



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

*We can only learn to know ourselves and do what we can
- namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in us.
Saint Teresa of Avila*

March 13, 2024

Dear St. William the Abbot Families,

In the “time flies” category, it was brought to my attention that it was 4 years ago today (Friday the 13th) that we closed our doors as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Unbelievable! Hindsight is always 20/20, and looking back, I wish we had handled some things differently and possibly, as a society, stared down our fears, but I remain intensely proud of the way in which our school and community responded to the situation. We immediately went into, “let’s get this done” mode, with work packets evolving into daily remote instruction when we realized the shutdown was going to last a while, remote clubs, even a virtual Retreat Day during Lent! The Class of 2020 celebrated their graduation with a parade of cars and a ceremony in the back lot of the Church, and oddly enough, remains one of my favorite days as SWS principal. It was a joyous celebration, which taught us that no matter the circumstances, what truly matters is our faith in God and our surrender to Him. The SWS faculty met remotely on a regular basis to review our progress and develop new ways to best serve our students. We took lemons and made lemonade, to the best of our abilities. I view my tenure as principal as two-pronged: “pre-pandemic” and “post-pandemic.” Ironically, I now have as many years as a “post-pandemic” principal as I did as a “pre-pandemic” principal (4 years for both *including the pandemic*). Life is for living and learning, and while difficult, that time period taught us that, for better or worse, we are forever linked to each other by that experience. My prayer is that we keep moving forward in faith for the betterment of our world, our students, and our community. We Are St. William’s!

Congratulations to SWS 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday. They continue to prepare for First Eucharist in May, and I ask that you keep them in your prayers. God bless our 2nd graders!

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Thank you to all the students who participated in the Catholic Health Academic Challenge to raise funds this Lent for The Gianna Center for Women's Health. We were happy to participate!

The Drama Club's presentation of, "Frozen, Jr." promises to be yet another wonderful show from the SWS Drama Club. Don't get left out in the cold (my jokes are just as bad post-pandemic as they were pre-pandemic!), and make sure to join us tomorrow or Friday or both in support of the Drama Club (pre-purchased tickets only). Thank you to the Drama Club moderators, Ms. Milteer, Mrs. Frank, Ms. Berghammer, and Mrs. Batsford for their commitment to the show and our students.

To those who have not already done so, please finalize your 2024-2025 FACTS tuition agreement. This is critical information that is needed in order to calculate class sizes and new acceptances. Thank you for your cooperation.

A reminder that we have an 11:40am dismissal on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, to facilitate Report Card Conferences. We have had to ADD another 11:40am dismissal to the calendar on Monday, May 20, 2024 for Confirmation ceremonies. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Peace,
Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker, Principal

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Dear St. William's Community,

I write to share some exciting news. We already have 114 students and parents signed up to march in the Wantagh St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 17 – incredible! Registration will remain open until midnight on Sunday, so please be sure to register if you wish to take part.

SWS St. Patrick's Day hats will be on sale until midnight tonight, and will be distributed in school on Friday. The headbands came in damaged from the manufacturer. Anyone who ordered a headband can take a hat in place of the headband, or receive a refund. Sorry for the inconvenience! You can contact me regarding a refund or a swap – my number is listed below.

Please read carefully the following regarding the parade on Sunday:

- **All who are marching in the parade are required to attend 10:30 AM Mass beforehand at St. William the Abbot Church.** Parking will be available to SWS families at the school.
- The Wantagh Chamber of Commerce asks everyone to take the LIRR to Wantagh since parking is extremely limited.
- Lineup begins at Wantagh High School at 12:00 PM. The parade steps off at 2:00 PM.
- There will be a HUGE block party on Railroad Avenue at the end of the parade.

If there is any 8th Grade or 7th Grade student who would like to wear the Willie the Wolf Mascot in the parade, please be sure to reach out!

We are still looking for more families to join us. It is an awesome way to show off SWS in the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade on Long Island - We are St. William's!

Michael Walsh
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TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

**All non-public transportation requests must be filed
by April 1st.**

Please contact the Transportation Office of your school
district for additional information.



SWS ADULT EVENTS PRESENTS

CRAFT NIGHT

Hosted by Paint Party LI

Join us for a fun adult night out and create a one-of-a-kind beach glass work of art!

Thursday April 11 7-9 PM

SWS Cafeteria

Families of SWS and their friends are welcome to register.

Bring your own drinks and snacks!

REGISTER HERE

Registration closes April 1st

\$50

plus processing
fees



Examples of what participants have made. The only limit is your imagination!

Questions? Email Tracey Cullen at traceycullen@gmail.com



VSC PROGRAM REMINDERS

The current VSC Program, which runs from 4/1/23 to 3/31/24, consists of two components:

*Completing 12 volunteering hours
Purchasing or Selling 8 Raffle Tickets*

*Raffle tickets and payment are due back
NO LATER THAN 3/25/2024
(Before Easter Break!)*

*Hours must be completed/earned NO
LATER THAN 3/31/2024.*

*Even if you are not planning to meet your
hours, please consider participating in
the raffle!*





SWS Spring Plant Sale

SWS Spring Plant Sale is underway!!

