

Newsletter

January 26, 2018

- Jan. 26 Progress Report are sent home
- Jan. 28 Families invited to St. Thomas Church 10:00 Mass for Catholic Schools Week
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
- Feb. 2 Half day of school. Teachers have a Faith Formation afternoon.

Catholic Schools Week

***Jan. 31 Students bring in specific items for Blessing Bags**

Feb. 1 Students organize Blessing Bags for Bread for Life

***On Friday, Jan. 26, students are bringing home information regarding the school project to fill Blessing Bags for Bread for Life.**

- Pre-K3: 1 box of individual bags of gold fish snacks
- Pr e-K 4 Mrs. Masse's class: 1 box of individual bags of chips
- Pr e-K 4 Mrs Skoglund's class: 1 box of individual bags of popcorn
- Kindergarten: 1 box of individually wrapped granola bars
- First grade: 1 box of wrapped crackers and peanut butter
- Second grade : 1 box of individual packets of hot chocolate
- Third grade: 1 box of individual instant coffee packets
- Fourth grade: 1 box of individually wrapped cookies
- Fifth grade: 1 box of individual packets of instant soup
- Sixth grade: 1 box of individual packets of instant oatmeal
- Seventh grade: 1 box of wrapped crackers and cheese
- Eighth grade: 1 box of individually wrapped cookies

Families are invited to view the students' science projects on Sunday, Jan. 28, following the 10:00 mass at St Thomas Church.

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 Nurse's Office

CDC: Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are flu antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent flu.

1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. CDC 2016

For more information, please go to www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm

Grocery Cards

Cold, winter days mean recess in the gymnasium for many of our classes. Students are getting daily use of the jump ropes, hula hoops and play balls acquired through our grocery rewards programs. As of February, BIG Y has joined the list of major grocery stores participating in school rewards programs. Please designate Southington Catholic School as the recipient of all the points earned with your weekly shopping trips to Stop and Shop, Shop Rite or BIG Y. Spread the word to family and friends. This is an easy way to earn equipment and supplies for our school.

H.S.A. Newsletter

Two weeks from today we will be kicking off the 3rd Annual Gala. We are looking forward to a great night with everyone. To showcase our year so far we are having a photo montage that will be playing throughout the night. If you have any photos from this school year you would like to share please send them to the committee. If you still need commitment hours we have spots available to help with ticket sales. You can go to <http://signup.com/login/entry/1076995233151584072> to sign up! 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. Checkout our website with a few of the items available in our silent auction - <https://scsgalacommittee.wixsite.com/2018> If there are any questions please contact Michelle Angiolette and Rachel Buck at scsgalacommittee@gmail.com.

Letters went out updating families on their Commitment Hour status at this point in the year. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the HSA at southingtoncatholichsa@gmail.com and we will ensure one is sent to you.

There will be an H.S.A Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30pm. Those interested in joining us will receive Commitment Hours for your participation.

Pasta Fagioli will begin Friday, February 16, 2018. Stop by to relax and enjoy a delicious, warm bowl of Pasta Fagioli to support the event or volunteer to work in the kitchen. Keep watch in future Newsletters for the sign up information. This is another great way to get those Commitment Hours done and have fun spending time with your SCS Family. Pasta Fagioli will run in the cafeteria Fridays nights during Lent.

Our next Script order date will be February 26, 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.