

Sacred Heart Catholic School
Principal's Pen
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VALUE OF THE MONTH: DOCILITY

Wow! Thursday's snow storm came out of the blue! When the snow hadn't started by 3:00 pm I thought for sure another false alarm had been called. By 4:00 the snow was falling fast and furiously, and by 5 we had several inches to contend with. It surely took the region by surprise and put a monkey wrench in everyone's plans. I was not surprised when M-W called a Snow Day on Friday. I was hoping only for a 2 hour delay. I hope everyone got home from work safely, but I have heard some nightmare stories this past weekend.

In light of last year's numerous Snow Day Closings I have decided to adjust our school closing policy. As it stands right now, if SHS has a half day and Monroe-Woodbury announces a 2 hour delay we are forced to close. Last year this cost us 2 unnecessary snow days which had to be made up at Easter time. Now, if SHS is scheduled for a half day and M-W announces a 2 hour delay we too will have a 2 hour delay and dismiss at our usual 2:55 time. We cannot afford to close school because we were scheduled for an early dismissal. Monroe-Woodbury is in agreement with this policy change as are all the other districts.

Last Saturday was our Girls on the Run 5 K Race in Rockland County. This is Sacred Heart's first year having a team thanks to Mrs. Carol Boyle, Ms. Jena Whitehead and Jacqueline Boyle who ran the club for the past 10 weeks. Our team which included Felicity Gralton, Emma Ross, Alison Petrie, Nicole Petrie, Nadine Larson, and Sophia Pesci met every Tuesday and Thursday, rain or shine, right after school. The goal of Girls on the Run is to build self confidence and leadership skills while challenging their inner strength. They had a very successful 1st run and we are looking forward to our Spring Team.

Today, Nov. 21st, is the final day for our Mixed Bag Fundraiser. Hopefully everyone found something they liked in the beautiful brochure and ordered lots of things from the catalogue. Mrs. Linda Wajda was very excited to bring this new fundraiser to SHS which has been very popular in other regions.

Sunday was our Christmas Bazaar. Mrs. Claudia Eckert chaired this HSA Event. It was a grand success and she is to be commended. This is a very challenging fundraiser which required long hours of preparation and organization. Fortunately she had the help of our HSA Board members and several volunteer parents. Thank you to all who stepped up to make this event a success.

Our 8th Graders have been baking cookies over the past few days in preparation for Our Father's Kitchen's Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday. This has become a beautiful tradition for our students and warms the hearts of so many needy families in the parish each year. They also prepared Baskets of Food for 5 needy families in the parish. Their giving spirit is to be commended as well.

Yesterday was our Thanksgiving Luncheon for students and staff. Mrs. Lucy Birmingham has chaired this event for the past several years. Students and teachers alike look forward to having a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Many parents volunteered to help out with this special event. Everyone had a wonderful time.

December has a host of special events so look to the website to keep on top of upcoming events. Scholastic Book Fair, Christmas Pageant, Christmas Coffee House etc.

Check us out on Face book. Mrs. Linda Wajda is now in charge of posting pictures and current event information on Face book. She will keep us up to date and out there... so if you have any pictures of events you would like to share that involve our students send them her way.

I wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. Enjoy the company of family and friends. Stay warm.

