

## Newsletter

December 1, 2017

- Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 4 End of Marking Period
  
- 4 & 5 Students in grades 3 through 8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Dec. 5 Half day of school
- Dec. 8 Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 12:10
- Dec. 10 Santa Breakfast and Christmas Shop
- Dec. 11 Report Cards sent Home
- Dec. 14 Christmas Concert for grades K through 8 7:00 pm
- Dec. 15 Christmas Concert for Prek 8:30 am

### Christmas Concerts

**Dec. 14 Christmas Concert for Kindergarten – Grade 8 in the gym at 7:00p.m. Students in grades Kindergarten through grade 8 should wear white shirts, blouses or sweaters with black pants or skirts. Band students should follow the directions of Mr. Lavallee.**

**Dec. 15 Christmas Concert for all PreK students in the gym at 8:30a.m. Students in PreK should wear Christmas dress-up clothes.**

### New Faculty

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Litke to the faculty who will replace Mrs. Whittle as the grade 3 teacher. Mrs. Litke has her B.S. in Early Childhood Education and is very excited about accepting this new position. Mrs. Whittle has accepted a position in a public school.

We also welcome Mr. Nick Charnysh as the new Physical Education teacher. The P.E. teachers at Southington Catholic School are provided by the YMCA. Mr. Tom Sangeloty has a new position at the YMCA.

### Early Morning Care

This year we have offered and staffed a program to supervise students arriving as early as 6:45 am. Rarely has anyone needed to use this service. Therefore, we are suspending the program and no longer hiring staff to cover that early time. If a need arises for your family, please notify the office, and we will work with you to accommodate your needs.

### Southington Catholic School Ski Club Program - Grade 3-8

It's that time of year again!! Our ski club program begins on Friday evening, 1/12/18. The program will run for six (6) weeks from 3:00-8:00pm, with the exception of Friday 2/9/2018. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to/from Mt. Southington. Ski lessons begin at 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30pm if your child should require lessons. Forms should be returned back to the school office, along with a check made payable to Mt. Southington, by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, contact Georgiann Gallagher, Group Coordinator, [georgiann.gallagher@hotmail.com](mailto:georgiann.gallagher@hotmail.com) or [860-302-9966](tel:860-302-9966).

### Christmas Tree Raffle

Each classroom is decorating a 4ft. themed lighted tree which will be on display next week. Tickets will be sold between December 12 – 14. Parents and family friends may take chances on the trees which will be raffled off after our Christmas show. Tickets are one ticket for \$1.00; Seven tickets for \$5.00; Fifteen tickets for \$10.00.

### **H.S.A. Newsletter**

The Santa Breakfast and Christmas Shop Committee is working diligently on this fast approaching event. This family event will be on 12/10/17 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the school cafeteria. Come and share your Christmas spirit. There will be a Christmas Store, music, activities, snacks and of course our special guest, Santa himself! If you are interested in joining the Committee or assisting with decorating the day before, please contact Aimee Cunningham, the event Chair at [aimeemaria1@gmail.com](mailto:aimeemaria1@gmail.com) or [860-558-1164](tel:860-558-1164) talk/text.

Staying with the Christmas Store which will be a part of our Santa Breakfast event, the Store is in need of volunteers to assist with store set up, breakdown and operation. During store hours there is a need for volunteers to assist the shoppers, wrappers and crowd control/tidying up. The Christmas Store will be open during the Santa Breakfast on 12/10/17 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. It will also be open 12/11/17 and 12/12/17 from 9:00am to 1:00pm on both days. If you are able to volunteer to assist in the store operations during any of its open sessions, please contact Antoinette Oaks at [antoakes@att.net](mailto:antoakes@att.net). For non Virtus Trained volunteer and commitment hour opportunities related to the Store, please see the Virtus Section below.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Gala Meeting this past Tuesday. The Gala Committee continues to be hard at work on this upcoming and exciting event. If you have been unable to join us but would like to participate, please consider attending our next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the school library. Gala Table sign ups have been sent home via backpack. If you did not receive one or have any questions regarding the Gala, please contact Michelle Angiolette and Rachel Buck at [scsgalacommitee@gmail.com](mailto:scsgalacommitee@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone that participated in last week's Script Order. We will be placing Script Orders each Monday in December so finish off your holiday shopping with a gift card and support SCS at the same time. Save yourself finding a parking place at the mall or time surfing the internet for gifts by simply sending your order and check into the office on Mondays in December and receive your gift cards back that same week on Friday via backpacks! It's that easy. Consider sharing this shopping secret with your family and send their orders in too! A list of participating vendors can be found on our school website under the Parents Tab and then Script Retailers or by clicking <http://southingtoncatholicschool.org/documents/hsa/128-scrip-retailers-1/file>.

KidsStuff coupon books are still available for \$25.00 each. This is another good last minute Christmas gift! Give the book as a gift to someone or purchase a book and use the coupons yourself while shopping. If you would like to purchase a book, please contact Barb Doherty at [bdoherty1@cox.net](mailto:bdoherty1@cox.net) or call/text @ [860-543-0429](tel:860-543-0429).

For anyone interested in attending a Virtus Training Session, you can go onto the Hartford Archdiocese Website and look for upcoming classes at [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0) or by searching "Virtus Training Archdiocese of Hartford" on the internet and find the site that way as well. There is an upcoming class being held in town at Saint Aloysius on 12/14/17 at 6:00pm. You will see the website also lists some other session in towns around our area to be held in March. If you wish to sign up for a Virtus Training Session, you must do so independently and forward a copy of your training certification to the school office upon completion, if you wish to use it in order to participate in events.

The minutes from our most recent school wide HSA Meeting will be distributed next week. Watch for future meeting dates and consider joining us. Families in attendance will receive one Commitment Hour when attending an HSA Meeting. New ideas and sharing information and energy is always welcomed!

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Eileen Sampiere