



Sacred Heart School Newsletter

October 2016



Principal's Corner

By: Mrs. Merrill



It was wonderful seeing everyone at Back-to-School Night! Thanks to all who attended. I would just like to reiterate a few **key points** that were made during my presentation:

1. **Stay informed!** I encourage families to continuously check the school website (www.SacredHeartSchooltroy.com) for up-to-date information, such as the monthly newsletter and calendar and lunch menu as well as current events. There is already an addition to the academic calendar: the Diocese has scheduled a professional development day for all teachers that will take place on May 19. Therefore, there will be no school on that day. Please add this to your calendars for future reference.

2. **Fundraisers** are held throughout the school year, with many of them taking place the first half of the year. We have a \$1.2M budget that is mainly supported through tuition, fundraisers and parish subsidy; therefore, we really need EVERYONE's participation in our fund raising endeavors. Even if YOU personally do not need gift wrap, or candles, etc, please try reaching out to friends, co-workers and relatives. Every little bit helps---really! Four "community builders" coming up in the next few weeks are:

*Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast ó Oct 1 (limited to 250 people only)

*Pasta Dinner @ the Franklin Ballroom, downtown Troy ó Oct 12

***"Trunk-or-Treat"** - a new way to celebrate Halloween! ó Oct. 28 (more news to follow!)

*Sock Hop ó Nov 4- to culminate our annual raffle

3. **Become involved!** Be a room parent, help with a fundraiser, join a committee or PSA, work from home on a project, etc! Research shows that the more involved parents are in their child's education, the more successful their child will become!

All schools in our Diocese, including Sacred Heart have been undergoing internal evaluations in order to prepare for an upcoming visit from an international team from AdvancEd Accreditation. Mr. Camenga has included an explanation of the process in his column.

Vice Principal's Corner

By: Mr. Camenga



AdvancED Accreditation Team is Coming October 4th!

The AdvancED accreditation program is a distinctive mark of quality and integrity recognized around the globe as the standard for educational excellence. The program reviews our standards, student achievements, community involvement. The Diocese is in the final stages of the accreditation process and will be looking for the following.....

- Tour/observation of the schools
- Interviews with administrators, faculty members, staff and students.
- School Improvement plans (Math Program, Building Improvements, Availability of Technology)

The AdvancED program identifies powerful practices within our school system and provides actions that will improve our school system. This accreditation allows us to maintain a higher standard in education and continue to enhance our entire school system to meet the needs of students.

LOST and FOUND!

We recently discovered a few pieces of jewelry that were deposited in the receptacles for BoxTops and soda tabs. If you are missing some jewelry, please call the school office or send an email to principalmerrill@gmail.com with a description of the lost item. If it matches, we will return it to the owner!

PARENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PSA) NEWS



Greetings from your PSA Officers!

Every parent and/or guardian in our school form the operating body of the SHS PSA. Your involvement, input and support means so much to our school and children.

We had a great showing at our first meeting and look forward to seeing you at our **next meeting on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 pm** in the cafeteria.

An auction informational meeting will follow.



CALENDAR REVIEW:



- * **Sunday, Sept. 25**– September Fest 1:00-4:00 pm at Brunswick Center
- * **Wednesday, Sept. 28**-SchoolMall Booklet Kick Off
- * **Thursday, Sept. 29**-Virtus training 6:30 pm
- * **Friday, Sept. 30**– Wrapping Paper Sale Ends
- * **Sunday, Oct. 1**– Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:00 am
- * **Wednesday, Oct. 5**– SchoolMall Ends
- * **Friday, Oct. 7**– Yankee Candle Sale Begins
- * **Monday, Oct. 10**– **NO SCHOOL** Columbus Day
- * **Wednesday, Oct. 12**- SHS Pasta Dinner 4:00-7:00 at Franklin Plaza Ballroom
- * **Friday, Oct. 14**-Progress Reports Out and Yankee Candle Ends
- * **Thursday, Oct. 20**- Annual Raffle Kick Off
- * **Friday, Oct. 21**– **NO SCHOOL** (Retreat Day)
- * **Monday, Oct. 24**– First Day to Submit Raffle Tickets (Runs 10/24-11/4)
- * **Friday, Oct. 28**- “Trunk or Treat” 5:30-8:00 pm
- * **Cheesecake Sale To Be Announced**

*School Banking on Thursday mornings and Band on Tuesday afternoons

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT UPDATE:

As is policy, any person working with children (field trip, party, classroom assistance, event, etc.) **must attend a Diocesan VIRTUS training (Protecting God’s Children for Adults) and submit a permission form for a background check (forms are in the office).** You must then submit your certificate of training to the school office once received. This is all outlined in the Parent-Teacher handbook that can be found on our website.

Virtus training dates are available on www.virtusonline.org and select the Albany Diocese. There are several classes scheduled throughout our Diocese. There is one here in the church on **Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 pm.**

Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 1st 8:00-10:00 am at the East Greenbush Restaurant



This Year’s Theme:
“Send your light and truth to guide me”.



