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January Newsletter

Milk, Pizza & Ice Cream

February pizza and ice cream order forms and fees are due Tuesday, Jan. 23. Milk orders for the second half of the school year are due, Tuesday, Feb. 6

Re-Enrollment Night

The re-enrollment period will be different this year. We have scheduled two days in January for all currently enrolled families to come to school in the late-afternoon and early-evening to re-enroll your child/ren. During this time staff members will be on hand to assist you with the revised application for re-enrollment as well as registering for the FACTS Tuition Management which is mandatory for all families. The re-enrollment registration fee is $150/family. **Families that apply for financial aid through FACTS Grant and Aid will have this registration fee credited to their account**.

RE-ENROLLMENT NIGHTS

- Mon., Jan. 8 from 4:00 -6:00 - Families whose youngest child is in Kindergarten - grade 3
- Wed., Jan. 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 - Families whose youngest child is in grades 4 - 7

PTO

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 3 at 6:00. All parents are invited to attend. We will be discussing future events including the mother/son, father/daughter, field day, and other events.

Professional Day & MLK Jr.

Students will have a long weekend mid-January. There is no school on Friday, Jan. 12. Teachers have a professional day. On Monday, Jan. 15 school will be closed in memorial of Martin Luther King Jr.

School Cancellations

SHS follows the cancellation policies of the EPSD. Listen to the local news stations for the announcements or subscribe to RI Broadcasters (goo.gl/dzxj4H). In the event of a "snow day", students should complete "Day 1" in their snow bags. On the second "snow day", students complete "Day 2", etc...

2018 Here We Go!

On Tuesday, January 2, 2018, students return to school. Although we are nearly halfway through our centennial year, this is a good opportunity for everyone to embrace new positive study habits.

Dress Down Day

On Tuesday, Jan. 16 students can dress down with a $2.00 donation. This month's funds will help support the St. Louis Center. This is a residential community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities run by the Servants of Charity. Last month we raised $264 for Toys-for-Tots.

Open Houses

This year we will have two Open Houses: Sunday, January 28th from 12:00 noon until 2:00pm and Wednesday, January 31 from 5:00 to 7:00pm. In Jan. we will create special Facebook events. Please "like" these and re-post them to spread the word through your own networks.

Coupon Booklets

Our winter Coupon Booklet Fundraiser begins on Wed., Jan. 17 and runs through Feb. 7. During the summer, we sampled a variety of different coupon booklets to find one with a variety of useful offers. This booklet will pay for itself with a few coupons!

Used Uniform Sale

On Sat., Jan 27 we will hold a "**used uniform sale**", from 9:00 to 11:00am in the cafeteria. All items are $1.00 each.

Mass

This month's Mass will be lead by the fourth grade students on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 9:00. Friends, family, grandparents, are all invited to attend.

School Dance

We are hosting a M. S. dance on Fri., Jan. 19 from 6:30 to 9:00pm SHS students will be joined by students from nearby Catholic schools. Tickets are $5.00 and must be purchased in advance. Chaperones are needed, if interested please contact the office at 401.434.1080.

Connect Online Through: facebook.com/sacredheartepri & flickr.com/photos/shsepri/

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Dear friends and colleagues:

Expanded school choice options are sweeping our nation. What are we doing here in Rhode Island to effect a positive change in educational reform?

The Rhode Island Catholic School Parent Federation actively supports the expansion of parental choice in education by means of an increase to the educational corporate tax credit bill in 2018. The tax credit bill allows corporations to take advantage of a RI tax credit by making a similar contribution to a scholarship program for students with demonstrated need enrolled in non-public schools. Currently, the program is capped at $1.5million, however, the demand for the program far exceeds the cap. In 2017, 130 corporations applied for a tax credit, but only 15 were granted a tax credit due to the constraints of the cap. Businesses would like to support this program, but are shut out due to the imposed limit. If the cap were raised to meet the demand of subscribers, many, many more students in our schools would receive financial assistance provided by corporate applicants.

The Rhode Island Catholic School Parent Federation also supports the work of Rhode Island Families for School Choice who will organize two very important events that will bring awareness to this initiative. These events will take place during National School Choice Week and will be supported by families of students enrolled in non-public education. One event is a parent informational meeting to be held January 24, 2018 at Providence Hebrew Day School, the other is a Legislative Reception for elected officials and public citizens at the Rhode Island State House on January 25, 2018.

Please review the invitations attached, and please feel free to share them with like-minded supporters. Please take a personal step to demonstrate your support to expand the cap on the corporate tax credit program by contacting your local senators and representatives and ask for their support. If you do not know your local elected officials, you can find them at www.rilin.state.ri.us.

The Rhode Island Catholic School Parent Federation welcomes you to attend these events, and looks forward to your personal support. Please make expanded parental choice in education your priority for 2018!

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All Parents and Families are invited to a

Parent Program
for
School Choice In Rhode Island
Providence Hebrew Day School
450 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, RI
Wednesday, January 24, 2018
6:00-8:00pm

Please join parents from schools across Rhode Island
and Rhode Island Families for School Choice

Learn
about the current school choice program in Rhode Island
and find out how it can be expanded to help more families

Listen to
Jonathan Butcher, Keynote Speaker
Education Director of the Goldwater Institute

Get involved in
Expanded Parental Choice in Rhode Island

For planning purposes, please RSVP by Wednesday, January 18, 2018.

Baby sitting services will be provided

For more information and to RSVP
Contact Chris Iannotti
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All Elected Officials in Rhode Island
are invited to:

Rhode Island Families for School Choice
Annual Legislative Reception
Thursday, January 25, 2018
In the Rotunda of the Rhode Island State House
2:00-5:00pm

Advocate

Families from across Rhode Island will attend
to show their support of an Expanded Tax Credit Program

Educate

Come listen to a nationally recognized speaker,
Jonathan Butcher, Education Director of the Goldwater Institute
speak about the benefits of this initiative

Communicate

Come to the Reception to meet and greet members
of your local voting constituencies who support this initiative

Enjoy

Musical performances by students from around the State

RSVP by January 11, 2018
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