

Newsletter

Sept. 14, 2018

Dates to remember

Sept. 18 Early Dismissal- After care available/ Professional Learning Community for faculty

Sept. 28 Student Council elections

Sept. 28 Apple Harvest Festival begins

Thank you to everyone who attended the HSA/Back To School Night on Thursday.

Please volunteer to help with the Apple Harvest Festival and with the creation of the float. See the sign up below.

Please consider helping with the book fair which will take place the week of October.14.

Father Joe will be presiding at the TV Mass on Friday morning, Sept. 21 at 10:00 at the Office of Radio and Television for the Archdiocese located in Waterbury. If you would like to attend with your child for students in grades 6, 7 or 8, please send us an email. Students would need their parent to provide transportation. Parents who will provide transportation need to pick up their student and leave school by 9:00. Thank you.

From the Nurse's Desk.....

Influenza Vaccine Reminder

A reminder that preschool students up to the age of 59 months are required to receive the influenza vaccine between August 1 - December 31.

Influenza: 1 dose administered each year between August 1 - December 31. Two (2) doses separated by at least 28 days are required for those children receiving flu vaccine for the first time. State of CT, DPH 2013

State regulation requires preschool students up to age 59 months to be vaccinated against the flu by January 1. Parents are asked to provide written documentation of their child's flu immunization to the school nurse by December 22, 2018 in order to return to school on January 2, 2019. If your child will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018 the flu vaccine is not mandated, but is recommended.

If you have any questions regarding this vaccine or any exemptions, please contact the school nurse.

Vision Screening

In October, The Southington Lions Club will conduct the vision screenings at our school for students in grades K, 1, 3, 4, and 5. Members of the Southington Lions Club have been trained in the use of the PediaVision Spot Vision Screener and will perform these vision screenings.

The screening is done by a photographic process from a distance of three feet. No physical contact is made with the child and no eye drops are administered. The individual screening takes just a few seconds.

The vision screening tool is capable of screening for Astigmatism, Myopia, Hyperopia, Anisometropia, Strabismus, Amblyopia and Anisocoria. The equipment provides a print-out of the results for each individual which will be given to the parent.

It is important to understand that this is only a screening and does not constitute an examination or diagnosis of vision problems. If a potential problem is detected the child will be referred to a pediatric eye professional for a full exam.

This service is offered free of charge by the Southington Lions Club under the Lions Eye Health program administered by the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. If you do not want this screening done for your child please send a written note to the School Nurse by the end of the first week in October.

Astigmatism - inability of the cornea to properly focus an image onto the retina resulting in a blurred image

Myopia - nearsightedness

Hyperopia - farsightedness

Anisometropia - each eye has a different refractive power, so there is unequal focus between the two eyes

Strabismus - misalignment of the eyes

Amblyopia - decreased vision in one or both eyes

Anisocoria - pupils that are different sizes at the same time

H.S.A. News...

Apple harvest is approaching quickly and we are in need of family volunteers to help make it as successful as the past years. Any hours you volunteers for will count towards your families required 15 hour commitment for the school year.

We're using SignUp.com (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for Apple Harvest 2018!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com:

<http://signup.com/login/entry/1070103165161920122>

2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

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.