



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER January 5, 2018

Dear Families –

Wow! 2018 is here and we are in the new addition. While it is not quite finished, we are very close to the entire project being completed. Over the course of the next few weeks, we have some continued work with the elevator, a few lighting and flooring items, and some beautification items. While this has been a rather large project, we have had minimal disruptions and issues and the students are adjusting very well!

We need to change our Children's Choir mornings due to the scheduling in the new music and band rooms. Therefore, beginning next week, Children's Choir will be Monday and Wednesday in the new band room. Students will continue to enter through the west alleyway gym ramp door until arrival changes. Please contact Mrs. Baumann at mbaumann@oursaviourschamrocks.com if you have concerns with this new schedule. Thank you for your flexibility!

I would like to congratulate Addie Dobson and Audrey Huffman as being part of the Girls' Basketball All Conference 8th Grade Team and Hannah Parlier and Julia Beeley for being part of the Girls' Basketball All Conference 7th Grade Team. Go Shamrocks!

Are you interested in helping purchase new shelves for the OSS/RCHS Band room? We will be accepting sponsorship forms for band shelves until Friday, January 12th. Please see the attached form for more information.

After the Band/Choir Christmas Concerts and Programs, we had numerous families step up and join our Fine Arts Boosters. Donors are: Jeff & Kristy Abell, Mike & Nancy Bartlett, Bobby and Courtney Bonjean, Michelle Brickey, John & Milee Butcher, Beaux & Carrie Cole, Brad & Sarah Cors, Amy Dietrich, Colleen Doyle, Jeff & Lisa Elliott, Tamara Emerick, Scott & Monica Eoff, Ike & Erin Howe, Trevor & Monica Huffman, Amanda Hutton, Christopher & Ashley Ingram, Andrew & Polly Jones, Matthew & Elizabeth Lynch, Mike & Michelle May, Dennis McGuin, Robb & Karen Mudd, Adam & Kimberly Rawe, Theresa & Robert Roscetti, Carole Salrin, Linda Schilsky, Christian & Elizabeth Secrist, Todd & Kim Spangenburg, Kevin & Jennifer Suiter, Graham & Cynthia Utter, Pat & Stevie VanDeVelde, Thad & Gina Walker, Will & Ann Whalen, and Larry & Elizabeth Zettler. Thank you so much for supporting the arts in our schools!

We are finalizing plans for our Catholic Schools Week activities for the week of January 28 – February 2. More information will be coming soon.

On January 24 and 25, we will be having PreK Parent/Teacher conferences. Wednesday, January 24th, the conferences will be from 4 – 6 p.m. and Thursday conferences will be January 25 from 12-7 p.m. in the PreK classroom. To accommodate the schedule for all of our PreK

students, we will be ending Pre-K on Thursday, January 25 at 11 a.m. that day. There will be NO lunch for PreK students that day as well. Also, as indicated on the schedule, we will not have Pre-K on Friday, January 26th.

As required by the state of Illinois, Our Saviour School has completed the water lead screening tests and our results have been placed on our website, under "Important Documents." No further action is needed from the school as our tests were within the required levels.

We continue to have great SUCCESS with our Box Tops collections. I would like to congratulate the winners of the 2nd quarter contest: 1st Mrs. Russotto (pizza party), 2nd Mrs. Schumacher (cookie party) and 3rd Mrs. Shade (popcorn party). The 3rd quarter contest will take place from January 4th until March 9th. Thanks for helping Our Saviour School. Keep clipping those Box Tops!

You can help the young adults from Our Saviour Parish and Routt Catholic High School raise some "dough" for their pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., later this month to peacefully protest the Supreme Court's ruling to legalize abortion in our nation. Students attending the Marsh are selling donuts from Safeco to help defray the cost of the trip. Order forms are being sent home today. Donuts will be sold for \$10 a dozen and you will receive a voucher that allows you to pick up your donuts at a convenient time for you. If you have any questions or did not receive an order form, you are welcome to contact Mrs. Shade at bshade@oursaviourshamrocks.com and she will get information/order forms to you. You can also support these young people by lifting them up in prayer. Thank you in advance for your support.

Report cards are coming home next Friday, along with MAP assessments for grades K – 2. Also, Family Life projects will be coming home this month, as mentioned in August.

On Friday, January 19th, the Bishop will be at our all-school Mass at 8:20 a.m. He will then come to Our Saviour School for a blessing and brief dedication ceremony. After that event, he will spend some time touring our new addition and see our renovated space. Around 11:00, he will move to Routt Catholic to spend some time with them. All parishioners and school families are invited to join us for the all-school Mass and the blessing/dedication in our school entryway/lobby.

