

Newsletter

November 30, 2018

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert for grades kindergarten through grade 8 will take place on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 in the school auditorium. Students should arrive in their classrooms by 6:45pm. Students are asked to wear a white shirt/blouse with dark pants/ skirts. Students in grades 2 and 3 will be part of the Nativity scene and will wear costumes that the school will provide. Following the concert, all students will return to their classrooms. Parents should meet their child in his/her classroom at the end of the concert.

Band students should arrive at 6:15, and go directly to their classrooms to drop off their coats and cases. They should then go directly to the stage with their instruments. Following the band performance, students may go directly to the bleachers to join their classmates.

If the concert on Dec. 13 needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be held on Dec. 20 at 7:00.

The Christmas performance for the Prek students will take place on Friday morning, December 14, at 8:30am in the auditorium. This is a short performance of approximately 30 minutes. Prek students may dress up in their Christmas clothing.

Christmas trees:

As in the past, each classroom will decorate a 4'tree. We will raffle off the trees created by grades Kindergarten through grade 8 at the concert on Dec. 13. The two PreK trees will be raffled off at the Prek concert on Dec. 14. All our students are busy creating unique decorations. Feel free to stop by and see these beautiful creations starting on Dec. 10. Tickets will be sold before the concert and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays leading up to the concert.

Dates to remember

- Dec. 4 Half day of school Professional Development for teachers After care available
- Dec. 6 Report cards sent home
- Dec. 7 Mass at 12:10 for First Friday
- Dec. 13 7:00pm Christmas Concert for Kindergarten through gr. 8
- Dec. 14 8:30 am Prek Christmas performance
- Dec. 20 The Ladies Guild from St.Thomas Parish will provide a Pizza lunch for all students.
- Dec. 21 12:00 dismissal – start of the Christmas vacation NO AFTER CARE

Car Magnets

Spread the word! Have you purchased a Southington Catholic School car magnet? Displaying our school name on your family vehicle is a great way to promote our school throughout the greater community. Car magnets are only \$2.00 each and available in the Advancement Office.

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.

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.

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 southingtoncatholicsa@gmail.com if you are able to fulfill this role.

Scrip

Scrip Orders will be sent home via backpack today. Keep in mind that 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 bdohety1@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 scsgalacommittee@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). Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the School Cafeteria.

H.S.A. Meeting

Our next H.S.A. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Commitment hours are awarded for attending.

Christmas Shop N' Drop

On Friday, December 14th, the H.S.A. will be sponsoring a Christmas Shop N' Drop from 6:00-8:00pm. The cost will be \$5.00 per family and will be paid that evening at the door. Watch for a flyer on the event's activities and RSVP information to be coming home via backpacks soon. If you have any questions on this event or would like to help out, please contact Aimee Cunningham at aimeemaria1@gmail.com.

Kids Castle

We will again be having the Kids Castle this year the week of December 10th as well as during the Christmas Shop N' Drop. We are looking for a Chair for this event as well as volunteers to assist on December 12th, 13th and 14th. Details on store hours and sign ups will be released in next week's H.S.A. Newsletter. If you can Chair, help out or have any questions in the meantime, please email bdoherty1@cox.net. Commitment hours will be earned for both Chairing the event and assisting.

Box Tops

Congratulations to the fifth grade and seventh grade for winning the most recent contest! You will be awarded a dress down day for your efforts. Our next collection date is December 21st. Please keep sending your Box Tops in so we can continue to build on our earnings!

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