

Newsletter

November 15, 2018

Dates to remember

Nov. 20 Photo retake day.

Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Prayer Service 1:00 in the gym Parents invited

Nov. 21, 22, 23 Thanksgiving holidays

Nov. 29 Picture of entire student body in St. Thomas Church at 9:00

You are invited to attend the Southington Catholic School prayer service for Thanksgiving which will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 1:00 in the gym. Please send in a can of food by Nov. 19 for the service. The food will be donated to the Lakota/Sioux Indian Reservation. A flyer with specific food item per grade was sent home on paper.

THINK SAFETY! Keeping our students safe on school property is vital. When entering school in the morning AND at dismissal, all students and families are to use the crosswalk leading to the front door.

BUS LANE- Only buses are allowed to travel in the lane immediately in front of the school. Passing a stopped school bus can result in a very stiff fine, per Connecticut state law. Please share this notice with extended family members that may help with transporting you student.

Turkey Bingo has been cancelled due to a low number of responses. Thank you to those who did respond.

From the Nurse's Desk.....

When Your Child Is Ill

The school nurse will ask parents/legal guardians to pick up a student who becomes ill during school hours or who has an illness or injury that, in the professional judgment of the school nurse, needs to be observed at home or assessed by a medical doctor.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Elevated temperature of 100 degrees F. and above
- Seizure, head injury, severe headache, blurred vision or dizziness
- Severe asthmatic episode or respiratory difficulty
- Chest pain or pressure
- Generalized allergic reaction
- Weeping or unusual rash
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Communicable illness
- Injury requiring sutures
- Fracture
- Soft tissue injury
- Dental injury

9-1-1 will be called in an emergency for immediate transportation to the hospital.

Staying Home From School

To safeguard the health of all students, we ask parents/legal guardians to monitor their children for possible communicable diseases.

Students should stay home from school if they:

- **Have an elevated temperature of 100 degrees F. and above**
- **Have an undiagnosed rash**
- **Have recurrent vomiting in the past 24 hours**
- **Have more than one episode of diarrhea**
- **Have large amounts of yellow/green mucus discharge from nose**
- **Have a severe sore throat (possible strep throat)**
- **Have conjunctivitis (pink eye) with discharge**
- **Have an active infestation of head lice (until treated)**
- **Have a communicable illness**

Students should remain home:

- **For at least 24 hours after an elevated temperature returns to normal without anti-inflammatory medication**
- **For at least 24 hours after their first dose of antibiotic medication**
- **For severe earache, with or without fever**
- **For at least 24 hours after recurrent vomiting/diarrhea has ended**
- **Until treatment for conjunctivitis is initiated**
- **Until they are adequately treated for head lice, scabies, or other infestation or communicable disease, and assessed by the school nurse**

- **Until chickenpox/shingles vesicles or any rash with drainage has dried and completely scabbed over**

2019 Ski Club Program - Grade 3-8

When: Friday nights, 1/11/19 and runs for six (6) weeks through 2/15/19

Time: 3:00-8:00 pm

Where: Mt. Southington

Lessons: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30pm, if needed

Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to/from Mt. Southington. Registration forms were sent home. All paperwork should be returned to the school office, along with a check made payable to Mt. Southington, by December 7th. Any questions or additional information, contact Georgiann Gallagher, Group Coordinator, georgiann.gallagher@hotmail.com or 860-302-9966.

Gala save the date

Save the Date and join us on Friday February 22, 2019 from 6:30pm until Midnight at the Aqua Turf for Southington Catholic's 4th Annual Gala and Benefit Auction. Our Winter Wonderland theme is bound to warm your hearts and hands as we celebrate our school and children while enjoying some great food, auction items, games and dancing. This year we have some game changers and fun items to get everyone involved. Tickets

will be available in late January so start planning your tables of 10. Tickets are \$75 each, \$700 per table or \$85 at the door. Please see invite attached.

We are looking for individuals to get involved and help us make this the best Gala we've had! Who and what you know can put this event and our auction baskets over the top! Business owners and patrons alike are willing to help us achieve our goals and we need your help to do it! Please let us know if you have a connection with a hotel chain or restaurant group or an automotive facility.

Have a few hours during the day and need commitment hours? Willing to make phone calls and submit requests online? Please let us know – we can use your assistance!

