



# School Newsletter

Friday, November 13, 2020

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## Letter from the Principal

In light of everything going on in the community, state and country around COVID, I am so proud of the spirit here at Shepherd of the Hills! While I recognize that we are bombarded with negativity, not to mention a few bad decisions and exposures away from a significant issue, the positive outlook is felt by the children, staff and families.

I am hopeful that we are, and will continue to be, striking the right balance between common sense measures and conscientiousness, without falling into the traps of fear and anxiety. The students arrive every day with smiles, ready to learn and grow with their friends. It has been said before, but it deserves to be said again, Shepherd of the Hills School is an AMAZING, SPECIAL place!

I had the radio on in my car after listening to our students say the pledge, when I heard a pop song come on titled "Fearless." I am so glad that even in popular culture there are a few reminders of normalcy:

***Some days will be harder than others/So we gotta lean on each other  
Hands in the air/Hearts on our sleeve  
We're living in a world unfair/We're living in a world so scared  
I'm gonna be fearless, fearless/I'm brave enough to feel this, feel this  
I can't be myself if I'm hiding/And if I'm not living I'm dying***

Join me in praying for those that are affected by COVID, literally through infection, as well as those whose mental health is being challenged. Please take a moment to review the attached statement that the schools in our area have issued and a flyer from the Health Department with some reminders for gatherings in the coming weeks. Thank you for all your support and thoughtful decisions with the Holidays approaching. We need to keep living AND being smart about the concerns that co-exist with the beauty of our world!

**Mr. Ron Smyczek**  
Principal

## [Letter from FDL County Schools](#)

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# 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, November 16: Red, White, and Blue Day**
- **Tuesday, November 17: Dress Like Your Favorite Bible Character or Saint**
- **Wednesday, November 18: Dress Your Best for All-School Mass**  
Shirts and Ties, Dresses and Tights - No Jeans
- **Thursday, November 19: Show Your SOTH Pride Day**  
Wear as much **Maroon** and **Gold** as you can!
- **Friday, November 20: Comfy/Cozy Clothes Day**

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



## Student Council Snack Sale

The Student Council will be selling bags of chips on **Friday, November 20**. Students will be able to purchase their choice of chips for \$1.00.

**1 Bag = \$1.00 (only 1 bag per child)**

Please send \$1.00 in an envelope labeled with your child's name for their classroom teacher to collect any day next week.

## Hoops for Heart Coin Challenge

The Hoops for Heart Coin Challenge is finished and \$909.79 was collected! Here are the class totals:

- 3K/4K- Coins: \$12.61
- 5K- Coins: \$24.42 - \$41 = -\$16.58
- 1st/2nd- Coins: \$29.47 - \$16 = \$13.47
- 3rd- Coins: \$126.73 - \$28 = \$98.73
- 4th/5th- Coins: \$113.77 - \$9 = \$104.77
- 6th/7th- Coins: \$280.65 - \$43 = \$237.65
- 8th- Coins: \$181.14 - \$4 = \$177.14



**ALL paper and online donations must be turned in by Monday, November 16.**

Which class will get to throw pies in Mr. Smyczek's face on the total donation reveal day, November 18?! The Kindergarten class was in the lead on Wednesday... but will they keep their lead?



## Dinner Auction Gala 2021

We know it has been a tough year and everyone is wondering about the Dinner Auction Gala. **Yes, plans are underway for the 2021 Dinner Auction!** Join us virtually this year for our Stir Crazy Dinner Auction in February 2021. More details will be coming soon, so don't pull your hair out just yet!

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## Lead the Rosary Before Mass at SOTH

Are you interested in leading the Rosary before Mass? If so, please provide your name and contact information in the sign up below. Rosary begins AT LEAST 20 MINUTES PRIOR to the start of Mass.

[RosaryMinistrySignupSheet](#)

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## Seroogy's Candy Sale

The Seroogy's Candy Sale is ending soon! Please have payment in to the school office via check (payable to Shepherd of the Hills or SOTH), cash, or [online payment](#) by **Friday, November 20**. Thank you!

