



School Newsletter

Friday, October 30, 2020

Letter from the Principal

Halloween is such a fun focal point for the fall; the darker days and earlier nights lend themselves to the spooky and scary. The Trunk or Treat event was a wonderful event to be together and continue to do one of the “normal” things. Thanks to everyone for joining in the “spirit” of the event! :)

To keep up my weekly COVID reminders: *Our local health officials trace most outbreaks and current clusters of cases to sleepovers and parties where it is more challenging to keep people apart and diligent with their mask usage.*

The days right after Halloween have become more and more important to me with age. I do not seek or need the October 31st candy, and being frightened and startled is not the rush it once was. Instead, All Souls and then All Saints Days are a great time to celebrate the famous Saints and the Saints that are and have been in our lives. Our ofrenda for Dia de los Muertos is a lovely opportunity for us to pay tribute to our loved ones.

Mrs. Hively has been adding the “Saint of the Day” to our morning announcements, including both the famous, like the Apostles Sts. Simon and Jude, and the obscure (ask your student about St. Colman of Ireland.) I hope that the students are enjoying the chance to learn a bit about the generally ordinary people that used their blessings and gifts to bring God’s presence and glory into the world. We have been trying to highlight the namesake of our students and community to celebrate like a mini-birthday! FYI- St. Ronald is August 20 :).

We all definitely appreciate a few treats, and I hope that in addition we also hear the call to be Saints for each other, to honor those who have gone before us and be models for those who will come after us.

Have a great weekend! See you an hour later on Monday!

Mr. Ron Smyczek

Principal

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Winter Outerwear Reminders

Time to dust off the winter jackets, boots, snow pants, gloves, and hats! Just a friendly reminder: If your child would like to play in the snow, they will need to wear both boots and snow pants. Thank you for your cooperation!

Pledge of Allegiance on Sunny 97.7 FM

Tune in to Sunny 97.7 FM at 6:59 am for the next two weeks to hear Shepherd of the Hills students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance:

- Monday, November 2: Ms. Gosse's Kindergarten Class
- Tuesday, November 3: Ms. Schaalma's 6th Grade Class
- Thursday, November 5: Ms. Carter's 7th Grade Class
- Friday, November 6: Ms. Kutka's 8th Grade Class
- Monday, November 9: Miss Colwin's 3rd Grade Class
- Wednesday, November 11: Ms. Mogensen's 4th & 5th Grade Class
- Friday, November 13: Mrs. Hughes' 1st & 2nd Grade Class



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!

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.

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

The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge (Hoops for Heart) event is here and the donations have begun! Envelopes were sent home this week to collect cash and check donations. Miss Colwin's 3rd Grade class is out to a great start and in the lead with their online donations so far! Just a reminder that 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.

Which class will get to throw pies in Mr. Smyczek's face on the total donation reveal day, November 18th?!

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](#)

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 by **Friday, November 6.** Thank you!

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.

As of this morning we have 24 adults and 28 students signed up. Please RSVP by Monday if you will be attending.

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



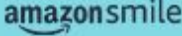
November Birthdays

November 3	Dominic Dalzell - 3
November 20	Miss Carter - Homeroom 7
November 21	Harper Welsh - 3
November 22	Senora Rapkin - Spanish Teacher
November 24	Mrs. Hively - School Secretary
November 29	Carly Masarik - 6

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Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at AmazonSmile and Amazon donates


Amazon Smile Program

Make a difference this holiday! When you shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-2012475 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!

Box Tops for Education

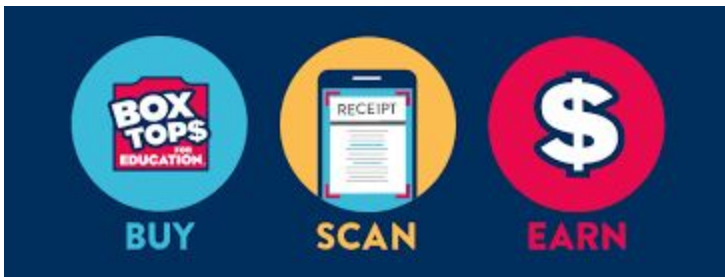
Have you downloaded the Box Tops App to your phone?

