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Sacred Heart Academy's Weekly

NEWSLETTER



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Putting Faith in the Future since 1957

Upcoming Events

October 27

Trunk or Treat—after 5:30pm Mass

October 29 & 30

Middle School Basketball Try-Outs

November 1

All Saints Parade—after 8:30am Mass

November 7

Picture Day

November 9

Veterans Celebration

Nov. 11—17

Discover Catholic Schools Week

November 12

11:45am **Dismissal**

Nov. 12 & 13

Parent Teacher Conferences

Dear Parents,

I am so excited about the response to the PTO volunteer requests. The Academy relies on you, the PTO, to support programs and purchase supplies that we would not be able to have otherwise. The most recent purchase made possible by fundraising funds is the interactive projector that will reside in the Kindergarten classroom! Installation will begin on Friday, October 26!

The PTO event, Trunk-or-Treat, will take place on Saturday evening, October 27, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, in the upper parking lot of the church. It will be a super event that will be fun for the whole family. Adults will be at their decorated trunks with candy to hand out to the trick-or-treaters. This event kicks off the celebration of Saints and Souls at Sacred Heart. Check the parish website at www.sacredheartwinchester.org for details.

The Harvest Hoedown planning is in full swing! Committees are working to ensure the best evening event for you! Get your tickets now to enjoy an evening of adult fun, dancing with music provided by the Downtown Garage Band, and auction goodies. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office, email c.ricketts@shasaints.org, or visit Sign-Up Genius. This is a great way to get to know Academy families and form lifelong friendships.

We have an opening on our PTO Leadership team. Please let Chris Ricketts c.ricketts@shasaints.org or 540-662-7177 know if you would like to join the team.

We need someone who likes to organize and network. This year's PTO structure is being piloted to ensure we invite everyone in and allow all parents to serve in any way they can.

Teachers are looking for parent volunteers to assist with students in the classroom to help with reading, math, and writing. If you are available and Virtus compliant, please contact the office and let us know where you would like to help. This is a great way to earn your Saints-in-Service Hours.

Students will attend Mass on Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day, and a Holy Day of Obligation. Students in grades K - 4 will attend dressed as a saint that they researched. All students will participate in a procession over to the school where they will receive a treat from our parish priests. All are invited to attend!

Students will also attend Mass on Friday, November 2, All Souls Day. Again, all are welcome to attend to pray for our poor souls in Purgatory.

Friday, October 26, teachers are participating in a diocesan-wide day of professional development.

Reminders:

- ◆ Thank you for parking in designated parking spaces while picking up your child at the gymnasium vestibule.
- ◆ Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m., Religious Education has use of the school. With courtesy and safety in mind, students and parents are not permitted to enter the school from

the PM Bridges. Students may not re-enter the school building for any reason, including to retrieve forgotten items.

- ◆ Forgotten items that are delivered to the school for students will be available for students to pick up during their lunch time. Instruction will not be interrupted for this reason.
- ◆ Keep a close eye on missing school items, particularly uniforms. Please put your child's name on all items. It is a shame when we cannot identify to whom an expensive uniform item belongs and must donate because it is not claimed.
- ◆ Each week at Friday Mass, a collection is taken up. All the collections go directly to our Charity-of-the-Month. This month is New Eve Maternity Home. This is a good opportunity to introduce your child to the concept of tithing by offering a sacrifice from his/her treasure, even if only a few cents.
- ◆ Parent/Teacher conferences will take place November 12 & 13 **before** the first report cards are sent home. Contact your child's teacher if you would like to hold your conference before the scheduled November date.

May you enjoy a blessed weekend and we'll see you on Saturday evening, October 26, at Trunk-or-Treat!

Ad Jesum per Mariam,

Susan P. Netko

Did you know?

BOX TOPS CONTEST

Please turn in your General Mills Box Tops for Education by Wednesday, October 31. Several grades are vying for the top spot so any number of Box Tops sent in will be appreciated. Just place them in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and grade.

