



School Newsletter

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Lent is upon us with Ash Wednesday next week and by the time we count down through the 40 days to Easter, the view out our windows should be quite a bit different! We will be talking about ways to prepare for the Holy Days in April, using terms like Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. All of us could use this time to take stock of where we are in our spiritual lives, in our relationships, and perhaps in where those New Year's resolutions stand.

I did not enjoy Lent as a child, as it meant "giving things up" in preparation for Easter. As Advent also meant preparing, it had a different joyful context. In our activities, presentations and discussion, I hope that we can capture the joy that Lent portends, as Easter is truly the salvation path that Jesus assured for all of us.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are a great time to have a scan of your child's grades and touch base with the teachers to see where progress has been made and any places to put our attention in the next part of the school year. If you were not able to meet today, please reach out to set up an in-person or virtual meeting to connect. The school-parent partnership is key to the support system and maximizing our mutual impact on the growth of the children. Please know that your questions are always welcome and do not have to wait for a Conference date on the calendar.

So though the weather surely does not feel like it, we are at a great time to share a few thoughts about best goals in this last stretch of the year and a glimpse of what is ahead:

- Please sign up for your meal on Saturday, February 20th in support of our virtual Auction, Stir Crazy! If you have forgotten, please see the information that follows to contact one of the committee members, plus the website and bidding information.
- The Auction is our major fundraiser and anything you can do to participate in bidding, supporting our Fund-A (for technology improvements) with a donation, or sharing the link to friends and family are greatly appreciated and help us in our 2021-2022 planning, too.

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- Next year we will offer a Full Day 4K class with Mrs. Knuth. We have significant interest from our current 3K families, in addition to inquiries for next year that give us the confidence to begin this program. Half-day 4K will still be offered.
- 3K will remain a 3- or 5-day, half-day program. Child care will still be available in the afternoons for our half-day students.
- As re-enrollment papers will be in your hands soon, please confirm your enrollment as soon as possible as we plan for next year. We have already had a number of inquiries and we want to make sure we have proper staffing, including the possibility of splitting grades that are currently combined. Thank you for this important help!
- We have been running ads on Sunny 97-7 radio and trying to increase the information available on social media and the website so if you know families that would like to join us, there is up to date information for you to share.

We appreciate the partnership with our families to help the students grow and fulfill our mission!

Mr. Ron Smyczek, Principal

rsmyczek@sothparish.org

Be sure to visit these links!

[Grandparents Day Performances](#)

[SOTH Mini Tour 2021](#)

[Spotlight on STREAM](#)

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2020 Wisconsin Private School Tuition Tax Deduction

[2020 I-094 Schedule PS, Private School Tuition \(Fillable Form\)](#)

Name of School: **Shepherd of the Hills**

Address of School: **W1562 County Road B, Eden, Wisconsin 53019**

Identifying Number (FEIN) of School: **39-2012475**



Hooray, for Fat Tuesday - Student Council Candy Bar Sale

Enjoy a treat as we prepare for the beginning of Lent! SOTH Student Council is hosting a Fat Tuesday Candy Bar sale on **Tuesday, February 16**. The sale will have Hersheys, Reeses, Kit Kats, Skittles, & Starbursts for \$2.00. Students should bring their money to school on Monday or Tuesday.

New Fitness Goal Setting in Phy Ed

Students in grades 4th-8th have been goal setting for a fitness test that they would like to see improvement in. Students have been assigned to work on their goal with various exercises 2-3 times per week for at least 10 minutes. We will continue this assignment throughout February! Families are welcome to join your student(s) with their exercises to help them achieve their goals!

Open Gym - Thursday, February 18

Open Gym next week is Thursday after school until 4:30 pm. Students can work on basketball skills under the supervision of Mr. Smyczek. This activity is open to students in grades 5-8.

[Please RSVP for your child to attend, including the pick up/transportation plan for 4:30 pm.](#)

Parish Gift

For Lent, all school families received the book 'I Heard God Laugh' from the parish this week. They were distributed to the oldest child of the family.



Stuffed Animal Donation Drive - February 22-26

The Kindergarten class will be holding a stuffed animal drive. We will begin collecting the new stuffed animals on February 22 and the last day to bring in donations will be on February 26. There will be a box outside the Kindergarten classroom for everybody to place their donations. The stuffed animals will be taken to an area hospital for them to give out to their young patients. Thank you for helping with our service project!