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/c2jdidfkw?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



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

[Participating Products List](#)

[BTFE Box Topics](#)

Scrip Program at Shepherd of the Hills

- Contact the Scrip Coordinator at sothscrip@gmail.com with questions or how to get started.
- To view a complete list of vendors go to www.shopwithscrip.com.

Please remember to plan ahead when purchasing Scrip gift cards for the holidays! Delays can happen and it is possible for cards to be out of stock due to high demand.

- Scrip will be processed every Sunday in November.
- Scrip will only be processed on Sunday, December 6 and Sunday, December 13.

[Scrip Order Form](#)

SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Sunday, November 1	All Saints Day
Monday, November 2	All Souls Day - Mindful Monday Pasta & Peanut Butter Food Drive (11/2 - 11/6)
Tuesday, November 3	El Dia de los Muertos Prayer Service (during Spanish classes)
Wednesday, November 4 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church Home & School Meeting 6:00 pm - Coffee House
Thursday, November 5 Packer/Green & Gold Dress Up	Student Council Dress Up Day
Friday, November 6	50th Day of School! First Friday Rosary 11:00 am - Church
Monday, November 9	Mindful Monday AHA Kids Heart Challenge - Coin War (11/9 - 11/13)
Tuesday, November 10	School Commission Meeting 6:00 pm - Coffee House
Wednesday, November 11 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	Veteran's Day Donuts with Dad 7:15 - 7:45 am - Tailgate in SOTH Parking Lot All School Mass 8:30 - Church
November 15-21	Discover Catholic Schools Week
Monday, November 16 Red, White, & Blue Day	Mindful Monday Student Council Themed Dress Up Day
Tuesday, November 17 Saint & Bible Character Day	Student Council Themed Dress Up Day
Wednesday, November 18 Dress Your Best Day	All School Mass 8:30 - Church Student Council Themed Dress Up Day
Thursday, November 19 Show Your Shepherd Pride Day	End of the First Trimester of School (59 Days) Student Council Themed Dress Up Day
Friday, November 20 Comfy Cozy Clothes Day	Fearless Friday Student Council Themed Dress Up Day Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale Ends
Monday, November 23	Mindful Monday

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Tuesday, November 24	First Trimester Report Cards
November 25 - 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Monday, November 30	Mindful Monday

Links & Social Media

School Website: sothschool.weebly.com

Parish Website: sothparish.org

Facebook: Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School

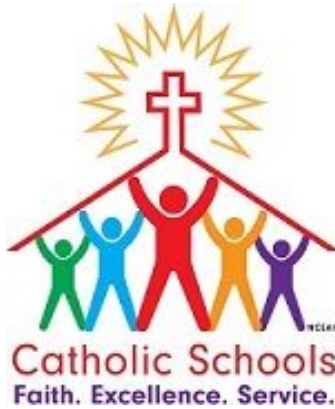
Instagram: sothcatholicschool

[Vacation Request Form](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

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





Discover Catholic Schools Week

Student Council Themed Dress-Up Days

Shepherd of the Hills Student Council is sponsoring dress up days during Discover Catholic Schools Week November 16-20.

Monday, 11/16: Red, White, and Blue Day

Tuesday, 11/17: Dress Like Your Favorite Bible Character or Saint

**Wednesday, 11/18: Dress Your Best for All-School Mass
Shirt and tie, dresses and tights, etc.**

**Thursday, 11/19: Show Your SOTH Pride Day
Wear as much Maroon and Gold as you can!**

Friday, 11/20: Comfy Cozy Day

For all of the dress up days listed above - NO pajamas please!

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