

SACRED HEART SCHOOL
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Value of the Month: Self Discipline

For Sacred Heart School the 2018 New Year is well under way. Our first week back from Christmas Recess was a wintery blast with temps in the single digits and wind chills nearing 0 degrees. To date we have used 3 Snow Days which leaves us with only 3 remaining days. Hopefully Mother Nature will settle down a bit so we can have continuity in planning and executing lessons and Mid-Term Exams.

Last week our 5th through 8th grade students completed Round 2 of MAP tests in the areas of Math, Reading and ELA. This week and next week they will begin working on their scheduled Mid-Term Exams. Grades 3 and 4 will begin Round 2 of MAP Testing in Math, Reading and ELA this week. They will work on Mid-Term Exams the following week. For them, Mid-Terms will be in Religion, Math and ELA and will be more like end of the unit tests. K to Grade 2 do not take Mid-Terms but will take MAP Tests the week of January 22nd. The 2nd Quarter ends for everyone the week of January 29th.

Sunday, January 28th marks the beginning of *Catholic Schools Week* across the Archdiocese of NY. SHS will host its Annual Open House following the 8:00 Mass and continue through the morning until 1:30. It is my understanding that SHAC has scheduled a series of Basketball Games that same afternoon in our gym, so this will add additional excitement to our day.

We now have an energetic Home School Association Board in place. We have met on 2 separate occasions brainstorming ideas to improve fundraising and discussing areas that need improvement. They have asked that I send home my newsletters hard copy instead of emailing it and posting it to the website. They feel that they get so much email, very often my communications get lost or overlooked.

Here is a Schedule of Planned Events for Catholic Schools' Week:



Sunday	Jan. 28 th	OPEN HOUSE	9 am – 2 pm
Monday	Jan. 29 th	Bus Driver Appreciation Day	7:30–8:30 am
Tuesday	Jan. 30 th	Touring Tuesday	9:00 -11:30 am
		SHS Annual Spelling Bee	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan. 31 st	Wednesday is Sundae	1:15 pm
Thursday	Feb. 1 st	Crazy Hat/Crazy Sock Day with Movie	Afternoon
Friday	Feb. 2 nd	CSW School Wide Mass	9 am
Saturday	Feb 3 rd	Annual SNOW BALL Dance	7 - 10 pm
		This Dance is open to all Orange County Catholic School Students in grades 6-7-8	



Open House Tours will also be available throughout CSW - Monday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm. If you signed up to help out with any of these events on Back to

School Night in September, you will be getting a reminder call. Hopefully you are still available. We look forward to your assistance.

Just as a reminder...On Wednesday, Jan. 31st, the class moms are responsible to get the ice cream and toppings for the ice cream sundaes. They bring everything to the classroom and set up there or can schedule a time in the kitchen to work there. The Teacher will provide the movie on Thursday, and the class mom brings juice and popcorn.

Now I want to share some of the new fundraising events the HSA has come up with.

Of Course we will have our Annual Father Daughter Dance scheduled for Feb. 23.

A Comedy Night is planned for March 10th in Chester.

Coffee Fundraiser...Who doesn't love coffee?

We are looking into moving the Evening of Baskets back to Monroe...Arrow Park... catered by Trish DeBari's Incredible Caterers. Yummy!!

Have you ever been to a Fish Fry? This is a very popular event in many schools and parishes.

Plans are underway to host one of these in the spring.

This is just a reminder that if your child is sick, please keep him/her home resting until they are symptom free. Influenza is at epidemic proportions across New York State. There are various degrees of influenza illness around Monroe and the school, so if your child has a fever, sore throat or is complaining of an upset-stomach you should not send him/her to school. Everyone is at risk this flu season.

