

## Newsletter

January 12, 2018

- **Jan. 15 No School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- **Jan. 18 Dress Down Day for HSA**
- **Jan. 21 Families invited to the Church of St. Dominic to promote Catholic Schools Week 10:00 Mass**
- **Jan. 28 Families invited to St. Thomas Church 10:00 Mass for Catholic Schools Wee**
  - **Science projects on display following the 10:00 mass in the school cafeteria**
  - **Open House for new families from 11:00 to 2:00**
- **Jan. 31 Open House for new families to drop in for a tour during the day**
  - **Notable author addresses students**

A pair of eye glasses was found in the school before Christmas. They are black and blue and most likely belong to a young child.

If you have not done so already, please return the form informing us of your intent to return next year. For next year, the PreK 4 program will be a five day a week program only with a half or full day option.

### From the Advancement Office...

It is time! Catholic Schools Week is our largest enrollment event for the school year. On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, we will invite prospective new families to visit SCS and experience the special atmosphere where our students thrive. This is the day to show your pride in Southington Catholic School.

....invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker to attend our Open House from 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM

....speak to other parents at karate, dance class, scouts or sports about our school

....volunteer to help with the refreshments and hospitality during Open House

....serve as a "Parent Ambassador" for our guests

There is a role for every family at this special event. Please call the Advancement Office and be part of the "Proud to Be Southington Catholic" team on Sunday, January 28.

### Getting Ready..

SCS families are encouraged to join Mrs. Sampiere on January 21 at Saint Dominic Church for the 10:00 Mass. What a perfect way to promote our greatest assets, our students. Wearing their school uniforms, students will greet parishioners at the door, carry our school banner as they process into Mass with Father May and then distribute information about our Open House during the fellowship reception (homemade donuts) after Mass.

On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the 10:00 Mass at Saint Thomas Church, Mrs. Sampiere will invite ST parishioners to our Open House that will immediately follow Mass. Our students and faculty will have similar opportunities to show their school pride during that Mass. Please make every effort to attend these Masses with your family.

**Annual Fund-** Thank you to all our school families, faculty members and School Board members who have generously contributed to the Annual Fund. Our goal is set at \$20,000.00 for this important budget item. Your generosity has brought us to \$14,000.00 thus far and we are very appreciative. If you **did not** receive an

Annual Fund letter, please call the Advancement Office so that our database can be updated. Do you know of a Catholic school graduate that would consider contributing to support Catholic education as a viable option in Southington? As we strive to balance our operating budget, your donations are imperative. Please continue to pray for the continued growth and success of Southington Catholic School.

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

The Gala is a month away and the committee is working hard to create an amazing night for everyone to enjoy! If you have any photos from this school year you would like to share please send them to the committee to display in a slide show at the gala. Basket making will begin this week so if you have a knack for making baskets please contact the committee about meeting details. If you have extra baskets, tissue paper or shredded filler you are not planning to use please send it in to the school. Art Projects and donations are due by Friday January 19th. Tickets sales will be weekday mornings in the school lobby from 7:15am - 8:15am and then Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:45pm - 2:30pm. If you cannot make it to the school and need to purchase tickets you can send in a check/cash along with your table form in an envelope through your child's school folder. We will assign your ticket(s) and send them back in the student folder. If there are any questions please contact Michelle Angioletto and Rachel Buck at [scsgalacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:scsgalacommittee@gmail.com).

A Parents Night out is being planned for 1/19/18 at Board and Brush and will be \$65.00pp to attend. Sign up at <https://boardandbrush.com/southington/> through their website and enjoy an evening out.

Our next Script order date will be January 22, 2018. A list of participating vendors can be found on our school website under the Parents Tab and then Script Retailers or by <http://southingtoncatholicschool.org/documents/hsa/128-scrip-retailers-1/file>. Please forward your orders to the office by this date.

