



Sacred Heart School Newsletter –November 2016

Principal's Corner By Mrs. Merrill

I am proud to announce to all that a recommendation to accredit our system of 22 schools and the Catholic School Office has been made by the External Review Team! Conference Rooms 1 and 2 were standing room only as we listened to the Team's report. It included an overview of the process they used, data collected on their visits to the classrooms in every school, and their findings on our system. Those findings included data on classroom environment, powerful practices that affirmed our outstanding efforts, and improvement priorities that provide direction in implementing our "2020 Vision".

We now await the final report which will reflect in a formal way that which was delivered by the Team.

We had outstanding attendance at our recent Pasta Dinner held at the Franklin Ballroom! Almost 250 people enjoyed a savory feast of two kinds of pasta, homemade meatballs, salads, dessert and plenty of conversation. The entire staff at the Franklin Ballroom was gracious, attentive and extremely professional. We are so grateful to the entire team for a magnificent time!

Mark your calendars NOW !! On March 22nd there will be ANOTHER Pasta Dinner at the Ballroom! We expect standing room only. Don't miss out!

Vice Principal's Corner By Mr. Camenga

At the beginning of the second quarter, parents will be able to access their child's grades through our Power Schools grading system. Information on how to create and access your account will be enclosed in your child's report card. This is a great way to keep parents informed about how their child is progressing in their individual classes.

What's New At Sacred Heart!

- * Installation of Smart boards in nearly all classrooms including Art, and Spanish.
- * Pre-K classrooms received new Apple TVs and an I Pad for integrated learning.
- * Ten kindle Fires were purchased and placed in the Library/Media Center.
- * Fifteen Chrome books were purchased and placed in the Library/Media Center to use with the Smart TV.
- * Installation of new security cameras and recording devices.
- * Implementation of the MAS (Music, Art, Spanish) program.



We bid a fond farewell and best wishes to Mrs. Donohue, who will be retiring at the end of October.

Nancy began as a Pre K teacher many years ago, has taught within several levels and has worked within the school office as the Curriculum Liaison. She has also contributed numerous volunteer hours in both church and school life. Nancy will be enjoying retirement and spending valuable time with family, especially new baby, Max!

Congratulations, Mrs. Donohue on your retirement!

PSA Happenings



Greetings from the PSA!
Please join us for our **next meeting on Monday, November 21st at 6:30pm** in the Cafeteria.

We will be discussing many fun events which are planned for the year, especially the upcoming holiday celebrations.

We are always looking for new parents to attend as well as the fresh, new ideas that they bring to us. All of these serve to make the school year fun for our children.

Remember, children of parents who attend the meeting have dress down the next day.

Let Us Support the Coats for Kids Program this Year!



In support of News10 ABC, Fox23 and MVP Health, Colonie Center will be **collecting gently used or new kids coats from October 17th to November 12th at their Colonie Guest Services.**

Mention Sacred Heart School and we will earn 500 bonus points (SchoolBucks) per coat.

What a **win-win opportunity** to help the needy children and our school!

14th ANNUAL SOCK HOP

NOV. 4th



Sacred Heart's Annual **Sock Hop** is set for **Friday, November 4th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the gym. All children—Pre-K -6th grade—and their families are invited to come for pizza, dancing, and fun! The winners of our Annual Raffle will also be drawn!

Pizza and beverages will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 and music will be provided by John Donohue's ***Sound Spectrum***.

Tickets are only \$4.00 per person or \$12.00 per family! Reservations are required and must be submitted with payment — by **Nov. 23rd**. Additional forms are available on our website.

Checklist - Before the conference:

There will be a scheduled time to meet. If you can't go at the scheduled time, ask the teacher about other times.

Review your child's work, grades, and progress reports.

Talk with your child about his or her progress in school.

Talk with others—family members, after school staff, mentors, etc.—about your child's strengths and needs.

Make a list of questions to ask during the conference.

Think about ways you would like to be involved in your child's learning so that you can discuss them with the teacher.

REQUEST FOR DILIGENCE IN SAFETY!!



Morning drop off seems to be getting out of control, particularly on the Spring Avenue side of the school. Safety of our children is the #1 concern, so I am asking parents who drop off children to adhere to the following:

- *Do not stop in the middle of the road (Spring Ave). Other cars tend to go around your car, posing a threat to oncoming traffic as well as other pedestrians
- *If you are pulling into the parking lot, PLEASE continue to a marked parking space and NOT stop at the entrance to the lot.
- *Take the time to park your car in the lot before letting your child out of the car.
- *Do not stop in front of the school to drop off children. The road is too narrow—and with cars already parked on the street in addition to oncoming cars, this is just an accident waiting to happen!

On behalf of all our students, thank you for your attention to this serious matter!

TSL Adventures Update

Hello families. Happy November! Please remember to send your children in with proper outdoor attire for the after school hours. We do give them opportunities to venture outside year round. They are welcome to bring dress down clothing to change into after school as well. We'll be offering a full day of care on Veteran's Day as well as on November 25th. Any other special days of care will be announced on our parent information board or visit my teacher page at <http://www.tsladventures.net/mr-tom.html>. You'll find all of the November highlights there.

Finally, it's not too early to start thinking about December vacation camp at Our Lady of Victory. You'll be able to enroll and pay on our website for this special camp once the information goes up on our site in November. Keep an eye out for it!
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Annual Auction Update

"The Wizarding World of Sacred Heart School"

Our **biggest fundraiser** event of the year will be held **April 29, 2017** at the **Franklin Terrace on Campbell Avenue, Troy.**

Many hands are needed in order to reach our budgeted **goal of \$22,000** and "many hands make light work!" So, **please consider** attending a meeting (usually held after the PSA meeting) or contacting our chairs if you are interested in joining the team!

Nicole Johnson and Mark Bagnoli at sacredheartauction2017@gmail.com



In support of the Capital Region NY2 Blue Star Mothers, we are asking **the faculty, staff and students to donate \$1.00 and dress down on Friday, October 28th.**

These funds will be used by the Blue Star Mothers to defray the shipping costs of the holiday freedom boxes that they create for our troops serving overseas.

CapCom School Banking:

Just a reminder that school banking is every Thursday morning. For more information, please contact the school office.



Just a Reminder...

- * **Thursday, October 20th**- Annual Raffle Kick Off
- * **Friday, October 21st** **NO SCHOOL** ó School Retreat Day
- * **Friday, October 28th**-Dress Down for \$1.00 and Trunk or Treat 5:30-8:00 pm
- * **Friday, November 4th** - Sock Hop and Raffle Drawing 6-8 pm
- * **Friday, November 11th** - **NO SCHOOL** Veteran's Day
- * **Saturday, November 12th** -Gr. 2 First Reconciliation Retreat 9:00-11:30 am
- * **Thursday, November 17th** - Lifetouch retakes
- * **Friday, November 18th** - Report Cards out today and Cheesecake Pick Up 2:30-6:00 pm
- * **Sunday, November 20th** - SHS Family Mass at 8:45 am and Barnes and Noble Book Fair at Colonie Center
- * **Monday, November 21st** - PSA Meeting at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria
- * **Tuesday November 22nd** - Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-6:00 pm
- * **Wednesday, November 23rd, 24th and 25th** - **NO SCHOOL** for Thanksgiving
- * **Sunday, November 27th** - the Season of Advent begins (The Giving Tree)