CATHOLIC TUITION RATE REMINDER

Families who are **ACTIVE** registered members of this parish receive a lower tuition rate than those who are inactive or non-parishioners. The church envelope and automatic deduction systems are used to confirm active membership. The contribution records will be checked in November and in March to verify active church membership during the proceeding months (see pg. 37 in the Parent/Student Handbook). Tuition rate may be changed upon examination of the parish's records.

VETERANS CELEBRATION

The Academy cordially invites all veterans at the Academy or in the parish to our Veterans Celebration after the 8:30am Mass on Friday, November 9. Academy students and staff would like to honor all those who served our country with special gifts, entertainment and light refreshments. We would like to ensure that there is plenty of seating available, so we need those that plan to attend to RSVP by Wednesday, November 7. Please call 540-662-7177 to RSVP.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

It's time for Parent Teacher Conferences so please call the Academy office to schedule one. Conferences will be held on Monday, Nov. 12 from 1:00pm until 6:00pm and on Tuesday, November 13 from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

MARK 10:46—52

In this Gospel reading from St. Mark, a blind man named Bartimaeus asked Jesus to cure him of his blindness. Jesus heard his plea and cured him. A miracle? Yes! But, more important than the actual physical healing, was that Jesus gave him the freedom to go his own way. Bartimaeus chose to follow Jesus not because he had been cured but because his faith was not blind. The "eyes" of his faith knew who and what Jesus was—the Son of God. His faith saw that he could call out to God and he trusted that he would be answered. He just needed to answer God's call. All of us are called by God to follow Him. He calls us in a myriad of ways and our eyes of faith need to be clear and perceptive. The choice is ours!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PICTURE DAY VOLUNTEERS— 2 volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 7, to help students get ready for their photos i.e. making sure hair is combed, collars are straight etc. Time commitment is from 9:00am until 1:00pm. If interested, please contact Theresa Guichard in the Academy office at 662-7177.

TRUNK OR TREAT—Saturday, October 27 - many volunteers are needed for this event. It will be set up in the church parking lot behind the Rectory. Help is needed with set up, safety monitors, concessions, collection of fees and ballots. If you would like to earn service hours by helping with this event please go to the Sign Up Genius link found on the Academy website or contact Chris Ricketts at cricketts@sacredheartwinchester.org.

HARVEST HOEDOWN—Saturday, November 10— this is a major event and many volunteers are needed to help it be successful. There is a need for a Decorating Committee to plan and execute the theme decorations, set up, work at the Check-In table, bartenders, work at the Check-Out table and clean up. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the mentioned opportunities, please go the Sign Up Genius link on the Academy website or contact Chris Ricketts at cricketts@sacredheartwinchester.org.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If any volunteer opportunities are of interest to you and will involve being with children, you must be Virtus compliant per the Diocese. To be compliant, you must attend a Virtus seminar and fill out all the required background check paperwork. Once all the paperwork has cleared and attendance to a seminar is confirmed, your volunteer service that includes being with children will be approved.

Middle School Basketball Try-Outs

Try-outs for middle school boys and girls basketball teams will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 29 and 30 in the Krempa Gym from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. All students wishing to try out must have a sports physical on file.



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Moms:

Dr. Brown, Level 1 +2
Avent, Level 1+2+3
Playtex Ventaire, Slow + Medium
Body Wash
Shampoo
Deodorant
Hand Lotion
Adult Cold Medicine (Non-Alcoholic)
Adult Cough Drops

Babies/Children:

Sound machine
Crib Toy
Formula Dispenser
Glove and Hat Set
Body Wash
Shampoo
Lotion

House:

Changing Table—Used is fine
Diaper Genie Refills
Body Pillow Cover
Plush Blanket, Full Size—No flowered patterns
Toilet Paper
Napkins
Cleaners
Detergent Pods

Dryer Sheets
Computer Paper
Walmart Gift Cards

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To the right are photos of second grade students presenting to friends and family their saints reports.



Ms. Shell's 3-year old Preschool class enjoys learning about the letter E.



Preschool 3 students enjoyed one of the first Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes with Mrs. Wingfield. The Atrium is set up in Muldowney Hall and students in Preschool and Kindergarten will be attending once a week.



We pray. ❤️ We study. ❤️ We serve.

