



School Newsletter

Friday, September 25, 2020

A Message from the Principal

The Shepherd of the Hills Spirit continues to impress! It was a little like Christmas in September as our new logo gear - sweatshirts, tee's and polo shirts - arrived on Wednesday. While part of the fun is having a new fleece lining that makes us feel cosy, it is evident that our students, staff and families feel the warmth of our community connection when wearing our colors. I was excited to don my new burgundy and gold golf shirt :)

Another way to support the school and parish is to get involved in planning and participating in events like our [September School Commission Meeting](#) on Tuesday the 29th, Run for the Hills next Saturday, Parent-Teacher conferences in October and even looking ahead to the Auction in February.

Finally, Parents can stop by to freshen your morning coffee next week 7:45-8:30 outside the school entrance. Here is a chance for us to connect with other parents in our classes and the school, where we can chat about the start of the year, areas to volunteer, etc. ***While specific grades are encouraged to meet on particular days, come anytime you might be available.***



Monday Sept 28: 3K/4K and Kindergarten

Tuesday: 1st and 2nd Grades

Wednesday: 3rd and 4th Grades

Thursday: 5th and 6th Grades

Friday: 7th and 8th Grades

Reminders:

- If your student would like to bring in a class treat (for birthday, patron saint day, etc.), please check and schedule with the homeroom teacher. Thank you for understanding the need to bring a pre-packaged, sealed treat to avoid any concerns about potential spread of virus or germs.
- Please have your child bring home their masks and water bottles to sanitize and keep everyone safe and healthy.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes and many blessings,

Mr. Smyczek, Principal

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ChromeCare

Our 4-8 grade students have 1:1 technology classrooms, being assigned an HP Chromebook. These machines are used frequently in the classrooms as a learning tool. Shepherd of the Hills has partnered with Technology Resource Advisors for a student ChromeCare Insurance program for the 20-21 school year. All families will see a \$22.00 ChromeCare Insurance fee on their account which covers drops, water damage, screen breakage, and hardware failure on the computers this year.

In the event of an accident at school, at home during a planned school closing or if a student moved to virtual delivery, the machines will be covered and the families protected financially. In conjunction with this program and based on the excellent results when computers went home last spring, the 6-8 grade students will have the opportunity to take the machines home on a daily basis starting next week after their Technology class.

Please contact Mr. Smyczek with any questions or concerns.

Home & School Activities Sign Up

Parent volunteers are needed to help during the 20-21 school year. Activities include room parents, classroom activities, and fundraising. Please sign up by Friday, September 25. Thank you!

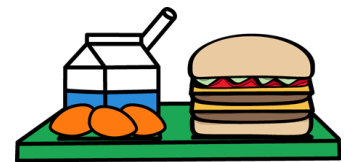
Seroogy's Candy Bar Fundraiser

The Seroogy's candy bar fundraiser is fast approaching! Each box will contain 68 candy bars at \$1.50 each (\$102 per box). [Please be sure to sign up for the number of boxes your family is willing to sell by next Friday, September 25.](#) It is very important to have this information before ordering the candy bars. You may also choose to "Opt Out" for \$50 if you'd rather not sell. Please note that if you do not specify, one box will be ordered for your family to sell. ***Candy bars will be handed out at Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 20 and October 22.*** ALL money will be due by Friday, November 13. Prompt payment is appreciated by check or through PowerSchool. Thanks for making this a successful fundraiser!

[Home & School Activities and Seroogy's Candy Bar Fundraiser Sign Up](#)

Hot Lunch - October Calendar

[October Hot Lunch Calendar](#)



School Office Help

We are looking for volunteers to help in the school office on **Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23** when Mrs. Hively is gone. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

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Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 20 & 22

Shepherd of the Hills will host Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 22 from 3:30 - 7:00 pm.** Parents should sign up for one 15 minute conference with their child's homeroom teacher through the SignUp Genius link below or by calling/emailing the school office. Conference times with Art, Phy Ed, Tech, Spanish, and Music teachers are also available and included in the sign up.

