

April Newsletter



2018

Dear Parents,

St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

The Chocolate Sale ends May 1. After that date no dress passes will be given out. Those families who sell 4 boxes or more are guaranteed the privilege to DRESS DOWN for the month of June. If the chocolate is gone by May 1, everyone can dress down for the month of June. We have 70 boxes of chocolate left at school. Chocolate selling days at Walmart: April 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29. If you can do one of these days, let us know.

Reregistration Forms were sent home last week. Please return as soon as possible. If you didn't get one, please call the school office.

- March 30- April 8 **Good Friday and Spring Break.** No school. See you on April 9th.
- April 1 **Easter Sunday** – Mass at 9 A.M.
- April 8 **P.M. Confirmation Makeup Class, 7-9 P.M.**
- April 9 **No Crown Point Bus today.** Crown Point students only will need rides to and from school.
- April 11-13 **NYS ELA Testing 3-8.** Make sure students are well rested and eat a good breakfast. Breakfast will start at 7:15 on test days.
- April 13 **Report Cards** issued.
- April 15 **1st Communion class after 9 A.M. Mass and Faith Formation class**
Marion Dinner in Watertown for Junior High girls that are interested.
- April 16 **ELA scoring** in Plattsburgh 6-8 grade teachers, 8:30.
- April 18 **Cerebral Palsy** presentation for grades Kindergarten and 3rd.
- April 19 **ELA scoring** in Plattsburgh 3-5 teachers, 12:00.
- April 22 **Confirmation class for everyone.**
- April 23 **History Day** in Cooperstown will be attended by Kathryn Moran, Madeline Lender, Garrett Beebe and Robert O'Neil.
- April 24 **Pam Ballantine** to visit at noon.
- April 25 **Spaghetti Dinner** at the K of C hosted by the 6th, 7th and 8th graders to raise funds for their class trip.
- April 26 **Spring Picture Day** for all students. We will also be doing K Graduation pictures. This is a Dress Up day for all students. Do not pay for pictures in advance. You only buy what you want.

April 27 **Family Breakfast** 7:15 – 8:00. Adults \$3.00 and students \$1.00. Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, fresh fruit, and coffee.

April 29 **1st Communion Class and Faith Formation.**

Upcoming Events:

May 1-3 –NYS Math Test for grades 3-8
May 4 - 1st Friday Mass 9 A.M.
May 6 – Confirmation in Port Henry 3 P.M.
May 10 – Ascension Thursday Mass 9 A.M.
May 23/24 - NYS Science Performance Test grades 4 and 8
May 25-28 – Memorial Day Weekend. No School at St. Mary's
June 1 – 1st Friday Mass 9 A.M.
June 3 – 1st Communion 9 A.M. Mass
June 4 – NYS Written Science Test 4 & 8
June 8 – End-of-Year Carnival
June 9 – Nun Run
June 13-15 – 5th and 6th Grade goes to Beaver Camp
June 13 – 8th Grade Common Core Algebra Regents
June 18 – Pre K and Kindergarten Graduation
June 19 – 8th Grade Graduation
June 22 – Last Day of School, Report Cards

Letter to Parents:

We live in a world that appears increasingly materialistic and selfish. As followers of Jesus, we often struggle with this reality. Jesus told us that "I have not come to be served, but to serve." On a very hopeful note, many children today are able to see clearly the overemphasis on material things in our world and are determined and ready to do something to change that. Social researchers call the children in today's elementary and high schools a "hero generation." We see evidence of this in many programs that young people have started in their schools and communities to meet the needs of the poor and needy (as our 7th grade did a few years ago for Haiti). Today's young people are committed to making our world a cleaner and more just world in which to live. We continue to support the Operation Christmas Child with shoe boxes and we collect canned goods for the Food Pantry.

As technology brings the world closer together, it becomes clearer that all human beings rely on one another in countless ways. It is our charge to work together to do all that we can to make our world a better place. The kinds of changes necessary to do this are both grand and small in scale. What can you do to teach your child the importance of service to others?

- Model reverence for all of creation.
- Show compassion for those who are less fortunate or in need.
- Encourage your child to be generous in helping at school either through clubs or whenever there is need.
- Summer may be a great time to undertake a new service activity with your family.
- Most importantly, lead by example.
- Catholic Relief Services (Rice Bowls) is your way to change lives around the world. Did you know:
- Catholics in the U.S assist 85 million of the world's poorest people through CRS.
- Motivated by the example of Christ, CRS work reaches communities in more than 100 countries.
- CRS Rice Bowl is a way for Christians in the U.S. to live Pope Francis' call to end world hunger.

The path of service is a rewarding one. Do what you can to encourage this belief and practice in your family.

Yours in Christ,

Happy and Blessed Easter!
Sister Shaun