



Saratoga Central Catholic High School

News and Notes

Preparation for College - Values for Life



YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on December 8, 2015. He states, "I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy, through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope."

This weekend, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Cathedral in Rome-that is, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran - will be opened. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. Each diocese* will open a Door of Mercy on December 13, the same day the Pope opens the holy door at the Basilica of St. John Lateran

"On that same Sunday, I will announce that in every local Church, at the cathedral - the mother church of the faithful in any particular area - will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year."

While it is simply a door, the symbolism is so rich. In the Gospels, Jesus reminds us that he is the door through which we enter the pasture of the Good Shepherd. It is a call to conversion into a life of embracing the love, compassion and mercy of God and sharing that mercy with others. Come and make a pilgrimage this year to cross the threshold of the Cathedral Door of Mercy to embrace that call to conversion!

The following sites also have designated Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Mercy:

Church of St. Peter, Saratoga Springs
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glenville
St. Stanislaus, Amsterdam
Our Lady of Knock Shrine, East Durham

*Bishop Edward Scharfenberger invites you to open the doors to the Year of Mercy

*The Opening Mass for the Jubilee Year of Mercy will be held:
Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm
at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, NY*

All are welcome to participate in this first official Year of Mercy event.

Please click on the links below for more information on the YEAR OF MERCY

[What to expect](#)

[Everything You Need to Know about the Holy Year of Mercy](#)



EDUCATION

COMMON CORE AND THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Please click on the links below to read some recent articles:

[Fox News Article](#)

[Washington Post Article](#)

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Thursday, January 7, 2016

6PM

Room 104

A RPI financial aid advisor will be here to explain the financial aid process and the F.A.S.F.A. program (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Fun in and out of the classroom!

7th Grade Retreat



Celebrating Mitochondria Day



GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE NEWS

PSAT Results

The October PSAT results will be emailed to the students by College Board within the month of December. Paper copies of the results will be sent to the school in January.

HVCC Spring Course Sign up

The HVCC Spring Course Sign up information is available in Mrs. Barnes office for those Junior and Senior students interested in taking a course. Students need to see Mrs. Barnes ASAP to sign up so that they do not get closed out of courses.

Free SAT Prep Exam

Kaplan is offering 2 Free Full Length Practice SAT Exams for SCC students. This Practice SAT Exam will be the new SAT that will begin in March. Students can see Mrs. Barnes for an information flier.

Sign up is required at

February 3rd Exam

bit.ly/spafebruary

If the website does not work please call to register at 1-800-527-8378, please reference that it is the Saratoga Catholic Free SAT Practice Test and the date or dates that you would like your child to take the exam.

Sign up is required at least 1 week in advance of exam to ensure that there are enough proctors available.

SAT Prep Course

Kaplan will be holding an SAT Prep Course at SCC from February 27 - April 23. The cost is \$629 if you sign up by February 1, 2016, registration will then increase to \$829. Sign up is at kaplanatschool.com/spacatholic or by calling at 1-800-527-8378.

Seniors

This is a reminder to check with the schools to make sure that all of your information is there so that they can make a decision.

If you are planning on applying in the next few weeks. Remember that the Holidays are coming up and things get very busy. All requests that need to go out before Christmas Vacation need to be in Naviance by December 16th. This includes any request for a January 1st Deadline.

Scholarships

Middle School/High School

The Violet Richardson Award Honoring Young women for Volunteer Action
This is for a young woman between the ages of 14 - 17 who volunteers in your community or school. See Mrs. Barnes for an application. Deadline is December 31, 2015.

Seniors

The Greater Capital Region of NYS PDK Scholarship

This scholarship is available to any high school senior who will be majoring in education.

Application is available in the Guidance office. Deadline is March 1, 2016.

New York Credit Unions Scholarships

If you are a member of a NY Credit Union, they are all currently holding a scholarship program. Check with your individual Credit Union.