[Fall 2020 Parent/Teacher Conference SignUp Genius](#)

Run for the Hills 5K Fun Run & Walk

Join us for Shepherd of the Hills 5th Annual Run for the Hills 5K Fun Run & Walk on **Saturday, October 3, 2020!** This event is held rain or shine. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Non-Refundable Participation Fees:

- \$15.00 includes a short sleeve t-shirt and all activities
- \$10.00 includes all activities (NO T-SHIRT)
- \$10.00 includes a T-Shirt (NO ACTIVITIES)

T-Shirt Guarantee Registration Deadline: Friday, September 25

8:30 am	Check In & Same Day Registration
9:00 am	Gathering Prayer
9:15 am	Youth ¼ Mile and ½ Mile Fun Runs
9:30 am	5K Run/Walk

Youth activities and games are held from 9:30 - 10:30 during the 5K Run/Walk.



Register online at <https://sothparish.weshareonline.org/RunfortheHills2020>

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.

Vacation Request Form

Please submit a request for vacation to the school office for Principal approval at least two weeks (or as soon as possible) in advance of the planned absence.

[Vacation Request Form](#)

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

Amazon Smile Program

Do you shop at amazon.com? When you shop Amazon and use the link below, 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!

Amazon Smile Link: [You shop. Amazon gives.](#)



Box Tops for Education - National Box Tops Week

As part of National Box Tops Week, if you scan your first receipt between Sept. 21-27, we BOTH earn 50 Bonus Box Tops! Download and join me in earning money for Shepherd of the Hills.

Use this link to download the Box Tops app: https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=BOC32XFZ

Use my referral code **BOC32XFZ** when you sign up and you'll get 50 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt (and so will I -- all for SOTH!)

Thanks!

Mrs. Hively, Secretary

[Participating Products List](#)

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

Scrip Program at Shepherd of the Hills

What is Scrip? Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser at Shepherd of the Hills. The Scrip program purchases prepaid gift cards from retailers at varying discounts of 2%-20%. This percentage is the profit earned that can be applied to parish expenses, school tuition, and religious education fees. At Shepherd of the Hills, 95% of your profit can be applied to the program of your choosing -- parish, school (3K-8), religious education, and SMSA High School. 5% of the profit is retained to cover the cost of the Scrip program.

Contact the Scrip Coordinator 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
Monday, September 28	Coffee & Chat w/ Mr. Smyczek 7:45 am - Parking Lot (Grs. 3K/4K & K) MAPS Testing Begins (Testing through October 12)
Tuesday, September 29	Coffee & Chat w/ Mr. Smyczek 7:45 am - Parking Lot (Grs. 1 & 2) School Commission Meeting 6:00 pm - Coffee House (AGENDA)
Wednesday, September 30 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	Coffee & Chat w/ Mr. Smyczek 7:45 am - Parking Lot (Grs. 3 & 4) All School Mass 8:30 - Church Last Day to Wear Shorts Until May 1
Thursday, October 1	Coffee & Chat w/ Mr. Smyczek 7:45 am - Parking Lot (Grs. 5 & 6)
Friday, October 2 Run for the Hills Shirts	Coffee & Chat w/ Mr. Smyczek 7:45 am - Parking Lot (Grs. 7 & 8) First Friday Rosary 11:00 am - Church
Saturday, October 3	Run for the Hills 5th Annual 5K Fun Run & Walk at SOTH 8:30 Check In & Same Day Registration 9:00 Gathering Prayer 9:15 Youth ¼ and ½ Mile Events 9:30 5K Fun Run & Walk AND Youth Activities
Wednesday, October 7 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
Thursday, October 8	Teacher Inservice - No School
Friday, October 9	Teacher Inservice - No School
Saturday, October 10	Drive Thru Influenza Clinic 9:00 - 2:00 FDL Co. New HWY Garage
Tuesday, October 13	MAPS Testing - Make Up Day
Wednesday, October 14 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church First Trimester Progress Reports
Thursday, October 15	Scholastic Book Fair Begins
Sunday, October 18	SOTH Parish Big Money Raffle Drawing
Tuesday, October 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 21 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
Thursday, October 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm

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Saturday, October 24	Drive Thru Influenza Clinic 9:00 - 2:00 Campbellsport HWY Garage
Tuesday, October 27	Drive Thru Influenza Clinic 3:30 - 7:00 Brandon HWY Garage Girl Scout Registration 5:30 - 7:00 Columbus Park
Wednesday, October 28 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 - Church
Thursday, October 29	Trunk or Treat Family Activity

Links & Social Media

School Website: sothschool.weebly.com

Parish Website: sothparish.org

Facebook: Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School

Instagram: sothcatholicschool

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[E-Funds for Schools Online Payment Portal](#)



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