

Newsletter

Sept. 21, 2018

Dates to remember

Sept. 25 HOPES banquet

Sept. 28 Student Council elections

Sept. 28 Apple Harvest Festival begins

Sept. 30 Apple Harvest Parade

Madison Tornberg, an eighth grade student, will represent Southington Catholic School as an outstanding student at the Columbus Day Breakfast on Oct. 5, 2018 at the Omni Hotel in New Haven. Congratulations Madison!

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

H.S.A. News...

Apple Harvest

It's almost here!! The Apple Harvest begins 9/28/18 and the theme is "Golden & Delicious". This is a major, major fundraiser for our school. We ask that every family try and participate in some respect with our Booth and Float.

If you have a special skill that you can share to help build the float or just want to join in and have some fun spending time with other SCS families building the float or as we march in the parade, please consider assisting with this task. No experience is required.

The float committee is looking for the following items to contribute to the float for the Apple Harvest Parade? This is what they need: Bales of hay (10) , Mums, Pumpkins, 3-4 bags of red balloons. Please contact Sarah DeMerchant if you can help or if you would like to donate any of the items. She can be reached at sarah.demERCHANT@yahoo.com.

The sign up instructions for working the Booth are below. Come and serve Frito Pies with us. We work hard but have a great time together doing it. Fingers crossed for good weather! The event chair for the booth is Jill Petruzzi and she can be reached at jramsay@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Yankee Candle

Our Yankee Candle fundraiser is under way. Orders are due into the office by Thursday, September 27, 2018. Please note, there was a typographical error on the Yankee Candle Form – checks should be made payable to Southington Catholic School not Southington Catholic HSA. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact the event chair, Antoinette Oakes at antoakes@att.net.

Dress Down

The HSA will be sponsoring nine dress down days this year. All dates are on the HSA Calendar. Each dress down is \$2.00. If you wish to participate in the dress down days, you may send your \$2.00 into the office with your child on the particular date(s) or pay for all dates at once in advance. Please label your envelope "HSA Dress Down Days" when you send it in. Participation in dress down is completely optional. If you do not wish to participate in the dress down days, the normal school uniform should be worn to school on these dates.

Script

We will again offer the Script Gift Card program this year. This is a great option for some of your gift giving or personal shopping needs. Purchase gift cards as gifts or to use on your own while you shop. It's a win-win for you and the school. A list of participating retailers is on our school educonnect website under Forms and Documents. To participate in script, you may send your order with a check made out to Southington Catholic School to the office in an envelope marked "Script Order". Script Order dates are listed on the HSA Calendar. Our first order date will be September 24, 2018.

HSA Contact Information

There is always a lot going on at the beginning of the year. Especially with the focus needed for the Apple Harvest to continue to be a huge success for our school. If you have any questions about any of the events going on or would like copies of any HSA documents, please do not hesitate to contact the HSA at southingtoncatholichsa@gmail.com. If you would like to talk with a member of the HSA in person, Barb Doherty is willing to connect with you as she is often at drop offs. You can reach Barb at bdoherty1@cox.net. Thank you for your partnership. We look forward to another great year together continuing to build friendships and make our school family a huge success.

SCS First Dance & Cheer Team

Open to girls & boys in grades 2-8 interesting in participating in the SCS Dance & Cheer Team!! Practice will be one day per week for approximately one hour at our school. Start date & time TBD. No previous dance experience required. The children will be able to showcase their abilities at our home basketball games this year and at the talent show at the end of the year. If your child is interested and/or you have any questions, please email Georgiann Gallagher at Georgiann.Gallagher@hotmail.com. Please include your child's name, grade and parent contact information.

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