If you have any ideas that you'd like to share with us to incorporate into our event, please let us know at scsgalacommitee@gmail.com

Thank you

Michelle Angioletto & Rachel Buck

HELP WANTED! Annual Raffle Chairperson

Our Annual Raffle is one of our major fundraisers each year. We are in need of a new Chairperson this year. Guidance from our past Chair is available as you take on this role. The Raffle Winners are scheduled to be pulled April 5, 2018 but there is much work to be done before to acquire permits to run the raffle and work with ticket tracking and selling. Interested individuals would receive their full commitment hours for all their time spent coordinating and running the raffle. Potential candidates should be willing to work closely with the school office and be available to spend time in the building during the planning and running of the event. Please contact the H.S.A. at southingtoncatholichsa@gmail.com if you are able to fulfill this role.

Scrip

Our next order will be placed on November 26, 2017, the first Monday after Thanksgiving break. In December, orders will be placed every Monday. Start or finish off your holiday shopping with a gift card and support SCS at the same time. Save yourself finding a parking place at the mall or time surfing the internet for gifts by simply sending your order and check into the office. We will do the work for you! Consider sharing this shopping secret with your family and send their orders in too! Feel free to contact Barb Doherty with any questions on Scrip at bdoherty1@cox.net.

Gala

Please join Michelle Angioletto and Rachel Buck in planning this year's gala. Bring your ideas and suggestions on how to make this year's gala the best one yet! Feel free to contact our co-chairs at scsgalacommitee@gmail.com. You will receive commitment hours for attending meetings as well as donations made for the auction baskets (more detailed information will be provided in the coming weeks). Upcoming meetings are scheduled for the dates and times below.

Wednesday, November 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the School Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 5th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the School Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the School Cafeteria

Box Tops

We are off to a great start this school year. Our next collection date is November 30th. Please keep sending your Box Tops in so we can continue to build on our earnings!

Upcoming December Events

Our next H.S.A. Meeting will be December 6th at 6:30pm in the school cafe.

Save the date for a Christmas Shop n' Drop on December 14th. Bring your little ones to school for supervised activities, refreshments, and fun while you go out and shop. More information to come on this new and exciting event!

HSA Contact Information

southingtoncatholichsa@gmail.com - to reach us via email

Barb Doherty at bdoherty1@cox.net - to arrange in person contact at pick up/drop off

H.S.A. Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018

6:30 pm

SCS Cafe

Attendees:

Barbara Doherty, Michelle Angioletto, Monika Cain, Christina Murdzek, Loretta Putala, Eileen Sampiere, Herb Khan, Emily Haggerty, Karen Blatchley, Mary Ann Mccool, Nicole Tornberg, Stephanie Benoit, Mia Lombardi, Rachel Buck, Barbara Murzynski, Kinga Fernandes, Kyla Quinn, Christina Anderson

Financial Update

Dress down has raised \$500 to date

Script has raised \$610

Lyman Pies raised \$2000

Halloween Party Debrief

Trick or treat out the door was smooth for children in elementary grades to know it was time for the middle schoolers. Plan for additional activities for the younger kids next year, games for the older kids went well. The kids had a great time, thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

Upcoming Events

Lyman Pie pickup on Wednesday Nov. 14

Turkey Bingo - Friday Nov. 16th

"Winter Wonderland"

Gala Feb. 22nd, lots of planning still to be done, next meeting Nov 28th at 6:30

Christmas Party - Dec 14th, chaired by Aimee Cunningham

Planning for teacher gifts for ancillary staff and teacher appreciation - flyer to come out after Thanksgiving.

Dress Down Handout

Handout with all dress down days

Commitment Hours hand out created to give clarity on how commitment hours can be earned with events coming up

All events need help, contact chairs/co-chairs for information

Ideas for Guest Speakers

Internet safety speaker

Ricky Griffen from Leadership martial arts

FriedaB- author <https://friedab.com/>

Ways to get our name out

Discussion surrounded ideas for marketing the school and getting our name out

Daffodil festival - food tent, business tent, face painting

Instagram page, Facebook page

Zumba nights - possibly monthly with a different charity for each event

Something different that could appeal to those who don't enjoy Zumba, basketball, activity stations

Magnets are ordered and should be in for purchasing soon

Teachers vs. Students volleyball game

Murder mystery dinner