



School Newsletter

Friday, November 6, 2020

Letter from the Principal

We celebrated our 50th day of the school year today! It is wonderful to have continued on from our great start with engaging activities and just enough "normal" things to keep us moving ahead in our spiritual and academic growth.

A big thank you goes out to the 6th grade for leading us in Wednesday Mass and our first opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, as well as our First Friday tradition of saying the Rosary together. With all of the unrest in the world right now, taking the time for quiet prayer and reflection on the greatness of our God is a welcome reprieve to be able to avoid focusing on our fear, prioritizing our faith.

With the new month, we will be integrating Technology (sTream) into our varied studies from science and music to language arts and physical education. We are doing good work in moving away from educational silos and integrating different disciplines of study in more realistic assignments. Look for a recap of some of the Science activities from October to be shared soon!

The weeks just keep flying by and with weather like we have had, we hope to soak up every bit of this bonus Fall sunshine! Enjoy your weekend and keep the faith :)

Best regards and many blessings,
Mr. Ron Smyczek
Principal

[Parent Handbook 2020-2021 Update](#)

[School Commission Meeting Agenda](#)

Third Grade Food Drive: A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated peanut butter and pasta! We collected 58 jars of peanut butter and 67 boxes of pasta! Way to go!



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

Artsonia

SOTH Art Teacher, Heather Coughlin, has signed Shepherd of the Hills up to participate in Artsonia. Artsonia is the world's largest collection of student art, published by teachers and students from around the world. Parents and family will be able to view student art online, leave comments, and order keepsakes featuring the artwork. Shepherd of the Hills will receive 20% of your purchase to use for art materials and other supplies for the Art program! Go to [Artsonia.com](https://www.artsonia.com) and check it out!

Please look for your student to bring a permission slip, which has your child's screen name and a code, next week!

20-21 Family Directory

Due to the confidential nature of information contained in the 20-21 Family Directory, you will find the directory attached to the alert email, but we will not be publishing links in the Newsletter or on the website. ***All information contained in the Family Directory is intended for SCHOOL USE ONLY and should not be distributed, shared, or sold to outside sources.*** To make changes to the information in the directory, please contact the school office at jhively@sothparish.org.



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**. Please arrive starting at 7:15 am in our "Tailgate Area," pick up your 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 students to class.

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

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](#)

SOTH Spirit Wear & Masks

Today your child will be bringing home the Winter Spirit Wear Order Form and a SOTH Mask Order Form. 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.

[Spirit Wear Order Form](#)
[Mask Order Form](#)

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:



Monday, November 23: 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 students and Grades 4 and 5. 3K/4K students should come to school dressed in their concert attire (Sunday Best) and will not need a change of clothes. Grades 4 & 5 Chimes Ensemble will record their performance in their classroom and should bring their concert attire (Sunday Best) to change into.

Tuesday, December 1: Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. 4-8 students should come to school in their concert attire (Sunday Best) and bring along a school uniform to change into after recording.



Hoops for Heart Class Coin War

The Hoops for Heart Coin Challenge begins next week! All week long (November 9-13) bring in ANY COINS for positive, or ANY DOLLARS to add to other classes for negative! This may make a big difference in the class totals!

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

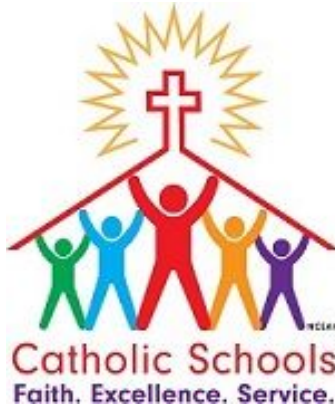
Which class will get to throw pies in Mr. Smyczek's face on the total donation reveal day, November 18th?!

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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 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



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!



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

THANK YOU to everyone who sent in their Box Tops clips for the fall submission -- we earned \$15.00 for our school!

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

Do you order your groceries online?

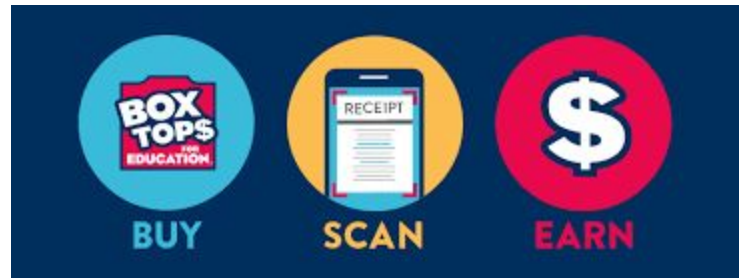
If you order your groceries online you can forward your receipt to this address:

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](#)

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SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Monday, November 9	Mindful Monday AHA Kids Heart Challenge - Class 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 Spirit Wear Orders are Due Today!
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 Gr. 5K - 3 Recording for Christmas Concert (Bring Sunday Best) SOTH Mask Orders are Due Today!
Tuesday, November 24	First Trimester Report Cards
November 25 - 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Monday, November 30	Mindful Monday 3K/4K Recording for Christmas Concert (Wear Sunday Best) Gr. 4 & 5 Choir Chimes Recording for Christmas Concert (Bring Sunday Best)
Tuesday, December 1	Gr. 4-8 Recording for Christmas Concert (Wear Sunday Best, Bring Uniform)
Friday, December 4	First Friday Rosary 11:00 am
Tuesday, December 8	Virtual Christmas Program - YouTube Link

