



School Newsletter

Friday, September 10, 2021

Message from the Principal...

Happy Friday, everyone! What a beautiful week we had with lots of opportunities to: be outside, go on our first field trip of the year, participate in the first student activity around our **Faith in Action** theme, watch our volleyball team in action, find where the bees were living on the playground, etc. Part of what makes our school special is how we learn and grow together!

On behalf of the school leadership, staff and community, please know of the appreciation we have for the understanding of all our families as indoor masking has been reinstated. The policy on masking I announced on Wednesday has brought to the surface feelings on the topic from many constituents, just as starting the year with optional mask wearing carried its share of emotions, too.

Based on the increasing COVID infection numbers in the county and the cases in our school and parish, I implemented the CDC recommendation of mandatory wearing masks over the next few weeks. No person believes that wearing masks is ideal for students to learn and I look forward to the day when this is not a concern. However, **I believe that any step that may slow any spread of the COVID virus (or introduction of other germs for that matter) at Shepherd of the Hills and keep our students and staff working together in-person is worth the change.** While everyone does not share this view, I am grateful for everyone's willingness to understand the situation and to go along with the program.

We will evaluate this policy over the next weeks, looking at COVID cases both in the school and the larger community. Thank you all for your patience and understanding based on your love for your students and support of everyone in the school community!

I hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend.

May God continue to richly bless to us all,

[Mr. Ron Smyczek, Principal](#)



AND WHATEVER YOU DO IN WORD OR DEED, DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS. COLOSSIANS 3:17

Run for the Hills 2021

Shepherd of the Hills will host the 6th Annual Run for the Hills 5K Fun Run/Walk rain or shine on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** from 8:30 - 11:00 am. Activities include a youth ¼ mile and ½ mile run followed by the 5K run/walk. There are also supervised youth activities at school during the 5K run/walk. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Non Refundable Participation Fees

\$15 includes short sleeve T Shirt & all activities

\$10 includes walk/run participation and/or youth activities only (NO T Shirt)

\$10 includes a T Shirt if you are unable to participate that day

Please register by September 25 to guarantee your T Shirt order.

Register online at <https://sothparish.weshareonline.org/RunfortheHills2021>

Or if you prefer, download and print a [Paper Registration Form](#) and return it to the school office.

If you are interested in helping to sponsor this event, please contact the school office at 920-477-3551.

Safe Environment Training

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is committed to maintaining safe environments for children to learn, pray, and grow. Every priest, deacon, parish or school staff member, teacher and lay minister that is employed by a parish or school and any volunteer working with minors in our archdiocese is required to meet three requirements:

1. Attend a Safe Environment Education Session.
2. Pass a Criminal Background Check.
3. Sign the Code of Ethical Standards for Church Leaders Link to Code of Ethical Standards.

Due to COVID-19, all safe environment education training sessions are conducted virtually. Please follow this link to sign up for a Safe Environment Training Session.

<https://www.archmil.org/Offices/Safe-Environment.htm>

Volleyball Help Needed

4th-8th Grade Volleyball Parents: Please sign-up for a volunteering time for this season's home games at the link below. If everyone, other than coaches, can sign-up for 1 spot we should be able to have enough volunteers to help the games run smoothly.

I will try to be there or have instructions ready when I am not for the different areas. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Thank you - Mrs. Bengel

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949ABA92AA7FB6-soth>

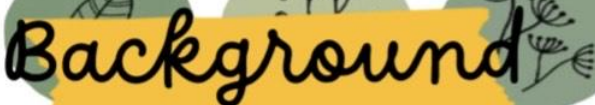
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Meet the Teacher

About Me:

My name is Vanessa Bravo, I will be Mrs. Schisel's classroom aide. I'm so excited to work with your children and can't wait to see their growth! My favorite things include the color green, Mexican cuisine, and fall most of all!



Background

I have worked providing therapy to children with autism in Fond du Lac for two years. I provide them with social, academic, and overall life skills to ease the transition into school. I'm currently working to be a registered behavior technician. I will also be attending UW Oshkosh this fall for my bilingual certification.



Contact Me:

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Contacts for School Commissions, Committees & Fundraisers

School Commission: Advisory Committee to and Sounding Board for School Leadership

Contact: Sarah Benike-Immel benike-immels@chartersteel.com

We are looking for a Vice Chair, Secretary, and Long Range Planning Committee Representative to join the School Commission.

Home and School Committee: Events and initiatives supporting the students and teachers

Next Meeting - Thursday, September 23 at 6:00 pm - SOTH Coffee House

Contact: Barb Grzywinski barbg91@gmail.com

Parent help is needed for school activities! Please review the available activities at [Sign Up Genius](#). Activities are listed in order by date. Navigate to the bottom of the list to find Room Parents.

Marketing Committee: Identify and execute initiatives to help promote the school and grow enrollment.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 15 at 4:15 pm - SOTH Coffee House

Contact: Andrea Gade andrea.m.gade@gmail.com

Run for the Hills: Annual 5K Fun Run & Walk fundraiser with children's activities

Event Date: Saturday, October 2 8:30 - 11:00 am at Shepherd of the Hills

Contact: Sarah Desiderio sfdesiderio@gmail.com

- Will be discussed at 9/23 H&S Meeting

Steak Fry: Annual fundraiser for tuition assistance. The steak fry features steaks from the Eden Meat Market and mushrooms from Gourmet Delight. Includes small raffle items.

Event Date: Saturday, October 16 5:00 - 8:00 pm at Shepherd of the Hills

Contacts: Shannon Casper eeniecasper@gmail.com and Sheila Zook smzook@hotmail.com

- Will be discussed at 9/23 H&S Meeting

Scholastic Book Fairs: Books Fair fundraisers are held in the fall and spring of the school year.

Event Dates: October 18-24 and May 5-8

Contact: Angie Galligan angbowe@gmail.com

- Will be discussed at 9/23 H&S Meeting

Dinner Auction Committee: SOTH main fundraiser for the year.

Event Date: Saturday, February 19 (Theme, format, etc. TBD)

Contact: Barb Welsh barb.welsh@yahoo.com

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School Events Calendar

Monday, September 13	Student Council Election B Volleyball @ St. Matt's - Double Header 6 & 7 pm
Wednesday, September 15 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 am Marketing Committee Meeting 4:15 pm - Coffee House B Volleyball vs. Campbellsport 5:00 pm - HOME A Volleyball vs. Campbellsport 6:00 pm - HOME
Friday, September 17	Fifth Grade Team Challenge Field Trip - Camp Y Koda
September 18 & 19	Parish Brat Fry after all Masses
Tuesday, September 21	B Volleyball vs. Holy Trinity, Kewaskum 5:30 pm - HOME A Volleyball vs. Holy Trinity, Kewaskum 6:45 pm - HOME
Wednesday, September 22 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 am
Thursday, September 23	Home & School Meeting 6:00 pm - Coffee House
September 27 - October 15	MAPS Testing (Grades 1 - 8)
Monday, September 27	Second Grade Sacramental Parent Meeting 6:20 pm
Tuesday, September 28	B Volleyball @ Holyland Catholic in St. Cloud - Double 5:30 & 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 29 Maroon & Khaki Dress Code	All School Mass 8:30 am
Friday, October 1	First Friday Rosary 11:00 am
Saturday, October 2	Run for the Hills 5K Fun Run & Walk 8:30 - 11:00 am
Saturday, October 16	Family Mass & Steak Fry (4:00 pm Mass, 5:00 pm Steak Fry)

LINKS

[2021-2022 SOTH School Calendar](#)

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