



School Newsletter

Friday, May 14, 2021

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The beautiful sunshine this week and forecast for the coming days makes it easy to look ahead to the close of school and beginning of summer! The students' physical growth is evident, some of their clothes from last summer seem to have "shrunk" a size or two. Academically, the level of conversation has become more sophisticated as our thoughts deepen and our ability to access and process information has improved. Spiritually, our participation in Religion classes, Mass, Rosary, Adoration, First Communion, May Crowning and just taking time to reflect and pray, have reached new levels of development and understanding of the power of our God.

Occupations that deliver a product or finish a task have daily moments of satisfaction built into the act of closing the computer, parking a work vehicle or punching out. Education typically has a longer, more glacial evolution. That said, when looking at the yearbook pictures of our children, having our clothes shrink, homework getting easier and a more intense level of our faith, I think you'll find the close of the year deeply satisfying!

We took the occasion to appreciate our faculty last week with treats and well wishes. During our event for our moms on Wednesday a frequent topic was the appreciation of all we have learned this year. People shared stories of growth as parents, their kids' classroom achievements, about learning more about ourselves in a pandemic, about relationships that deserve tending to, about an understanding of our smallness and a humility about what we can control relative to God's Providence, and many others.

Though we have our patience tested at times in May, (my analogy is being in a car together for too long on a road trip,) in the end, we are richly blessed to be part of the Shepherd of the Hills community and for our children to benefit from attending such a wonderful school! Enjoy these closing weeks and all that God has provided for us!

Best regards and many blessings,

[Mr. Ron Smyczek, Principal](#)



Ascension

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8th Grade Service Project

The 8th grade will be collecting money for Catholic Relief Services. *All funds collected will go to CRS to feed hungry families, protect vulnerable children, help farmers grow better crops, provide health care and clean water to remote communities, and help CRS respond immediately to emergencies.*

We are asking students to raise money perhaps by doing chores at home, helping a relative or another person in need. The class that raises the most funds will be able to select their reward first, second place will select second and so on... The rewards are:

- Ice bucket dump over the heads of [Simon, Cannon, Michel, and Jake]
- Build a sundae on [Olivia, Allison, Emily, and Traci]
- Have a water balloon fight with [Beverly, Leo, Maverick, Tessa, and Ireland]
- Dodgeball game with the 8th grade [if K-3 win this prize, 8th grade will play on their knees]

The Challenge started Wednesday May 5 and will continue through May 19. We will gather for an assembly at the end of the day on May 21 to celebrate our winners and announce the total raised by our school.

Miles of May: SOTH Teachers vs. Students



The teachers at SOTH are challenging the students to a race throughout the month of May. **The challenge will begin Saturday, May 1st and conclude on Monday, May 24th.** This is to prepare for our mile timing in Phy. Ed and encourage running and physical activity as we near summer!

There is a Google Sheet: [Miles of May Running Competition Log](#) set up in which anyone is invited to add their name and log their activity.

The activity will be measured in miles. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile = 0.5, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile = 0.75

Only count running/jogging/walking miles, not other activities like practices or just playing a game at home.

***Any parents that would like to join with the Teachers are more than welcome to add your name to the teacher team!

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Last Day of School Gathering at Mauthe Lake

SOTH Home & School invites all school families to Mauthe Lake any time **after the 11:30 am dismissal on Friday, May 28**. Bring your beach chairs, sand & swim toys, and pack a cooler with snacks and drinks. Spend the afternoon socializing and celebrating the end of an awesome school year and the start of summer vacation! Location may change if inclement weather. An annual state park sticker is required or you can purchase a day pass for \$8.00.

Summer Reading Program at FDLPL

Ready to enjoy the warm rays of the summer sun? Grab a book from the Fond du Lac Public Library as you soak up those rays and start earning prizes through FDLPL's annual Summer Reading Program. Starting June 1, the Fond du Lac Public Library will invite users of all ages to "Color Your World," the theme of Summer Reading @ FDLPL 2021. Through August 15, kids, teens, and adults may read their favorite books to earn prizes and have a little fun.