Thank you to everyone that attended the combined State of the School and H.S.A. Meeting this past week. Our next meeting will be February 6th. Please email us anytime you have questions or would like information on joining in the many events the H.S.A. has been coordinating this year at [southingtoncatholichsa@gmail.com](mailto:southingtoncatholichsa@gmail.com).

### **H.S.A. Meeting Minutes**

#### **January 9, 2018**

#### **SCS Cafe**

Attendees: Emily Haggerty, Nicole and Brian Tornberg, Sara DeMerchant, Karen Blatchley, Tera Esposito, Adriana Cawley, Deanna Salzillo, Georgiann Gallagher, Krista Simmone, Christina Murdzek, Michelle Angioletto, Mia Lombardi, Kate Verderame, Marcia Olinda-Da Costa, Stephanie Benoit, Christine Castonguay, Jennifer Philips, Rachel Buck, Barb Doherty, Jill Petruzzi, Christina Anderson, Gwen Khan, Maureen Lewis, Patrick Hergott, Candy Muro, Patricia Carroll, Loretta Putala, Eileen Sampiere, James Cooper, Steve Proffitt, Rita Gilbert, Mary Alexander, Father Joe

#### **Financial Update**

- Financial Highlights for December that were mentioned included
  - The Auction/Gala has raised \$350.00 to date
  - Script has raised \$640.07 to date
  - The Kids Kastle and the Christmas Party together raised \$252.74
  - Dress Down has raised \$417.00 to date
  - Total Parent/Student HSA Fundraising to date is at \$17,739.63

#### **BoxTops**

- The last collection was mailed out in October. Box Tops notified SCS that a check was mailed out 12/25/17 so we are awaiting its arrival
- Winners of the last round were the 6th Grade who will receive an ice cream treat on Thursday
- The current collection is being totalled and a reward for the winning class considered based on teacher preference and grade appropriate - some ideas mentioned include a PJ and Hot Cocoa Day, Board Games, etc.

## **Gala**

- The Committee is in need of wine donations for the Wine Garden
- Donations continue to be accepted
- Baskets, tissue paper and cellophane are needed
- Tickets are on sale before school 7:15-8:15 each morning and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:45 - 2:45 or through students bringing envelopes in via backpack
- A Schoolwide photo is scheduled to be taken in the church on Friday for the live auction
- Selling tickets at the Churches after mass is being coordinated

## **Commitment Hours**

- Letters are scheduled to go out to school families to provide an update on Commitment Hours and will detail the hours completed so families know their balance and can participate in future sign ups to meet their commitment

## **Christmas Breakfast Debrief**

- The Santa Breakfast and Kids Kastle was well attended
- Planning will begin earlier for next year now that a footprint has been created
- A playbook for the future is being created
- Earlier planning will allow for reaching out to the other parishes and encouraging their children to join us

## **Gift Program Update**

- Co-Chairs Amy Lane and Kristina Z ran a very successful event which offered a nice way to thank staff members at Christmas
- Script was used to order the gift cards
- Plans include repeating this event next year and starting it earlier for more notice to families

## **Parents Night Out**

- This event is scheduled for 1/19/18 and will be \$65.00pp and a nice way for parents to socialize and build community
- Sign ups can be done through the Board and Brush Website <https://boardandbrush.com/southington/>

## **H.S.A. Guest Speaker**

- Tish Rabe, the author of the Dr. Seuss books is scheduled to come to school 1/31/18
- Books will be available ahead of the event for \$10 and will be autographed at the event
- Additional ideas for enrichment events are being brainstormed

## **Pasta Fagioli**

- Pasta Fagioli is scheduled to begin 2/16/18
- Baked items will be sought for the event as well as set up and clean up assistance
- The event is a Commitment Hour opportunity for families

#### **Other**

- Jill Petruzzi reached out to WTNH, FOX, WFSB and filled out an application for the Weather Lab to come to school -we will see if we are lucky enough to be chosen for a visit
- The State of the School Address followed this meeting