## Saratoga Central Catholic School Preparation for College - Values for life



Saratoga Central Catholic School seeks to enlighten, inspire, and nurture the minds, hearts, and souls of our students in academic excellence based on the teachings of Jesus Christ in the Catholic tradition.

"Omnia Pro Deo" - All for God

## **NEWS and NOTES**

## **Emergency Notification System Test**

SCC will be testing the Emergency Notification System on **Tuesday, October 18th.** Expect an audio message on the device you indicated as your primary phone number.

## No Regular Classes Wednesday, October 19th!

The PSAT Exam for Sophomores and Juniors will take place at 8:30am and our College Fair will be from 11:30-1:30. All High School students are invited to our College Fair. All **Seniors are required** to attend and sign-in at the College Fair.

Due to changes in Diocesan testing, The IOWA exams will be used as the 5th grade and 8th grade Diocesan Scholarship Exams.

There will be no school for students on Wednesday, October 19th unless they are taking the PSAT or attending the College Fair.

## **Public Square Rosary Crusade**



Please join us on **Saturday, October 15th at 2pm** at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue to pray the Rosary in recognition of **Our Lady of Fatima** 

## School pictures have been given to the students

Please check the photos of your child. Please note that picture re-take day is Monday, November 14th.

## **Senior Portraits Due!**

Senior portraits are due by Monday, October 31st. Please deliver them to Mr. McGee or email them to:

mcgee@saratogacatholic.org

## **News Channel 13's Top Teacher Program**

WNYT-TV is accepting nominations through **November 7th** for the Capital Region's Top Teachers. Students, faculty and family are encouraged to nominate teachers who have made outstanding achievements in their field and who have enriched the educational experience of our children.

Please click here for the nomination form and more information.

Only 13 teachers will be selected and featured in the weekly WNYT series, so please help us make sure one of them is an SCC teacher!

## **Class Rings for Sophomores and Juniors!**

On Monday, October 24th, during lunch time, a representative from Jostens will be at the school taking orders for your student to purchase his/her class ring. This year a decision was made to have both junior and sophomore students have the opportunity to purchase a class ring. After this school year it will only be offered to the sophomores. The decision was made because this gives your child an opportunity to wear their ring more while they are a student at SCC before they go to college. The representative will have samples of the rings that are being offered and your student will be able to try on the rings and be sized for their order.

## **Order Your Senior Announcements!**

A Jostens representative will be at SCC on Monday, October 24th, during

**lunch time** to take orders for Senior Announcements and measurements for graduation caps and gowns.



## **EDUCATION**

## **PowerSchool**

SCC report cards will be paperless from now on! You will be able to access report cards in PowerSchool when they are available. Parents, please make sure you are signed up for PowerSchool.

Please click here for a quick introduction to PowerSchool.

Please click here to log onto PowerSchool.



## **GUIDANCE**

## <u>Saratoga Central Catholic College Fair</u> <u>Wednesday, October 19th, 11:30am - 1:00pm</u>

All Seniors are required to attend and sign-in. The Admissions Counselors are really looking forward to meeting them, especially if they are applying to a college that is attending.

All SCC High School students and their parents are welcome to attend. This is a great way for Sophomores and Juniors to start the college exploration process. Juniors should also begin to make a connection with the Admission Counselors of colleges they may be interested in applying to next fall.

## **SAT/ACT Exams**

#### **Fall SAT Test Schedule**

Students need to signup for SAT Exams online. They need to create an account and signup, and pay for exams through this site. <a href="www.SAT.org">www.SAT.org</a>

<u>Test Dates</u> Registration Deadline

November 5, 2016 October 7, 2016

## **Fall ACT Test Schedule**

Students need to signup for ACT Exams through the ACT Student site www.ACT.org

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	<u> Late Reg. Deadline</u>
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016

## **PSAT Exam**

**The PSAT** will be given at SCC on **October 19th** starting at 8:30 am. This exam is available for **Sophomores and Juniors**. The cost of the exam is **\$20.00** which is due to Mrs. Barnes.