SCHOOL LUNCH...YUM!

We encourage families to advantage of **pre paid lunches**. Milk can even be pre paid if that would help you (**a form may be found on our website**).

Please complete and submit an **order form**, enclose payment and submit it to the school office in a sealed and labeled envelope (family name). Meal/milk tickets will be honored until the last full day of school in June, 2017.

Purchased tickets will then be sent home in a labeled envelope (numbered and office approved).

You would then complete the information on **each meal/milk ticket** for each child and send it in with him/her/them that **morning** for the official lunch count.

If your child is going to be late for school and is buying lunch, please call the school office before 9:00 am.



School Banking

The school banking program will begin on Thursday morning October 6th and will continue throughout the school year. It is never too late to enroll your child(ren)-registration is on-going. Simply inform the office that you would like an enrollment packet.

TSL ADVENTURES

Welcome back to the new school year. TSL Adventures is proud to be providing your family with the best possible childcare we can offer. If you have any questions or concerns at any time please call us at 368-2653. We are generally available to you most times during the days, evenings, and weekends. Our email is checked regularly so you can also establish communication this way during the day for quick feedback. tsladventures@gmail.com

The weather is getting cooler, yet we do offer outdoor time to the children year round so please make sure they are bringing appropriate outdoor attire such as hoodies, or coats during the fall. Visit our website at: www.tsladventures.net

SHS FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to check your school calendar for the weekly food pantry item and donate if you can.

The children bring all donations forward during our Wednesday morning assembly and the sixth graders stock the pantry with those items.

Our Yankee Candle store is open for business right through the holidays!

Catalogues go home October 7th but you can get a head start by going to our online store.

All of your online purchases **earn SACRED HEART SCHOOL 40% of your sale!**

Go to <http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/>

Under "start shopping" enter: 990013525



Emojis Invade SHS!

Parents, keep your **eyes open** for a booklet of postcards that your child will bring home next **Wednesday, Sept. 28** with a picture of the "**Glow-In-The-Dark**" **Emoji shirt** on the cover. Our school will receive \$2.25 per **completed booklet** and up to 50% on all paid orders. You will also find details on how your child can receive a shirt, additional prizes and how your family could win a vacation to Orlando, Florida (each school is able to enter 5 children). Thank you for supporting our school!

Start s Wednesday, September 28th and ends Wednesday, October 5th



Simple ways to raise \$\$\$ for SHS

It is just a simple fact that without fundraising, we would have to raise tuition. Here are a few PAIN FREE fundraisers for you to consider:

Clothing drop-off box - located in the parish parking lot. Drop off purses, belts, clothing, stuffed animals, blankets, shoes, towels etc. We receive \$.04 per pound!

Tools for School - this program is offered by Price Chopper supermarkets. Just register your AdVantage card online or through the school office and use it every time you shop! Points are awarded into our school account and needed school materials and/or supplies are donated to the school at the end of the program each year. Our number is 15859. Program runs July 24, 2016-March 25, 2017.

BoxTops for Education - just clip them off of the participating products and send them into the office. These tops are found on a variety of products including: cereal, snacks, butter, cleaning supplies, plastic bags and even on office supplies. We are able to submit these twice a year and receive \$.10 to \$.15 for each box top.

Drink Pouches - we collect them at the end of each lunch, but you can also send rinsed out pouches into school. The environment and school both benefit from this recycling program. We receive \$.02 per pouch!

Coca Cola Bottle Tops-send in your bottle caps and we will enter the codes that add points to our school's account. Points are then utilized in acquiring school supplies and materials.

Hannaford Helps School-earn school dollars when you purchase participating products. Collection towers are located in the market (Be sure that you register Sacred Heart School Troy.) Program runs August 28-December, 2016.

Used Printer Ink Cartridges (no large units please)-the smaller types cartridges are mailed out and earns us money according to type. They do not accept large cartridges from laser printers.

Colonie Center SchoolBuck\$ Program

Help Sacred Heart School earn money by shopping at Colonie Center. Every time you, your family or friends shop at Colonie Center, you can help Sacred Heart School get closer to winning valuable cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$8,000.

This is how it works:

- Bring your original cash register receipts from any Colonie Center store to Guest Services (located on the lower level of the mall between Glen Peter Jewelers and CVS).
- The customer service staff will write down the store's totals on a form, stamp your receipt and hand it back to you.
- Send your receipt into the school office (let us know if you need it returned).

It is so easy!! Everything purchased at the mall counts from hair/nail salons, phone stores, movie theaters, travel arrangements, the post office, all restaurants (including the food court) and gift card purchases. Photos with Santa and the Easter Bunny count double. Sacred Heart will receive 1 point for each dollar shown on the receipts. The program runs from August 1, 2016 until June 1, 2017. Please contact the school office with any questions regarding this easy fundraiser.

Service Project Collections:

We collect the following items as a service to the community.

Used Eyeglasses are collected and submitted to the local Lions Eye Bank

Aluminum Can Pull Tabs are collected and delivered to The Ronald McDonald House

