



School Newsletter

Friday, April 16, 2021

Letter from the Principal

The post-Easter period of the school year is super busy. The students are utilizing previous knowledge that they have acquired through the year to make connections and prepare for their next academic challenges.

Standardized tests like the Iowa Cognitive tests that were recently completed, are useful to provide some broad data about the progress of students participating in our program. Based on the group results we have yet another piece of evidence that we should have great confidence that the content and skills being presented, honed and assessed are effective and setting the children up for future success.

In the 3rd, 5th and 7th grades, the class averages in each individual category and overall were above the 49th percentile with most closer to the 75th percentile. In other words, of 100 students taking the test, our students were in the middle at our low point, with most groups in the top quarter of students. If there was any issue from missing in-person school last year during the virtual presentation, it would appear that the students at Shepherd of the Hills do not demonstrate any lag or gap in their learning. Great job on all the hard work from the students and staff, as well as the support from home!

Just like the stock market and any venture that has a benchmark, individual success will vary. However, when taken as a whole, it is undeniable that our students are making progress due to their class efforts and the guidance provided by our outstanding teachers.

Our last round of MAPS testing will commence shortly. Please review the test dates for your children and encourage them to put in their best efforts so we can have a good snapshot of places of strength to build on and challenge to support.

As you know from the notice earlier this week, COVID issues remain and are present in our world, even though we have been so blessed as a school community this year! The students have been reminded about keeping distance and wearing masks when in close proximity as a way to mitigate sharing germs, and simply as a reminder about good habits.

We are planning a few events this Spring that I hope make us feel some return to normal. I ask that the classes being involved in May Crowning (2nd and 3rd grades), the candle ceremony (7th) and Graduation (8th) have priority over parents and even grandparents attending, as long as everyone is comfortable with any risk associated with gatherings. Please look for more information below and RSVP when requested so we

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can have a handle on our group size and maximize the impact of our efforts to celebrate while keeping everyone safe.

Enjoy the weekend!

Best regards and many blessings,

[Mr. Ron Smyczek, Principal](#)

[Spotlight on STREAM - Engineering](#)

Clean Air

Over the past few weeks, Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School and Parish has been installing an UltraViolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) system in all four of our air exchange HVAC units. This includes the church, school, gymnasium, and administrative offices. UVGI is the technical term, but to make it easier to understand, this system uses UV Lighting Energy to inactivate viral, bacterial, and fungal organisms so they are unable to replicate and cause diseases. This system also includes effectively inactivating the SARS-CoV-2 virus which is responsible for Covid-19.

This system, along with our state-of-the-art exchange system, in all four of our HVAC units, has a 99% plus destruction rate on first pass efficiency. This technology is safe, reliable and approved by organizations such as CDC, WHO and ASHRAE, just to name a few.

What this means is our parishioners, our children, our staff, and our guests are breathing clean, healthy air at Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School and Parish.

Needless to say, this past year was filled with challenges, but our God is always at work. We thank our God for giving us such a generous donor from our parish to make this possible. God bless!

Dress Code Reminder

Shorts

Shorts may be worn to school from the start of the school year until September 30 and again from May 1 until the end of the school year.

- Shorts must be knee length or longer. (i.e.: Bermuda style shorts)
- Low rise shorts, short shorts, camouflage shorts, cut-off shorts, athletic shorts and shorts made from nylon, spandex or mesh should not be worn.
- Students may not wear shorts when attending Mass.



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First Communion



These second grade students in Mrs. Hughes classroom will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the next few weekends. Please join us in praying for them and their families as they continue to grow in the Catholic faith. May God bless you!

*Sullivan Immel
Ryder Gade
Dayton Rentmeester
Aubrey Welsh*

May Crowning - Wednesday, May 5

SOTH 2nd and 3rd grade students will crown Mary during Mass on **Wednesday, May 5**. The First Communicants should wear their First Communion attire and 3rd grade students should dress in their Sunday best. 2nd and 3rd grade parents and grandparents are invited to join us for May Crowning and Mass. A note and RSVP will be coming home today to 2nd and 3rd grade parents.

SOTH Virtual Spring Concert - Costumes



Shepherd of the Hills Spring Concert 'Hits of the Decades' will be recorded and sent to families in May. Recording dates are **Monday, May 3 (3K/4K)** and **Tuesday, May 4 (3K-8)**. Students should dress in the following way for school on their specified day:

- **Grades 3K/4K and 5K: 1950's styles**
- **Grades 1, 2, 3: 1960's styles (Except for the four 3rd grade boys, who should dress in white shirts, black ties, and black pants, as The Beatles.)**
- **Grades 4 - 8: 1980's styles**

Google for costume ideas. For more information, please email Ms. Pelletier.

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Box Tops for Education

Have you downloaded the Box Tops App to your phone?

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](#)



Scrip Program at Shepherd of the Hills

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.

Plan ahead: Paper Scrip orders will not be processed on **Sunday, May 9** or **Sunday, May 30**. Thank you!

[Scrip Order Form](#)

Links & Social Media

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

NEW >>> [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[April 2021 Hot Lunch Calendar](#)

[SOTH Mini Tour 2021](#)

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

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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SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Monday, April 19	Mindful Monday Safe Environment Week MAPS Testing Begins (April 19-30)
Tuesday, April 20	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21	All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code
Thursday, April 22	Earth Day Activities
Saturday, April 24 & Sunday, April 25	First Communion Weekend
Sunday, April 25	SOTH Parish Carry Out Chicken Dinner 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Monday, April 26	Mindful Monday
Wednesday, April 28	All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code
Friday, April 30	Milwaukee Brewer Blue & Gold Day Student Council Treat
Saturday, May 1 & Sunday, May 2	First Communion Weekend
Monday, May 3	Mindful Monday 3K & 4K - 1950's Attire for Spring Concert Recording MAPS Testing - Make Up
Tuesday, May 4	3K, 4K, 5K - 1950's Attire for Spring Concert Recording Grades 1, 2, 3 - 1960's Attire for Spring Concert Recording Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 - 1980's Attire for Spring Concert Recording School Commission 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 5	All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code May Crowning during Mass
Thursday, May 6	Fox Valley Savings Bank Presentations
Friday, May 7	First Friday Rosary 11:00 am Scholastic Book Fair 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Coffee House
Saturday, May 8	Scholastic Book Fair after 4:00 pm Mass - Coffee House
Sunday, May 9	Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 - 9:45 and 10:30 - 11:30 am - Coffee House
Monday, May 10	Mindful Monday Scholastic Book Fair 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Coffee House
Tuesday, May 11	Virtual Spring Concert Scholastic Book Fair 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Coffee House
Wednesday, May 12	Muffins with Mom Event All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code
Friday, May 14	Milwaukee Bucks OR Milwaukee Brewers Day

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In the Greenhouse

Planting has begun! With the help of Mrs. Coughlin and their homeroom teachers, students started seeds in the greenhouse this week. We can't wait to see what will grow!

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