Please see plant order form and images of plants available in the weekly envelope and on our SWS Parents Facebook page. Order your plants for the spring while supporting our school. Plants make a nice Mother's Day gift!

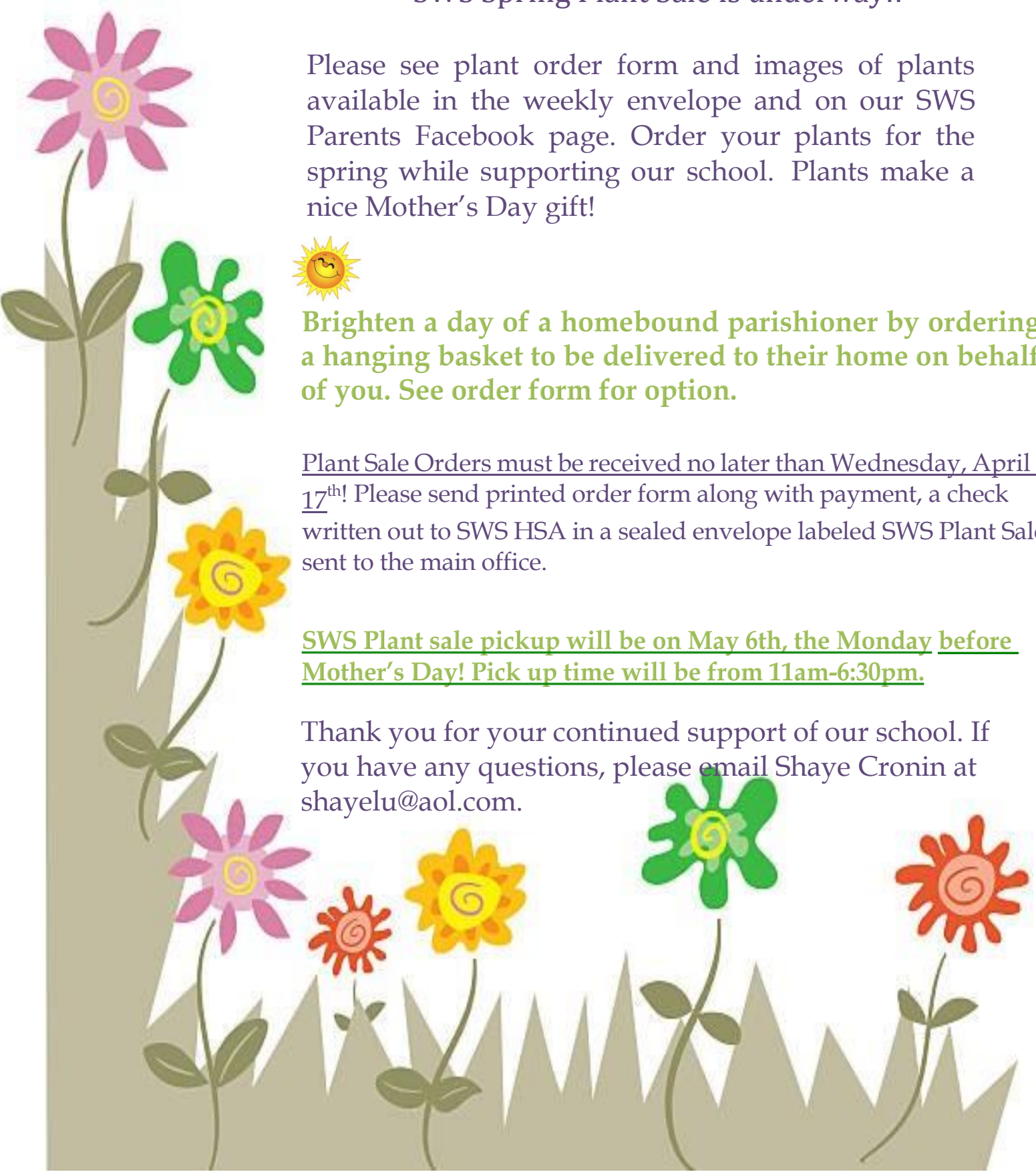


Brighten a day of a homebound parishioner by ordering a hanging basket to be delivered to their home on behalf of you. See order form for option.

Plant Sale Orders must be received no later than Wednesday, April 17th! Please send printed order form along with payment, a check written out to SWS HSA in a sealed envelope labeled SWS Plant Sale sent to the main office.

SWS Plant sale pickup will be on May 6th, the Monday before Mother's Day! Pick up time will be from 11am-6:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. If you have any questions, please email Shaye Cronin at shayelu@aol.com.



WPW GROWERS

400 West Pulaski Rd * Huntington, NY 11743
(631) 271-4141 * fax (631) 271-4175

2024 SPRING PLANT LIST

FLOWERING ANNUALS IN FLATS \$ 20.00 ea.

