



# Southington Catholic School

A Message From Mrs. Sampiere

January 13, 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.**

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

- \* Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Day—No School
- \* Jan. 18 Class Photos
- \* 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

**Looking ahead....We are busy planning our two Open House events for Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 5. This is the perfect opportunity for our parents and families to be ambassadors to the community in recruiting new students for next year. Please let us know if you are able to refer a prospective student/family to join our community. Referrals will be sent a postcard to personally invite them.**

**Your student has brought home a form to reserve your spot for next year. Completing and returning this form helps us plan for class size and budget projections. Please return this form at your earliest convenience. We are looking forward to welcoming siblings of our current students for next year. If you are planning on enrolling another family member, please indicate that information on your form. Please note: our popular pre-k class (age 4) is filling quickly. Avoid the waiting list; send in your form TODAY.**

**On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting our current families to view our students' science projects in our cafeteria. After participating in the Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:00AM at Saint Dominic Church or Saint Thomas Church, please stop by our cafeteria to view the outstanding effort of our science classes.**

**At noon on January 29 prospective new families will be joining us for school tours and refreshments. Please let us know if we can count on you to welcome these new friends and share your stories of pride in Southington Catholic School. New families will have a second opportunity to see classes in progress on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 9:00a.m.**

**Many thanks to the generous families who have contributed to our Annual Fund Drive. As we get closer to our goal of \$30,000, we send our prayers of gratitude for your generosity. Every dollar raised directly benefits your student and our school. God Bless!**

**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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### 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.



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## NEWS FROM THE H.S.A.

- The next HSA meeting will be Monday January 23rd in the cafeteria at 6:30pm
- Keep Scrip Cards in mind for birthdays, anniversaries, your weekly trip to the grocery store or your daily coffee fix!
- Save the date - Friday February 24th is the 2nd Annual Gala
- Save the date - Friday May 19th is the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament
- We are looking for a co-chair for the annual Raffle that is coming up. If you are interested please contact Beata Raymond at 860-922-0681

**SCRIP PROGRAM:** The holiday season is just around the corner and 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:

[bdoherty1@cox.net](mailto:bdoherty1@cox.net) (860) 621- 2832 (H) (860) 543- 0429 (C) Call or text

Thank you, Barbara Doherty Scrip Coordinator



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