use the link below, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase total to Congregation of the Good Shepherd which directly benefits Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School! Tell your friends and family!

Amazon Smile Link: [You shop. Amazon gives.](#)

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## Box Tops for Education

### *Fall 2020 Submission*

Please turn in any Box Tops for Education clips to the school office or the parish coffee house no later than Friday, October 23 for the fall 2020 submission. Thanks for your support!

### [This Weeks Triple Bonus Offer](#)

### *October Halloween Boo-nus*

Scan your receipt on the Box Tops app for a chance to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for your school! Sweepstakes begins 10/01/20 and ends 11/01/20.

### [Program Overview - How It Works!](#)

### [Participating Products List](#)

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## Scrip Program at Shepherd of the Hills

Contact the Scrip Coordinator at [sothscrip@gmail.com](mailto:sothscrip@gmail.com) with questions or how to get started. To view a complete list of vendors go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

### [Scrip Order Form](#)

**Scrip orders will not be processed on October 18.**

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## SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
	<p><b><i>Scholastic Book Fair in the Coffee House</i></b></p> <p>Friday, October 16 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm                      Saturday, October 17 - 3:30 - 3:50 pm and 4:45 - 5:30 pm                      Sunday, October 18 - 9:30 - 9:50 am and 10:45 - 11:30 am                      Monday, October 19 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm                      Tuesday, October 20 - 3:30 - 7:00 pm                      Wednesday, October 21 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm                      Thursday, October 22 - 3:30 - 7:00 pm</p> <p><b><i>Shoppers are required to wear a mask in the Coffee House.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 18</b></p>	<p>SOTH Parish Big Money Raffle Drawing</p>
<p><b>Monday, October 19</b>  <b>Wear Green for Trent</b></p>	<p><b>Mindful Monday</b>                      Student Council Sponsored Dress Up Day  <b>Memorial service at 8:15 am by the Greenhouse</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 20</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm</u></a>                      Pick Up Seroogy's Candy Bars at Conferences  <b>Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm - Cafeteria</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 21</b>  <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b></p>	<p>All School Mass 8:30 - Church</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 22</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm</u></a>                      Pick Up Seroogy's Candy Bars at Conferences</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 24</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Drive Thru Influenza Clinic 9:00 - 2:00 Campbellsport HWY Garage</u></a></p>
<p><b>Monday, October 26</b></p>	<p><b>Mindful Monday</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 27</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Drive Thru Influenza Clinic 3:30 - 7:00 Brandon HWY Garage</u></a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 28</b>  <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b></p>	<p>All School Mass 8:30 - Church</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 29</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Trunk or Treat Family Activity 5:45 - 6:45 pm</u></a></p>
<p><b>Sunday, November 1</b></p>	<p><b>All Saints Day</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, November 2</b></p>	<p><b>All Souls Day - Mindful Monday</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, November 3</b></p>	<p>El Dia de los Muertos Prayer Service (during Spanish classes)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, November 4</b>  <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b></p>	<p>All School Mass 8:30 - Church</p>