The New York Credit Union Association

NYCUA is also holding their own scholarship for anyone who has an account with a NY Credit Union. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Deadline is January 15, 2016

Newcomer Funeral Service Group

"The Tradition of Caring Scholarship - applications can be downloaded and printed at www.NFSGI.com/scholarship. See Mrs. Barnes if you would like a paper copy of application. Deadline January 31, 2015

2016 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships Deadline is January 7, 2016

Huntington's College Scholarship Sweepstakes Text "500" to 84444 to win \$500

Burger King Scholars

apply at www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram Deadline is December 15, 2015

PEER MINISTRY - COMMUNITY SERVICE - RELIGION - NJHS & NHS

Please visit our photo gallery on our website for pictures of activities at Saratoga Central Catholic School.

[SCC Photo Gallery](#)

If you have photos of activities or events please send them to:

tarkleson@saratogacatholic.org

DRAMA - CLUBS - OTHER ACTIVITIES

Christmas "Pot Luck" 6th & 7th Grade Performances

Tuesday, December 15
at 6pm.

St. Peter's Parish Center

This will feature 2 mini Christmas Plays acted by the 6th grade and sung by the 7th grade and there will be vocal selections performed by our SCC Chorus. There will also be the annual ART Silent Auction provided by Mr. McGee and the SCC art students. Proceeds to benefit the SCC Yearbook.

If you would like to attend, please bring a dish to share with the other families. This is a wonderful evening to get into the Christmas spirit with great food, song and community.

I look forward to seeing you there. Blessings, Ms. Douglass



The first rehearsal for Little Mermaid begins this
Sunday, December 13th, 2-4:30 in Room G-19.

If you are unable to attend please call, text or email me directly.

Do not send the message in with another student!! If you do not have a rehearsal schedule one is attached. Ms. Douglass (518) 573-4346
douglass@saratogacatholic.org



Auditions for the High School Musical
"Mary Poppins"

Have been changed to:
January 4th and 5th
6-8pm
in Room G-19

Students must prepare 16-32 bars of a Broadway show song and be prepared to dance.



Saturday Work Day
December 19th - 12 - 4pm

We will also meet each Wednesday until vacation from 2:30 to 3:30. No practice during vacation unless individual teams want to get together on their own. If you have any questions please email me at dubois@saratogacatholic.org

 ATHLETICS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OUTSTANDING
ATHLETES ALL STARS OF THE FALL!**

At the end of each sport season, individuals are chosen as 1st team, 2nd team or MVP of the league. We congratulate all the athletes on an outstanding season!

Drew Welcome - 2nd Team Golf

Anthony Copola - MVP Holy Trinity Football & 1st Team Wide
Receiver

Jarrid Lynett - 2nd Team Linebacker

Kristen Maher - 1st Team Soccer

Abbey Mensler - 2nd Team Soccer

Tyler Klingenburg - 1st Team Soccer

Owen O'Reilly - 2nd Team Soccer

Coleman Perella - 2nd Team Soccer

Amelia Bielefeld - Cross Country All Star

Kevin Cronin - Cross Country All Star

Clayton Orzel - Cross Country All Star

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE ATHLETIC CALENDAR!

Go SAINTS!



FUNDRAISERS GRADES/ATHLETICS/EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

6th Grade Fundraiser Breakfast

Friday, December 18th

7:30 - 8:00 am

\$5 per person

Open to all students, faculty and staff



Stinky Dog is an artist-run business located on 488 Broadway in Saratoga Springs, NY.

They sell fun, locally produced products for dogs, cats and humans of all ages based on the art's lovingly created character, Stinky Dog.

Stinky Dog will donate 10% of all online purchases made by SCC families and friends to the school. Online shoppers simply choose our school (Saratoga Central Catholic) on the

dropdown menu of the final checkout page (right above the Place Order button). This is an ongoing, year round offer.

For the month of December only, she is also willing to donate 10% of all in store purchases made by SCC families and friends to the school. In store shoppers should mention they are with Saratoga Central Catholic to the cashier.

Please Visit Stinky Dog by clicking on the link below!

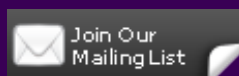
[Stinky Dog Website](#)

 THANK YOU!



Please be sure to visit our website for more information and additional events happening!

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