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Mission Statement: Walking the path of Christ with love and service through a Catholic education.



16th Annual SOTH
Dinner Auction Fundraiser

- ONLINE -

*Saturday, February 13
through
Saturday, February 20*

**Auction Items
Classroom Projects
FUNDA
Carry Out Dinner**

<http://bidpal.net/sothstircrazy>

**Bidding on Auction Items & FUNDA opens
Saturday, February 13, 2021 at NOON**

**Bidding on Classroom Projects opens
Thursday, February 18 at 5:00 pm**

**The Entire Auction Closes
Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 8:00 pm**

New Items, Gift Baskets, Certificates, and Services

*Delicious Beef Tip Carry Out Dinner
prepared by Boda's - \$20 each*

Dinner Order Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2021

Dinner Pick Up: Saturday, February 20, 2021

from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at School Door E (Playground)

For dinner reservation information and questions please contact
Andrea Hansen Abler at 920-979-2005 or email at
andiah@charter.net

Winning Auction Item Pick Up

Sunday, February 21, 2021

From 9:30 am - 1:00 pm at School Door E (Playground)

Monetary donations and dinner reservations can be made by
check or online at bidpal.net/sothstircrazy

Thank you for your generosity in support of our school!

Links & Social Media

[2020 I-094 Schedule PS, Private School Tuition \(Fillable Form\)](#)

Amazon Smile Program Link: smile.amazon.com/ch/39-2012475

[February 2021 Hot Lunch Calendar](#)

School Website: sothschool.weebly.com

Parish Website: 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](#)

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Box Tops for Education

Please send any Box Top clips with an expiration date of 3-1-2021 or later to school by **Wednesday, February 24** to be included in the spring Box Tops for Education submission!

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

[Participating Products List](#)

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



Scrip Program at Shepherd of the Hills - Changes 2/7/21

All orders to be processed **MUST** be received before the start of 8:15 am Mass on Sundays.

All Scrip orders **MUST** be picked up immediately after 8:15 am Mass on Sundays between the gift shop and parish office door OR parish office outside entrance (DOOR C). If it is not picked up at that time, you will need to make other arrangements and pick it up from my home. Scrip is not available for pick up after the 10:30 am Mass.

Online Scrip orders may be placed anytime during the week with the use of your bank account or credit card only. Reloads and eGift Cards are also available for those who order online. Scrip users who order online via the RaiseRight app have the option of having Scrip cards mailed directly to their home. This is a great option for those who cannot make it to drop off or pick up times.

If you have a back ordered item on your order, you will be contacted when it is available so other pick up arrangements can be made.

Contact Scrip Coordinator, Nancy Loehr, at sothscrip@gmail.com with questions or how to get started.

To view a complete list of vendors go to www.shopwithscrip.com.

[Scrip Order Form](#)

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SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Friday, February 12	Teacher Inservice - No School <i>Dinner Auction Carry Out Dinner Reservation Due Today</i>
Saturday, February 13	Dinner Auction - Online Bidding for Auction Items & FUNDA - NOON
Monday, February 15	Teacher Inservice - No School
Tuesday, February 16	Stir Crazy Dress Up - Sports Day Student Council - Fat Tuesday Candy Bar Sale Lock Up the Alleluia Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 17 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	Ash Wednesday All School Mass 8:30 am 6:30 pm Mass at SOTH
Thursday, February 18	Stir Crazy Dress Up - Comfy/Cozy Day Open Gym for Grades 5-8 after school until 4:30 pm Dinner Auction - Online Bidding for Classroom Projects - 5:00 pm
Friday, February 19	Stir Crazy Dress Up - Crazy Day Fearless Friday <i>Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you. Isaiah 41:10</i>
Saturday, February 20	Dinner Auction - Carry Out Dinner Pick Up 3:30 to 5:00 pm (School Door E) Dinner Auction - Online Auction Closes at 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 21	Dinner Auction - Winning Item Pick Up 9:30 am - 1:00 pm (School Door E)
Monday, February 22	Student Shadow Day 8:00 - 11:30 am Kindergarten Stuffed Animal Drive through February 26
Wednesday, February 24 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 am
Monday, March 1	Mindful Monday
Tuesday, March 2	End of the Second Trimester (59 Days) Read Across America - Dr. Seuss Day School Commission Meeting 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 3 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 am
Friday, March 5	First Friday Rosary 11:00 am Church

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