

A message from Mrs. Sampiere

October 13, 2017

- **Oct 16 Class photo uniforms required**
- **Oct. 17 Half Day Parent/ teacher afternoon**
- **Oct. 19 Field trip for grades 1,2 & 3**
- **Oct. 27 HSA Halloween Party (evening)**

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Oct. 17 and 18 for Kindergarten through grade 8. If you do not have an appointment for one of these days, or for another mutually agreed upon time, please contact your child's teacher.

BOOK FAIR

"Thank you" to all the volunteers that will help out at the Book Fair this week. We invite you to shop before school between 7:30 to 9:00 daily or stop by during lunch 11:00 to 1:00 .If it is more convenient, you are invited to shop after school as well until 3:00. Volunteers are needed to help pack up the book fair on Friday afternoon, Oct.20, 2017.

ANNUAL FUND

Volunteers are needed during the day the last week in October to assist the advancement office with the annual fund.

We're using SignUp.com for Annual Fund(the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/xnwphKo>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

UNIFORMS

Your child's name should be on all articles of clothing. Two sweatshirts were found in the gym following gym class last week.

Students should be wearing the winter uniform starting after Columbus Day. This information is on page 41 in the Student/Parent handbook which is on our website.

From the Nurse's Desk

What is Fifth Disease?

Fifth Disease is usually a mild illness that is spread by respiratory secretions. It is a viral illness caused by parvovirus (B-19) that mostly occurs in children and is known for a typical rash that resembles "slapped-cheeks." The rash may spread to other parts of the body as well. Other cold-like symptoms may be observed

before the rash breakout including low-grade fever, mild headache, joint pain, or fatigue. Once the rash appears, the child is most likely no longer contagious.

Fact sheets from the State of Connecticut DPH and the CDC can be found in the links below which include information about cause, transmission, and course of the illness as well as adult exposure during pregnancy. Anyone who may be pregnant, immunocompromised or has a blood disorder should contact his or her physician for medical advice.

If you have any concerns about the exposure or health risk to you or your child, please contact your physician for advice.

CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/parvovirusb19/fifth-disease.html>

CT DPH - <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3136&q=388310>

H.S.A. Newsletter

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to everyone who volunteered at the Apple Harvest Festival. Your time and efforts were very much appreciated. The parking lot made \$4,433.00. Figures for the booth are being finalized as expenditures are processed. More information on this will follow. The event Chairs are in the process of verifying the time volunteers worked and ensure Commitment Hours are recorded for the participating families.

Planning for this year's Gala has begun! Still interested in helping us plan for another amazing event? Join us on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30pm and/or Tuesday, November 28th at 6:45pm in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Angioletto and Rachel Buck at scsgalacommittee@gmail.com.

The Lyman Farm Pie and Cookie Dough fundraiser is well under way and will conclude Monday, October 16, 2017. Be sure to get your orders into the office by this date. It's a great way to get a jump on your Holiday desserts.

A Script Order will be placed this month. Be sure to think about your upcoming shopping and gift giving needs. Orders are due in the office by October 23, 2017.

Our first box top collection date this year will be October 23, 2017. We are hoping to obtain as many box tops as possible by this date. Please send any you may have into the office. A letter regarding our new box top program is going out this week. Please email southingtoncatholiclsa@gmail.com if you do not receive the letter and the HSA will forward a copy to you.

The Halloween Party and Dance will be October 27, 2017. Mark your calendars and hold this date for a good time trick-or-treating and dancing the night away. The Committee is finalizing the details for this event. More to come very soon!

HSA Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: October 3, 2017, 6:30 pm

Location: Southington Catholic School Cafeteria

Committee: Christina Anderson, Barb Dougherty, Krista Simone and Karen Blatchley

Attendees: Mrs. Putala, Mrs. Sampiere, Mrs. Lombardi, Barb Dougherty, Marcia Olinda-DaCosta, Christina Anderson, Krista Simone, Stephanie Benoit, Rachel Buck, Nicole and Brian Tornberg, Emily Haggerty, Monika Cain, B. Murzynski, Amy Lane, Kristina Zipadelli, Amy Cooper, Kate Verderame, Deanna Salzillo, William Gradzewicz, Stephen Proffitt, Michelle Angioletto, Erika Pazos, Rebecca Downie, Sarah DeMerchant, Kyla Quinn, Jill Petruzzi, Aimee Cunningham, Antoinette Oaks

Commitment:

- 38 Families still to clarify their Commitment intentions – Mrs. Sampiere and Christina to follow up with them.
- Christina will work on a clarification letter regarding Commitment Hours to be sent out hours earned for various activities and events
- Sign In sheets will be used at events to verify the people that signed up on Sign-up Genius are there to serve their hours
- Chairs of Events will confirm and communicate hours for Commitment time served to Marcia

Staff Involvement:

- Mrs. Lombardi will serve as the staff liaison to the HSA this year
- Eight Grade is still in need of a Room Parent

Boxtops:

- Stephanie Benoit will be the Box Top Organizer this year
- Class Incentives such as earned dress down days/pizza/ice cream are being brainstormed
- Within the next Month a letter for families as to how to collect the tops (forms or bagged by 50) and where boxtop drop boxes will be located will go out
- Room Parents will put boxtop drop boxes in their respective classes
- Third Week of October will be an immediate collection and then future collection dates will be solidified for later
- On-line for Boxtops has several contests where you can register your email and try to win for your school/Shop Rite has the A+ Program

Staff Gift Program:

- Kristina Zipadelli and Amy Lane to Chair
- Optional letter for families who want to participate in group teacher/staff gifts
- Gift Cards to be ordered through Script and based on teacher/staff interest

Halloween Party:

- Committee includes: Rebecca Downie, Kate Verderame, Monika Cain, Maggie Scampolino, Erika Pazos (Chair), Deanna Salzillo (Middle School Coordinator), Chad Condon (DJ)
- Committee is working on firming up the details and coming back to the group with further decisions – initial thoughts include 5:30-7:30 for the younger ones and 7:30-9:30 for the Dance and older children although people can stay the entire time if they choose
- The Committee will present a plan for “Guests/Non-SCS students” to Mrs. Sampiere for consideration
- Pre-K – Grade 5 Room Parents will do Classroom Door Decorating and Grades 6-8 will donate candy and students time to hand candy out at the Doors

Christmas Party:

- Aimee Cunningham volunteered to Chair the event to be held 12/10/17
- Photographer is available for Santa Pictures (Kim Kelly)
- Kids Store will also be open for shopping

Gala:

- Co-Chairs are Michelle Angiolette and Rachel Buck
- The Gala date is set for 2/9/18 from 6:30 pm to midnight at the Aqua Turf
- Meeting was held 10/10/17 at 6:30 pm in the SCS Cafeteria, next meeting to be announced

Fundraising Updates:

- The Apple Harvest figures are being finalized as expenses are handled.
- The Lyman Pie fundraiser is currently on going and once closed, delivery is scheduled for 11/17/17 at 11 am
- Yankee Candle will make us about \$2,200.00
- KIDSTUFF Coupon Books looks to be going to make SCS about \$1,200.00