



# Southington Catholic School

## A Message From Mrs. Sampiere

January 20, 2017



### **SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

**Southington Catholic School is a Christ - centered, nurturing learning community that fosters Catholic faith- based values in our students while achieving academic excellence. Our students will become responsible and faith- filled leaders with creative minds, compassionate hearts, and the courage to act on their beliefs.**

### **Southington Catholic School: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service**

Beginning Sunday, January 29, please join us for our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service" underscoring the Christ-centered foundation and academic excellence of Catholic schools. We've planned a variety of events that focus on different aspects of Catholic education at Southington Catholic School.

**Sunday, January 29**

#### **Celebrating Our Parish**

10:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Thomas and The Church of Saint Dominic, we encourage all our families to attend one of these Masses. Students attending are asked to wear their school uniform. This is a perfect opportunity to show your pride in Southington Catholic School. You are the primary ambassadors of our school.

Following the Masses, we will continue to celebrate in the school cafeteria where you can view the middle school science projects and the class science projects for grades Prek - grade 5. Our students are anxious to share their science exhibits with you. You can reward their efforts by your attendance. New prospective parents are invited to attend an open house at 12:00noon to view science projects and speak with the teacher.

**Monday, January 30**

#### **Celebrating Our Students**

**Tuesday, January 31**

On Monday students may wear a pair of crazy socks and on Tuesday students may wear a shirt or tee shirt representing their favorite team.

**Wednesday, February 1**

#### **Celebrating Families**

Prospective families are invited to attend an open house at 9:00a.m. to see our classes in session. If you know of a family interested in attending Southington Catholic School next year, please encourage them to come.

**Thursday February 2**

#### **Celebrating Our Community**

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will participate in preparing soup kits for the homebound for the parishes in Southington who support Southington Catholic School. Please send in to your child's teacher, a \$3.00 donation per student to help defray the cost. Several of our middle school students will represent Southington Catholic School at the T.V. Mass which will be live streamed at 10:00a.m. on [www.ortv.org](http://www.ortv.org).

**Friday, February 3**

#### **Celebrating Our Nation**

Students in Kindergarten through grade 8 will attend Mass at 12:10p.m. Our PreK students will celebrate "Super Hero Day", as the students will come dressed as their favorite super hero.



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**Please take note of all the events happening throughout the month of January.**

- \* **Jan. 24 Early Dismissal**
- \* **Jan. 29 Open House and Science Fair**
- \* **Jan. 30 Baseball meeting 7:00p.m. Gymnasium**
- \* **Feb. 1 Open House 9:00 for prospective parents**
- \* **Feb. 3 Mass—all grades**
- \* **Feb 17 Early Dismissal**
- \* **Feb 20 & 21 No School**
- \* **Feb 24 Gala 6:30p.m. at the Aqua Turf**

Storm closings/delayed openings/early dismissals

For school closures, delayed openings, or early closings, Southington Catholic School follows the same plan as the Southington public schools. We received the following information from the superintendent's office.

A delayed opening for all schools will be two (2) hours in the vast majority of instances. If a decision to delay school occurs, please assume that it will be a two (2)hour delay unless otherwise noted. This year, we will again use an alternative three (3) hour delay schedule in all schools for the rare instances when it is known that just a bit more time in the morning will allow school to convene. A decision to close or delay the opening of school is usually made by 5:00a.m. based upon what is expected to happen in the next two to twelve hours. Please stay tuned when a delay has been announced since it might turn into a cancellation if weather conditions do not improve. Southington Catholic School parents should listen to one of the three local television stations. They are WNBC, WFSB, and Fox 61.

Although early dismissals are avoided whenever possible, it may be necessary to dismiss school early due to the severe and unexpected deterioration of weather conditions. In these rare situations, an announcement will be issued by 10:30 a.m. For an early dismissal due to inclement weather, Southington Catholic School will close at 12:05p.m. No lunch will be served.

Please have an emergency back-up plan in the event of an Emergency Early Dismissal. Please make sure that the children understand where they should go in the event of an Emergency Early Dismissal from school. Child care arrangements at home or on the same bus route should be made in anticipation of an Emergency Early Dismissal since it will be impossible for the school staff to personally contact each parent. On days when the weather is problematic, please stay tuned to the local media outlets to be aware of an early dismissal and check your email. When school is cancelled, unless otherwise indicated, all scheduled activities and meetings will be cancelled.

We would like to offer a Spring Introduction to Computer Programming 5-week course, beginning on 3/4/2017 at 10-11:30a. The class will be limited to 12 participants and preference will be given to those who previously attended the fall 2016 session, as we will be build on the previous semesters work. Students will gain knowledge of the Java computer programming language, which is the most widely used web development language. The weekly class will be a combination of lecture and hands-on coding assignments, lead by an instructor and teaching assistant. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Gallagher – [tadgallagher@gmail.com](mailto:tadgallagher@gmail.com). Course cost will be \$25 per student and include any materials.



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## NEWS FROM THE H.S.A.

- The next HSA meeting will be Monday January 23rd in the cafeteria at 6:30 pm
- Gala Tickets will be on sale beginning Monday January 23rd in the school lobby. A committee member will be available for you to purchase tickets next week between 7:15 am and 8:15 am Monday through Friday as well as from 2 pm to 2:45 pm on Thursday afternoon. Tickets are \$75 per person when purchased in advance and will be \$85 per person the night of the Gala. We will be accepting credit cards (Mastercard, VISA, Discover and American Express), cash or check for ticket sales.
- If anyone has any baskets they no longer need and would like to donate them for the Gala we would greatly appreciate them.
- Keep Scrip Cards in mind for birthdays, anniversaries, your weekly trip to the grocery store or your daily coffee fix! Be on the lookout for an easier way to pay for your Scrip Cards!
- Save the date - Friday May 19th is the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

**SCRIP PROGRAM:** Southington Catholic School's scrip program is under way. This can be a great and easy fundraiser for our school by simply purchasing gift cards for regular shopping and gift giving. For every gift card purchased we will receive a certain percentage depending on the amount the retailer offers.

There are different ways to place your orders:

1. Complete a "Scrip Order Form "and send it into school with a check, cash or money order by Monday. If there is no school on Monday, orders will be placed on Tuesday. The order form can be downloaded from both of our school's sites; EduConnect under "Forms and Documents" and southingtoncatholicschool.org under H.S.A.

2. You can place your own order on line by:

Go to [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)

Click on "Shop with Scrip Fundraising ..."

Click on "Register"

Click on "Join a Scrip Program"

Enter our enrollment code: 151CF2EL11729 Then

click on "Register"

Complete your personal information in the next 5 steps Click

"Register" and you now

can order on line at any time.

You still need to send in your payment by Monday in order for your order to be released if you are ordering e-now cards or if your ordering standard gift cards.

The orders will be placed by the SCRIP Coordinator. In most cases, if your order is received by Monday, your gift cards will be sent home to you or can be picked up that following Friday.

Feel free to contact me, Barbara Doherty, with any questions at:

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Thank you, Barbara Doherty Scrip Coordinator



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