- **Buy Out Option: \$50**
  - **1 Box: \$10**
  - **2 Boxes: \$204**
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## SOTH Spirit Wear & Masks

Order SOTH spirit wear and/or masks! Sample sizes of masks are available in the school office. **Spirit Wear order forms and payments are due Wednesday, November 18 and Mask order forms and payments are due Monday, November 23. Please keep payments (cash or check) SEPARATE.** Spirit wear and masks will be delivered to school before Christmas break. So, plan ahead and start your Christmas shopping early! Shepherd spirit wear and masks make awesome Christmas gifts! Please direct all questions to Miss Colwin at [ncolwin@sothparish.org](mailto:ncolwin@sothparish.org).

[Spirit Wear Order Form](#)

[Mask Order Form](#)

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## SOTH Virtual Christmas Concert

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the Shepherd of the Hills Christmas Concert will be virtual this year. It will be recorded in the Church and the YouTube link will be sent via alert to all school families on December 8. Recording dates are:

**NEW DATE: Tuesday, November 24: Grades 5K, 1, 2, and 3.** K-3 students should come to school dressed in their school uniform, and bring their concert attire (Sunday Best) along to change into after lunch.

**Monday, November 30: 3K/4K and Grades 4 & 5.** 3K/4K and grades 4 & 5 students should come to school dressed in their concert attire (Sunday Best). 3K/4K will not change after recording.  
**UPDATE:** Grades 4 & 5 will record both their chimes and their concert pieces. They should bring their school uniform to change into after recording.



**Tuesday, December 1: Grades 6, 7, and 8.** 6-8 students should come to school in their concert attire (Sunday Best) and bring along a school uniform to change into after recording.

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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)

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

### [Participating Products List](#)

### [BTFE Box Topics](#)

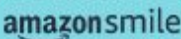
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## Amazon Smile Program

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



## Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at AmazonSmile and Amazon donates  


## 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).

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
November 15-21	<b>Discover Catholic Schools Week</b>
<b>Monday, November 16</b> <b>Red, White, &amp; Blue Day</b>	<b>Mindful Monday</b> Student Council Themed Dress Up Day
<b>Tuesday, November 17</b> <b>Saint &amp; Bible Character Day</b>	Student Council Themed Dress Up Day Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm - Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, November 18</b> <b>Dress Your Best Day</b>	Student Council Themed Dress Up Day Spirit Wear Orders are Due Today! All School Mass 8:30 - Church Hoops for Heart Challenge Assembly 2:30 pm
<b>Thursday, November 19</b> <b>Show Your Shepherd Pride Day</b>	<b>End of the First Trimester of School (59 Days)</b> Student Council Themed Dress Up Day Dinner Auction Meeting 6:00 pm - School
<b>Friday, November 20</b> <b>Comfy/Cozy Clothes Day</b>	<b>Fearless Friday</b> Student Council Themed Dress Up Day Student Council Snack Sale Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale Ends
<b>Monday, November 23</b>	<b>Mindful Monday</b> SOTH Mask Orders are Due Today!
<b>Tuesday, November 24</b>	Gr. 5K - 3 Recording for Christmas Concert (Bring Sunday Best) <b>First Trimester Report Cards</b>
<b>November 25 - 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break - No School</b>

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<b>Sunday, November 29</b>	<b>Advent Begins</b>
<b>Monday, November 30</b>	<b>Mindful Monday</b> 3K/4K Recording for Christmas Concert (Wear Sunday Best) Gr. 4 & 5 Recording for Chimes & Concert (Wear Sunday Best, Bring Uniform)
<b>Tuesday, December 1</b>	Gr. 6-8 Recording for Christmas Concert (Wear Sunday Best, Bring Uniform)
<b>Wednesday, December 2</b> <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b>	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
<b>Friday, December 4</b>	First Friday Rosary 11:00 am
<b>Monday, December 7</b>	<b>Mindful Monday</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 8</b>	Virtual Christmas Program - YouTube Link
<b>Wednesday, December 9</b> <b>Maroon &amp; Khaki Dress Code</b>	All School Mass 8:30 - Church <b>First Reconciliation</b>
<b>Monday, December 14</b>	<b>Mindful Monday</b>
<b>Friday, December 18</b>	<b>Fearless Friday</b>
<b>Monday, December 21</b>	<b>Mindful Monday</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 22</b> <b>Comfy Clothes Day</b>	Christmas Movie Party - Afternoon
<b>Wednesday, December 23 - Friday, January 2</b>	<b>Christmas 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

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Vacation Request Form](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

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

