



School Newsletter

Friday, August 28, 2020

A Note From The Principal

Welcome Back! What a wonderful week we have had to start the 2020-2021 school year!

Starting with enthusiastic and positive preparation in our staff meetings last Thursday, through the Supply Drop Off on Tuesday and now 3 terrific days of school, I am not sure you will find many happier groups of people than the school community at Shepherd of the Hills.

The excitement of the students and families is palpable whether I am greeting the arriving students, sitting with the 3 and 4-year-olds or talking about the scientific process with the 8th grade. Being together is so critical to the spiritual and academic formation of the students.

Like so much of the world, the challenge of COVID is one we are ready and willing to tackle. By taking a few appropriate actions we can drastically mitigate our risks in that commitment to being together. Thank you to our families for checking the students each morning for any symptoms before coming to school; if there is a possible exposure or waiting for a test result, thank you for staying home; if you are attending a public event, thank you for minimizing risk and being vigilant for any signs of the virus.

The students are embracing their responsibility in keeping each other safe. As one 1st grader asked of Mrs. Hughes at the end of the first day, "So by wearing our masks and being careful, we get to keep coming to school?" When the teacher affirmed, the student indicated those were small potential inconveniences and an easy trade off in order to continue to be present. Our focus and effort on the safety of all is vitally important in building on our strong start.

This is a special place that reflects the face of God in accepting the stranger. Our new families have been contacted and the new students are quickly becoming familiar friends.

Thank you to every single member of the community for such a warm welcome. I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the Shepherd of the Hills family as we help our children grow in their faith and knowledge.

We are going to have a great year. Go Rams!

Mr. Ron Smyczek, Principal

20-21 Theme: + Faith over Fear +

2020-21 Academic Goal Theme

We are excited to introduce our 20-21 Academic Theme. It isn't STEM, it isn't STEAM... this year it will be STREAM! What is STREAM you ask? Well, in our case it isn't flowing water, rather it stands for **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, RELIGION, ENGINEERING, ART, and MATH**. Each individual topic will be assigned to a month and all teachers will integrate the designated component into a class lesson plan, other than that month's topic. So you may see science integrated into a phy ed lesson, or math into a language arts lesson. Activities will be showcased via the "SPOTLIGHT ON STREAM" newsletter. In addition, we will have fun with our buddies finding interesting facts pertaining to the assigned topic. Fun facts will be read during announcements for all to hear. Keep a look out for "SPOTLIGHT ON STREAM!"

2020-21 Catholic Identity School Theme

Dear God, Today, with your help, no matter what I face, I will let faith and trust be my first response, instead of worry and fear. Help me always remember "Faith over Fear." Amen.

Our school theme for 2020-21 is "Faith over Fear." We will focus on nurturing, strengthening, and growing every student's social/emotional well-being with God in the forefront. Each month, we will hone in on a different bible verse centered around "faith." Also, students will participate in "Fearless Fridays" every third Friday of the month. On these days, students will be given several strategies to help manage and cope with fear in their daily lives, and discover how important it is to have faith every single day. Let your FAITH conquer your fear!

Free Covid-19 Testing Event in Fond du Lac

A Free COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site will be held at the Fond du Lac County Highway Garage located at 1820 S. Hickory St., Fond du Lac on Friday, 8/28 & Saturday, 8/29. Any Wisconsin resident five years of age or older is eligible to be tested. Symptoms are not required to be tested at this event.

Required information for testing includes:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Date of Birth

Register at: [Covid-Connect](#)

More information available here:

<https://www.fdlco.wi.gov/Home/Components/News/News/8070/103?backlist=%2f>

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September 5	Michael Ganter - 3
September 9	Ireland Stoffel - 8
September 12	Killian Stoffel - 6
September 14	Joseph Puetz - 6
September 15	Gianna Gantner - 3
September 19	Zosia Fidziukiewicz - 4K
September 23	Archer Balderrama - K
September 27	Jenna Ziebert - 2
September 29	Emily Taylor - 8

Help Wanted: Part-Time Cleaner

Looking for a part-time job while your children are in school? We have what you are looking for -- light cleaning in the school to help keep the environment sanitized as the students and teachers move about the school. Hours are 9:00 am - 2:00 pm on school days only. Please contact Ron or Sandra at 920-477-3201 to apply.

VOLUNTEER



Home & School Activities Sign Up

Parent volunteers are needed to help during the 20-21 school year including room parents, classroom activities, and fundraising.

[20-21 Home & School Activities Sign Up](#)

SOTH Parish Big Money Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets for Shepherd of the Hills Big Money Raffle are on sale now -- \$50.00 each or 3 tickets for \$100.00. The Grand Prize is \$10,000, 2nd Prize: \$5000, 3rd Prize: \$2500 on down through 40th Prize: \$100! Special Drawing: For every six tickets you purchase or sell, you will be eligible for one of the raffle prizes of your choice: 1 - 2021 Brewer Tickets (4), 2 - \$200 Cash, or 1 - Fireside Theater Certificate **Prize winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, October 18.** For more information or to get your tickets, contact the Parish Office at 920-477-3201.

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SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Monday, August 31	Dinner Auction Meeting 6:00 pm - Coffee House
Tuesday, September 1	School Spirit Wear Orders Are Due Today! School Commission Meeting 6:00 pm - Cafeteria
Wednesday, September 2 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	School Mass 8:30 - Church Safe Environment Training 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Cafeteria
Thursday, September 3	Parent Meeting 6:30 pm - Church
Friday, September 4	First Friday Rosary 11:00 am - Church
Monday, September 7	Labor Day - No School
Tuesday, September 8	Student Council Campaigning Begins
Wednesday, September 9 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
Sat/Sun, September 12 & 13	SOTH Parish Brat & Burger Fry after 4:00 pm and 10:00 am Masses
Saturday, September 12	Back to School Mass - POSTPONED/Steak Fry - CANCELLED
Wednesday, September 16 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church Student Council Election
Friday, September 18	Fearless Friday
Wednesday, September 23 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
Monday, September 28	MAPS Testing Begins (Through October 7)
Wednesday, September 30 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
Friday, October 2	First Friday Rosary 11:00 am - Church
Saturday, October 3	Run for the Hills 5th Annual 5K Fun Run & Walk at SOTH

Links & Social Media

School Website: sothschool.weebly.com

Parish Website: sothparish.org

Facebook: Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School

Instagram: sothcatholicschool

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