New for 2021 is an online logging option. Users can use the Fond du Lac Public Library's online portal, Beanstack, to record their minutes of reading. A link to Beanstack will be available at fdlpl.org starting June 1. Prefer to record minutes on paper? Stop by the Fond du Lac Public Library starting June 1 to get a paper card to record your progress. Whether recording on paper or online, participation is easy, and earns participants instant rewards along the way as well as a chance at a grand prize at the end of the summer. All reading counts, and reading aloud counts for both the reader and the listener.

Be sure to keep logging those minutes all summer; if the community can reach 2 million minutes read, the Fond du Lac Public Library will unveil a special prize for the community in August. Fond du Lac Public Library operates two locations: the Main Library at 32 Sheboygan St. in downtown Fond du Lac, and FDLPL Express at 1132 E. Johnson St. near Festival Foods.

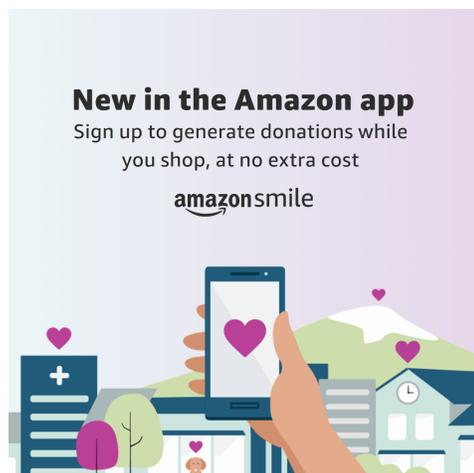
Starting May 1, the main library is open daily, including the introduction of Summer Sundays: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Sunday from Noon to 4:00 pm. The Chapter 52 Bookstore also will be open its full hours starting May 1: Monday through Wednesday from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 52 Sheboygan St.

For more information about any of these locations or Summer Reading, visit fdlpl.org.

[Summer Reading Program 2021](#)

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Activate Amazon Smile Through the Amazon App!



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Congregation of the Good Shepherd" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Congregation of the Good Shepherd" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Box Tops for Education

Have you downloaded the Box Tops App to your phone?

It's easy! Use this link to download the app:

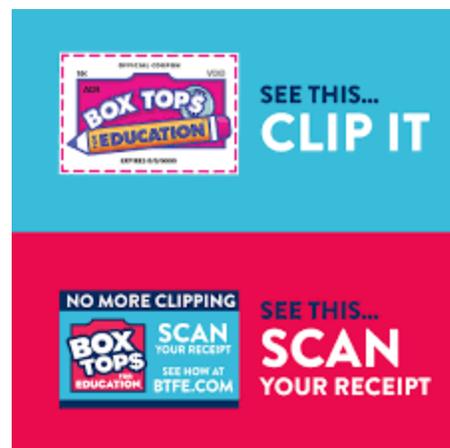
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Do you order your groceries online?

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.

Paper Scrip orders will not be processed **Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)**. Thank you!

[Scrip Order Form](#)

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SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Monday, May 17	Mindful Monday
Tuesday, May 18	Pastoral Council 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 19	All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code 8th Grade Service Project for CRS Ends Candle Ceremony during Mass ACE Program Graduation (6&7) 11:50 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday, May 20	ALL Books Due Back in the SOTH Library Today! Internet Safety Presentation (4&5) 12:20 pm
Friday, May 21	Fearless Friday <i>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10</i> 8th Grade Service Project for CRS - Assembly
Monday, May 24	Mindful Monday
Tuesday, May 25	Service Presentations
Wednesday, May 26	No Student Mass (attending on Friday) Yearbook Signing Eighth Grade Graduation Mass 6:30 pm
Friday, May 28	End of the Third Trimester - Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal All School Mass 8:30 am Kindergarten Graduation Awards Field Day Last Day of School Gathering at Mauthe Lake (after 11:30 am dismissal)

Links & Social Media

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](#)

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[May 2021 Hot Lunch Calendar](#)

[Class of 2021 Graduation Invitation](#)

[Spotlight on STREAM - ART](#)

[Winners named in 7th-annual FDLPL Teen Photo Contest](#)

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