

Sacred Heart School
Principal's Pen
1.20.2017

Saints of the Month:
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Value of the Month:
Perseverance

“Do not be afraid. Go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you.”
Acts: 18: 9-10

A New Year is upon us and I hope that we have all been blessed with the warmth and love of family and friends. We must open our hearts and be filled with the Hope and Promise of the Newborn Christ Child. We were reminded of His Love at our Christmas Play,



as our very talented 4th Grade performed the true story of the Miracle at Bethlehem. They were an inspiration to us all, and I thank them for their simple yet poignant telling of the Birth of our Lord.

January is flying by. Mid Terms are underway and a copy of the exam schedule has been posted to the website for your convenience. Mid Term and Final Exams are 20% of your child's final average, so please advise them to take these tests seriously by studying and preparing nightly. A good way to review is to study the material on the study guides and go over notes and old chapter tests. Although their teachers have been working hard to prepare them for the tests, nightly study is essential. Please be sure your child gets enough rest and eats a hearty breakfast before testing. Low blood sugar and tiredness play a major role in lack of focus and attention often resulting in poor grades.

Plans for Catholic Schools Week, January 29th through Feb 4th have been finalized. Sacred Heart School will host its **Annual Open House Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** On Monday, our students will show their appreciation to the many Bus Drivers that get them to and from school safely and on time. Coffee and bagels will be brought out to the Bus Drivers at morning arrival, and Thank You cards will be presented by their students on the trip home. On Tuesday, SHS will participate in **Touring Tuesday** from 9-11 a.m. Students in Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 will compete in our **Annual Spelling Bee**. Our **Wednesday is Sundaes Party** will take place on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Thursday is **Spirit Day**. Our students, faculty and staff can express their love for SHS by wearing our school colors and participating in **Crazy Hat and Sock Day**. Friday, the school community is invited to the 9:00am Mass dedicated to Catholic School Education. We will have a **Popcorn and Movie Afternoon**. Saturday evening, Feb. 4th, Sacred Heart School will host our Annual **Winter Snow Ball** which is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the Catholic School Region of Ulster/Sullivan/Orange Counties. Call 845-783-0365 for more information or to ask how you can volunteer to make this week a real success.

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY ...FEBRUARY 1ST ...THE HSA WILL PRESENT

SCREENAGER

This is a popular documentary on the effect of cell phones, video gaming and texting on your child's psyche. It is being shown nation wide and will be available for viewing here at SHS on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 7:30 in the Gym. We have invited our Regional Catholic Schools, and neighboring Religious Ed and Public School parents as well. All are welcome. There will be a sliding fee of \$2 to \$10 to offset the cost of licensing this film. Please make every effort of join us. Although it appears to be something that would be of more interest to parents of teenagers, there is no time like the present for parents of younger children to hear this message.

Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 25 - Respect Life Day No Exams Scheduled
- Jan. 25 - End of the 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 27 - Respect Life Day No Exams Scheduled
- Jan. 29 - Catholic Schools' Week begins with an OPEN HOUSE
- Jan. 29/ Feb. 4 - Catholic Schools' Week
- Feb. 1 - HSA presents SCREENAGER 7:30 PM in the GYM
- Feb. 3 - CSW First Friday Mass at 9:00 am
- Feb. 4 - SNOW BALL DANCE for 6th, 7th, 8th Graders in USO
- Feb. 10 - Report Cards Distributed.

Wishing you every blessing in the New Year!

