



# School Newsletter

Friday, October 23, 2020

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## Letter from the Principal

I apologize for having COVID as a familiar theme for these notes. Please know how much the staff and parish appreciate your efforts with the diligence to monitor your children and keep everyone safe. Having a conservative outlook comes at a price of giving up some of the interactions that help us build community.

With that context, what a treat it was to see so many families here for conferences this week. Face-to-face conversations, even at a distance with masks, were so welcome. There is something wonderful about returning to a semblance of normalcy in these crazy times. If absence makes the heart grow fonder, we are all going to really have a great party when the time comes!

A few updates for you:

- Mrs. Diane Apkarian is recovering nicely from COVID and plans to be back in the Child Care program on Tuesday, October 27. A special thanks to the families and all our subs for being flexible and allowing us to continue to offer that program. A few families have been quarantining, however, I have heard no reports of further infections. Great job to all for following the recommendations for staying safe!
- The Archdiocese is exploring the possibility of offering some Athletic programs to begin in January. Our priority is to maintain our regular school operations. We are not interested in offering any extracurricular program that could jeopardize our regular school program. The risks of competing with a variety of schools or welcoming a large number of visitors onto campus seems aggressive right now. Currently, we are developing a plan for intramural type basketball and/or volleyball seasons for the 5th -8th grade boys and girls. Look for details to be published in the next 2-3 weeks.
- I know that some districts are struggling to maintain protocols and limit the cases in their communities. If you have friends that are looking for our 5-day/week school experience, I would be happy to talk with anyone you refer to Shepherd of the Hills!

Please continue to enjoy all the beauty in our world, celebrating the abundance of our community!

Best regards and many blessings,

**Mr. Ron Smyczek**

Principal

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## American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge - Hoops for Heart & Coin War

Mark your calendars! The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge (Hoops for Heart) event will begin **Wednesday, October 28!** The class that raises the most donations will win the Classroom Challenge! You can help your class win the Classroom Challenge and throw a pie in Mr. Smyczek's face! In November we will be holding a Coin War the week of **November 9-13**, and the total positive change amount will be added to the class total donation amount.

[Please see the updated letter about our Hoops for Heart event and fundraiser.](#) If you would like to donate to help the American Heart Association we are very grateful for any and all donations!

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## Pasta & Peanut Butter Food Drive: November 2 - 6

Miss Colwin's third grade students will be holding a **PASTA & PEANUT BUTTER FOOD DRIVE** from November 2-6. All donated food will be delivered to the Broken Bread Program in Fond du Lac. Each school family is encouraged to donate 1 box of **dry** pasta and 1 jar of peanut butter. Thank you for your generosity!

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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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## Hot Lunch Program News

We received notice from the USDA that ***all student meals will be served free of charge through the end of the 20-21 school year.*** All money in the student lunch account will be rolled over to the 21-22 school year.

## [November Hot Lunch Calendar](#)

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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](#)

## Veterans' Day

Instead of a prayer service for Veterans Day, all students are making appreciation/thank you cards to send to our veterans. If you know of a veteran(s) who would be grateful to receive a handmade card in the mail, please email their name and address to Ms. Pelletier at [wpelletier@sothparish.org](mailto:wpelletier@sothparish.org) by Friday, November 6. Thank you!

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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 for this event!*

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

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## Box Tops for Education

### Have you downloaded the Box Tops App to your phone?

Join me in earning money for our school by using the Box Tops app. It's easy! Use this link to download the app: [https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\\_code=BOC32XFZ](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=BOC32XFZ)



### Do you order your groceries online?

If you order your groceries online you can forward your receipt to this address: [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com)



### 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](#)

[BTFE Box Topics](#)

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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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## 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](#)

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## SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Saturday, October 24	<a href="#">Drive Thru Influenza Clinic 9:00 - 2:00 Campbellsport HWY Garage</a>
Monday, October 26	<b>Mindful Monday</b> <a href="#">Trunk or Treat RSVP DUE TODAY!</a> <a href="#">Donuts with Dad RSVP DUE TODAY!</a>
Tuesday, October 27	<a href="#">Drive Thru Influenza Clinic 3:30 - 7:00 Brandon HWY Garage</a>
Wednesday, October 28 <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b>	All School Mass 8:30 - Church AHA Kids Heart Challenge - Hoops for Heart Begins
Thursday, October 29	<b>Trunk or Treat Family Activity 5:45 - 6:45 pm</b>
Friday, October 30	All Saints Day Celebration - Classroom Buddy Projects
Sunday, November 1	<b>All Saints Day</b>
Monday, November 2	<b>All Souls Day - Mindful Monday</b> Pasta & Peanut Butter Food Drive Begins
Tuesday, November 3	El Dia de los Muertos Prayer Service (during Spanish classes)
Wednesday, November 4 <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b>	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
Friday, November 6	50th Day of School! First Friday Rosary 11:00 am - Church

<b>Monday, November 9</b>	<b>Mindful Monday</b> AHA Kids Heart Challenge - Coin War Begins
<b>Tuesday, November 10</b>	School Commission Meeting 6:00 pm - Coffee House
<b>Wednesday, November 11</b> <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b>	Veteran's Day <b>Donuts with Dad 7:15 - 7:45 am - Tailgate in SOTH Parking Lot</b> All School Mass 8:30 - Church
<b>November 15-21</b>	<b>Discover Catholic Schools Week</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 18</b> <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b>	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
<b>Thursday, November 19</b>	<b>End of the First Trimester of School (59 Days)</b>
<b>Friday, November 20</b>	<b>Fearless Friday</b> Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale Ends
<b>November 24</b>	<b>First Trimester Report Cards</b>
<b>November 25 - 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break - No School</b>

## Links & Social Media

School Website: [sothschool.weebly.com](http://sothschool.weebly.com)

Parish Website: [sothparish.org](http://sothparish.org)

Facebook: Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School

Instagram: sothcatholicschool

[Vacation Request Form](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[E-Funds for Schools Online Payment Portal](#)



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