

SGS NEWSLETTER



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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES TO RE- MEMBER

- > **Cookie Dough Fund-raiser—October 5-14**
- > **Field Trip K-2 Oct 7**
- > **Oct 8, Program Discovering Virtues through Poetry Grades 6-8**
- > **Oct 9, Pet Blessing 2pm**
- > **Oct 9 Art—Georgia O'Keefe**
- > **Fall Festival and 5 K Run at Good Shepherd on October 10**
- > **October 12 Dare**
- > **October 19-23 Fall Break**
- > **October 26-28 Explore Test for Grade 8**
- > **October 28 Grade cards go home—Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- > **October 30 No School—Professional Day for Teachers**

I hope your children told you about the wonderful program presented this past week featuring snakes of Tennessee. The school was fortunate to have Tims Ford State Park Ranger, Sharon Reagan present a slide show featuring snakes of Tennessee. She taught the students the difference between venomous and non-venomous snakes and shared important information concerning all the snakes native to Tennessee. All the students had an opportunity to touch a corn snake named Maize. Then students in grades 4-8, along with myself, got to hold the snake. Ms. Reagan also had many models of the various snakes, as no one is allowed to catch snakes now. She discussed how snakes protect themselves, what to do if you approach a snake, and what to do if bitten by a snake. It was a well received program.

The featured saint for this past Monday was Saint Francis of Assisi who cared a great deal about all of God's creatures. In keep-

Needed: Gardening Volunteers

Our flower beds are beginning to look unkempt. **If anyone can volunteer to weed at anytime, please contact the school.** We want our flower beds to be lovingly cared for and cleaned out before the winter season.



Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus are once again holding their Spaghetti Dinner with all **proceeds to benefit the school.** **The Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday, November 7 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. The price of tickets is \$5.00 for elementary age children, and \$10.00 for high school age and adults.** The dinner features homemade spaghetti sauce and pasta, tossed salad, drink, and dessert. The dinner is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 513 South Jefferson Street – on down from the Winchester Post Office.

ing with the observance of St. Francis, the school will have a **pet blessing on Friday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m.** We care deeply about the safety of your pets, **so please bring them at 2:00 p.m. in a carrier and on a leash if need be.** Father Jean will conduct the pet blessing. Following the blessing ceremony, the students will be excused to get their belongings and may go home with their parent and their pet. Please see the table of the 1st and 2nd Grade students that is selling 'goodie bags' for the animals to benefit Animal Harbor !

May God Bless you,

Mrs. Doyle

Thought for the Week:

Leave everything a little better than you found it.

Needed: Students to Help with School Collection

Father has suggested that it would be nice to have the school children help collect the second collection for the school at Mass. **This collection for the school is always the third weekend of the month. If your child could help with this, please let the school know.** Your child does not have to be Catholic to assist. It is a wonderful way for the Parish to see the children helping out. Dress uniforms need to be worn.

Please look for your October Statement in today's Boomerang Folder !

Snow Day Policy

Before winter arrives, it is important to inform all parents of the Snow Day Policy. The school advisory council with Father Jean's approval has stated that on the first day that Franklin County Schools are closed, School of the Good Shepherd will be closed also. **After that first day, the School of the Good Shepherd will be open no matter if Franklin County is closed.** The only time this would be altered would be in the case of a severe storm, ice storm, or extreme weather conditions.

Cookie Dough Sale

Students received a letter and a Cookie Dough Sale sheet this past Monday. The letter stated that orders are to be turned in on Monday, October 12th. Students are not to collect any money until the tubs of cookies are delivered. Cookie dough should arrive two – three weeks after the orders are turned in.

All students selling at least one tub of cookie dough will receive a prize. Students selling at least 10 tubs will receive an insulated U of T mug. The student selling the most tubs by this Wednesday, October 7th will receive \$50.00. The classroom selling the most tubs will receive a pizza party and a movie. The top salesperson will receive a trip to Gatlinburg for his/her family for a two night stay. All proceeds will benefit the school.

Remember !!!

Shorts may be worn until October 31st—as stated in the Student Handbook !!!

Flu Shots !!!

If you have ordered the Flu Mist (Nasal Spray), it has been ordered and it should arrive soon. We have not received confirmation on the shots at this time but we are remaining hopeful. We will keep you posted on any updates we have in the weekly newsletter. Please stay tuned!

Good Shepherd T-Shirts

If you would like to order one of the Good Shepherd T-Shirts that some of the Adult Volunteers are wearing, please contact the front desk !!!

AT THE PET BLESSING THIS FRIDAY :

The 1st and 2nd Graders have stuffed 'goodie bags' for all our furry friends that will show up for the Pet Blessing this Friday—please consider donating some money to their cause when you pick up a treat for your animal friend.

All proceeds will go to Animal Harbor—the shelter for Franklin County !!!