## **College Visits**

Starting the week of September 12th many colleges and universities will be visiting SCC to talk to **Seniors and Juniors**. Students can view the upcoming visits and must sign up for the visits in Naviance.

## **Seniors**

#### **Senior Parent Financial Aid Night:**

October 20th at 6:00pm with Pricilla Armsby from RPI at SCC

## **College Application Upcoming Deadlines**

**November 1** - Early Action **November 15** - Early Action and Early Decision

If applying for Early Action, please check the college's website for the date that applications need to be submitted.

All requests to send transcripts to colleges must be made in Naviance. Requests should be at least 2 weeks in advance to ensure that the school materials are there by the deadline.

## **Scholarships**

# Soroptimist International of Saratoga County - Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award This scholarship is for young women between the ages of 14 -17 who have demonstrated volunteer work. There is a \$500.00 scholarship awarded this fall. Applications and information available at <a href="https://www.soroptimistsaratoga.org">www.soroptimistsaratoga.org</a> or see Mrs. Barnes.

#### **New York Credit Union Scholarships**

If you are a member of a credit union, stop by your credit union for an application.

#### Sunmark Federal Credit Union \$500.00 Scholarship

Seniors who are intending to attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited educational institution next year. See Mrs. Barnes for more information. **Deadline December 30, 2016.** 

#### Saratoga's Community Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Seniors who are intending to attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited educational institution next year. See Mrs. Barnes for more information. **Deadline December 30, 2016.** 

#### Elks National Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

applications available at enf.elks.org/mvs Deadline is November 30, 2016.

#### Junior League of Albany, Rockwell Scholarship

awarded to a female resident of the Capital District who will be attending an accredited college and is involved in volunteering. A 500-word essay required. For more information, see Mrs. Barnes. **Deadline is November 31, 2016.** 

## for a chance to win a scholarship

SCC students can put their artistic vision on display for the opportunity to **earn a scholarship to SCAD**, The Savannah College of Art and Design, the university for creative careers.

Challenges are open to

current juniors and seniors in high school as of the 2016-17 academic year. Entries must demonstrate creativity, innovation and a strong understanding of aesthetics. A panel of SCAD faculty will review and evaluate submitted entries, and three winners will be selected from each category.

Please click here for more information

## PEER MINISTRY - COMMUNITY SERVICE

## **Confirmation Reminder:**

SCC would like to remind parents of High School Students that the Roman Catholic Rite of Confirmation is given at your local parishes, not the school. Please check with the Faith Formation Office of your church for information about Confirmation. Many parishes require 2 years of classes, so please make sure you contact your church.

## **Many Upcoming Community Service Opportunities**

There are so many ways for Students to volunteer. Please <u>click here</u> for the Community Service Webpage!

## Friday, October 28th: St. Clement's School Halloween Party

St. Clement's School is looking for 25 middle school or high school students to volunteer monitoring the booths and handing out candy at their Halloween Party. Volunteers will be needed from 5:30-8pm. Please contact Mrs. Sondhof at <a href="mailto:loftusis@yahoo.com">loftusis@yahoo.com</a>

## **FUNDRAISERS**

## **MEGA-BOWL!**

Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 6-8pm

MEGA-BOWL is a Faculty vs. Seniors Volleyball game which is a fundraiser for the Boys Soccer Program. Please come to the SCC Gym on November 3rd at 6pm to support our teams!

## **Help Support SCC's Performing Arts Program!**

80's Costume Party: Friday, November 4th, 7-10pm Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs

Please click here for the RSVP/Sponsorship form



## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

## **Odyssey of the Mind**

Does your son or daughter enjoy building things, acting, writing? Then Odyssey of the Mind might just be for them! Odyssey is a national STEM based team problem-solving competition open to any student in grades 6 to 12. There is still time to sign up. Our next meeting is Thursday Oct 20th, after school though we usually meet on Wednesdays. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. DuBois

at dubois@saratogacatholic.org

Please <u>click here for a summary of this year's problems</u> and please <u>click here</u> <u>for the meeting schedule</u>.