Also, we will be giving parishioners and school families, along with prospective students another opportunity to tour our new addition with an open house that we are having immediately following the Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 28th at the 10:30 Mass. Parent Club will be hosting a meal that day as well. (Please see the attached flyer.) It would be a wonderful opportunity to come and see our "dream" that became a "reality" through efforts and contributions of many of you, as well as enjoy the fellowship of one another.

Congratulations to our Elk Hoop Shoot qualifiers: Camryn Chumley and Eli Blankenship in 8-9 year old division, Conrad Charpentier and Rachel Beeley in 11-12 year old division, and Gus Abell and Lilly Geirnaeirt in 12-13 year old division. They will all compete on Jan 13 at 11 a.m.

at the JHS Bowl.

Arrival procedures will continue the same for next week. Our tentative plan is to change arrival procedures beginning Tuesday, January 16 (we are not in school on the 15th). Detailed information will be sent home prior to the change. When the arrival process changes, the office/school entry will also change. Stay Tuned!

The After-school program will continue to be located in the White School House. However, they will be relocating to the main building soon. Watch the parent letter for more details soon.

As many of you may be aware, recent legislation has been enacted creating the Illinois Scholarship Tax Credit. This program involves an income based tax scholarship program to allow students from low income families more choices in education. These K-12 scholarships are based on financial need. With this new legislation, families are able to choose to enroll in a non-public (private) school with scholarship money available for tuition and necessary fees. A flyer outlining basic information for student scholarships and for individual and business donations was attached to last week's parent letter. Further information can also be found at <https://empowerillinois.org/about/>

Just a reminder to complete your service hour forms and return them to the office. Also, as stated in the handbook, in order to be considered for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year, you must have met your service hour requirement for the 2017-18 school year. We will be communicating with all parents who have not met their service hour requirement by mid to late January. Therefore, it would be helpful to us if you can return your forms by the beginning of January to eliminate unnecessary letters going home. Thank you for your assistance.

We are acting as a collection point for the annual used shoe drive. If you have used shoes you would like to donate to this cause, we are collecting them through the month of February.

The thought this week was: "Recognize the value of every teacher, every staff member, and every student and treat them with kindness and consideration."

Happy New Year!

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

Dates to Remember:

January 10 – Parent Club – 6:00 p.m. in Science lab/class

January 12 – Report cards come home

January 14 – Confirmation meeting for all 6th – 8th grade students involved in Confirmation

January 15 – Martin Luther King – no School

January 17 – Sports pictures for speech, boys' basketball, cheer, volleyball, and chess

January 17 – Skate night

January 21 – Confirmation Enrollment – 10:30 a.m. Mass

January 21 – 1st Communion Parent Meeting – 11:30 - MRR



"Music can change the world because it can change people"
-Bono

Our Saviour School and Routt Catholic High School have so many blessings. Everyday our students are able to explore many avenues to foster their talents and gifts. One of our great treasures has always been our music students. We are so thankful that the new addition at Our Saviour School will provide our bands and choirs a beautiful space where the love of music can be shared for years to come. In order to house the instruments of over 75 band students ranging from 5th grade through high school, we are in need of new shelves.

To meet this need, we are looking for shelf sponsors. Each sponsorship is \$25.00 and includes a nameplate that will be attached to the new shelving. This will allow our students to be reminded of those who support them and their music careers here at Our Saviour School and Routt Catholic High School.

You can purchase a sponsorship in honor of current students, former students, music teachers, or anyone who has helped foster a love of music in your life. Please complete the bottom portion of this paper with your payment. You will receive a picture once all the nameplates are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Beeley (217)899-3712

Name _____ Telephone Number _____
Address _____

Choice for name plate: Each plate can have up to 3 lines

Circle the number of your choice and fill in required info.

1. In Honor of

2. In Memory of

3. Free Choice
Write you own message

Thank you for your support!



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 –
February 3
#CSW18

Catholic Schools Week Kick Off Celebration

Join us for Grilled 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, roll and dessert. Take out available.

Tickets are **\$10.00**

When: Sunday January 28th 11:30 - 1:30

Where: Martha Routh Room

Order your tickets now! Please complete the form and send in \$10 for each ticket, by Wednesday January 17th.

We will send your tickets home with your child.

Child's Name	Teacher's Name	Amount	# of Tickets
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I would like to volunteer to work the event (arrive at 11:00)

I would like to bring a dessert for the event

**** Please make checks payable to OSS Parent Club**

Questions contact Kelly Hager 217-971-2507 or Erin Howe 217-370-8028