



# School Newsletter

Friday, December 18, 2020

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## Letter from the Principal

COVID NOTE: There have been a few positive COVID cases beginning to pop up in the school community, just as we are winding down our Fall term. We will continue our in-person learning model next Monday and Tuesday. Please monitor your children and make the best attendance and health decisions for your family as the Christmas break approaches. If you do have positive tests or exposures in your family, please notify the school at your earliest convenience for the safety of all.

Though we do not plan on it, if circumstances dictate, we could resume classes January 4th in a virtual environment with classwork posted on Google classroom, and Hangout meetings for shared class time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we see how things develop and move through the Holiday Season!

Happy Advent to you all! Our school days are rapidly winding down and we have been preparing for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus in just 1 short week: sharing carols, dressing in our festive best, performing acts of service and asking for forgiveness. The end of the calendar year (and beginning of the Church year,) is certainly a time for reflection with the ensuing celebration of past successes and acknowledgement of places for future growth.



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Despite the uncertainty of 2020 and all the places in our lives and world where doubt and fear have been sown, I am so proud of the response and resilience of our community. The children, families and staff continue to respond with patience, care, common sense and a deep and abiding faith.

The appreciation that everyone has shown to the staff over the past 2 weeks has been absolutely wonderful and I share the unanimity of our gratitude for the kind words, gifts and treats. Teaching is both incredibly trying and rewarding work. When there is the singularity of focus, with trust, love, communication and support, we become living examples for our children. In my short time with the Shepherd of the Hills community, I can cite innumerable examples where we act as Christ's light in the world for others. What better way to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

From the school and parish staff, we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS, that we may all enjoy good health, and an abundance of blessings in the New Year!

**Mr. Ron Smyczek, Principal**

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## **Bus Routes for 12/21 & 12/22**

Johnson Bus will be running special bus routes for SOTH students on **Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22** while the Campbellsport School District is virtual.

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## **Dinner Auction Gala 2021**

Invitations are on the way, watch your mailbox! It is never too early to be thinking about donation ideas! Maybe there will be some good deals in the after Christmas sales or possibly you would like to 'team' up with some other families to come up with a donation. ***Just 64 days until the event -- it will be here before you know it!***

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## **Walking With Purpose - Women's Bible Study**

The woman's bible study is nearly half way through. It's been quite a transition moving the bible study from in-person to all virtual (zoom). However, because God is in charge, it is working well. Actually, in many cases zoom is easier because there is no drive time, especially as the winter weather arrives. We have all adjusted to zoom etiquette, which allows everyone an opportunity to share in the discussions. Some of the women don't have access to the internet so they call in and that is working well too. The small group discussions are fruitful and the women are learning so much about their faith. At the end of each session the woman submit a prayer request and throughout the week we pray for one another. This is a very powerful part of our bible study. Many of the women will testify that they feel the presence of God more mightily since participating in the bible study.

It's never too late to join the woman's bible study. The women will welcome you with open hearts. If you would like more information please contact Kathy Teofilo at [kathyteofilo@gmail.com](mailto:kathyteofilo@gmail.com).

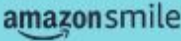
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## Amazon Smile Program

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!



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

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

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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).

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