## **Doodle for Google Contest**

**September 14, 2016 to December 2, 2016** 

Every year, Google runs a contest where students across the nation re-

imagine the Google doodle.

One winning student will receive:

Placement of their doodle artwork on the Google homepage A \$30,000 college scholarship

A \$50,000 Google for Education technology award for their school A trip to Google Headquarters, Chromebook, Android tablet and more Please see **Mr. McGee** and he will help you with your submission Please click here for more details

## <u>Information about the SCC Chorus and Choir</u>

#### **SCC Chorus**

Our SCC Chorus is open to all grades, 6-12. We will meet after school each week on Thursdays, beginning September 15th. A schedule will be provided as to times and dates of rehearsals and performances. This year so far we will be performing:

with "The Electric City Horns" at our annual Performing Arts Benefit,

November 4th, the Victorian Streetwalk "Living Nativity" on December 1st,
our Christmas "Potluck" Concert on December 7th, performing the National
Anthem at the Albany Devils Game, and our final concert in late May.

Please sign up with <a href="mailto:douglass@saratogacatholic.org">douglass@saratogacatholic.org</a>

#### **SCC Mass Choir**

This choir is open to all grades, 6-12 and they perform for all the school monthly masses, special masses, and Baccalaureate Mass. Students will meet in church 15 minutes before the mass to rehearse. We will also have 2 after school rehearsals throughout the year to learn new music. Students will receive 1 hour of community service for each mass they perform at. Please sign up with Ms. Douglass at <a href="mailto:douglass@saratogacatholic.org">douglass@saratogacatholic.org</a>

## **ATHLETICS**

## Saints Winter Sports Start November 7th, 2016!

If your child has signed up for a winter sport, there must be a current physical exam (within the last 12 months) on file in the nurse's office prior to the first practice on November 7th. This physical must be completed by a NYS physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner. A pre-participation interval athletic health history must also be completed and signed by a parent/guardian unless a physical exam was done within the past 30 days of the start of the sport season. Your student will not be able to start practice if the above is not completed.

Please contact the SCC nurse, Mrs. Kowalski, at kowalski@saratogacatholic.org if you have any questions.

## **Saints Girls Basketball Open Gyms!**

All girls (grades 7-12) interested in playing modified, JV or Varsity basketball this year, please attend the Open Gyms on Sundays from 12:30 - 2:00pm

## **Saints Boys Basketball Open Gyms!**

If you are interested in participating in the Saints Boys Basketball program (grades 7-12), please attend the Open Gyms on the following dates:

Oct. 16th from 2-4pm
Oct. 22nd from 5pm -6:30pm
Oct. 26th from 6pm-8pm
Oct. 29th from 5pm-6:30pm

## **Saints Basketball Fundraisers!**

Coin Drop: Saturday, October 15th

Spring Street Deli, 12-4pm D'Andrea's Pizza, 11-3pm

and

\$20 Bowling Package: Saratoga Strike Zone

Sunday, October 30th, 11am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-2pm

\$20 includes: 1 1/2 hours bowling, shoes, 2 slices of pizza, soda and one bumper car ride

All proceeds from both events benefit Saints Basketball teams

## Saints Sports Website!

Please check out the SCC Saints Sports Website for game information and much more

Please click here for the Saints Sports Website!

There is also an app for this website, just search "BigTeams app"

## **Saints Sports Media Channel!**

Please check out the new SCC Sports Media Channel on YouTube for game highlights and more from Saratoga Central Catholic Student Brandon Karam.

<u>Please click here for Brandon's SCC Sports Media Channel</u>

## **Saratoga Peak Performance training for SCC**

Saratoga Peak Performance is offering a monthly \$50 discount for SCC students. Many class times are available. Please <u>click here</u> for the informational brochure.



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