32 Plants per flat (8 paks of 4) Order By Full Flats Only

AGERATUM- Part Sun

☐ Blue

BEGONIAS- Part Sun

Green Leaf

☐ Red

☐ Pink

☐ White

☐ Mix

DAHLIAS- Full Sun

☐ Mix

DUSTY MILLER- Full to Part Sun

☐ Silver Dust

IMPATIENS- Part Sun to Shade

☐ Red

☐ Pink

☐ Purple

☐ White

☐ Mix

LOBELLIA- Part Sun

☐ Blue

MARIGOLDS- Full Sun

Small Flower- Bonanza Series

☐ Orange

☐ Yellow

☐ Mix

Large Flower- Antiqua Series

☐ Yellow

PETUNIA- Full to Part Sun

☐ Midnight Blue

☐ Mix

☐ Pink

☐ White

PORTULACA- Full Sun

☐ Sundial Mix

FLOWERING VINCA- Full Sun

☐ Lilac

☐ Icy Pink

☐ Mix

ZINNIAS

☐ Dreamland Mix

4 1/3" POTTED PLANTS \$ 5.50 ea.

GERANIUMS

☐ Red

☐ White

☐ Pink

☐ Lavender

DRACAENA

☐ Dracaena Spike

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

☐ Lavender/ Violet

☐ Pink

☐ Red

☐ White

VINCA VINE

☐ Vinca Vine

6" POTTED PLANTS- \$ 7.00 ea.

☐ Dragon Wing Begonia-Rose Flower, Gr. Leaf

☐ Kong Coleus

☐ Non Stop Begonias- Assorted Colors

☐ Dwarf Dahlias- Assorted Colors

NAME _____

4" POTTED VEGETABLES- \$ 4.00 ea.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Beefsteak Tomato	<input type="checkbox"/>	Green Lady Bell Pepper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roma Plum Tomato	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Eggplant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sweet 100 Cherry Tomato	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burpless/ Long Cucumber

4" POTTED HERBS- \$ 4.00 ea.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sweet Basil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rosemary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peppermint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thyme
<input type="checkbox"/>	Italian Parsley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lavender

4 1/3" ACCENT PLANTS- \$ 5.50 ea.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Angelonia- Pink	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potato Vine- Green
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verbena- Dark Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potato Vine- Red
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lantana- Multicolor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wave Petunia-Blue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scaveola- Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wave Petunia-Pink

10" HANGING BASKETS- \$ 22.00 ea.

FUCHSIA	NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS
<input type="checkbox"/> Mix	<input type="checkbox"/> Lavender
SCAVEOLA	<input type="checkbox"/> Pink
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue	<input type="checkbox"/> Red
DRAGON WING BEGONIA	<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> Pink	WAVE PETUNIAS
IVY GERANIUMS	<input type="checkbox"/> Rose
<input type="checkbox"/> Lavender	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue
LANTANA	MILLION BELLS
<input type="checkbox"/> Multicolor	<input type="checkbox"/> Multicolor

12" TERRA COTTA HANGING BASKET- \$ 25.00 ea.

Combos	Hybrid Petunia
<input type="checkbox"/> Pinks	<input type="checkbox"/> Pink
<input type="checkbox"/> Blues	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue

10" PATIO PLANTERS- \$ 22.00 ea.

<input type="checkbox"/> Red Geraniums	<input type="checkbox"/> New Guinea Impatiens
	Pink White Purple Combo Only

PERENNIALS in #2 pot- \$ 14.00 ea.

<input type="checkbox"/> Black Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hosta- Green/White
<input type="checkbox"/> Coreopsis- Early Sunrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Salvia- Blue
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Lily- Stella D'Oro (Hemerocallis)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Daisy (Luecanthemum)

_____ YES! - I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A HANGING BASKET FOR \$25 TO BE SENT TO A HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER.

TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS _____ TOTAL PRICE OF ALL ITEMS _____ NAME _____

2024 SPRING FUNDRAISING SALES

ANNUALS



AGERATUM



BEGONIA



DRAGON WING BEG



DAHLIAS



DRACENA



DUSTY MILLER



FLOWERING VINCA



GERANIUMS



IMPATIENS



KONG COLEUS



LANTANA



MARIGOLDS



NEW GUNEA IMPS.



PETUNIAS



SCAVEOLA



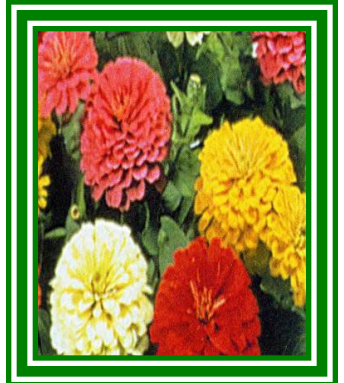
VERBENA



VINCA VINE



WAVE PETUNIAS



ZINNIAS

PERENNIALS



COREOPSIS



ECHINACEA



DAY LILY



SHASTA DAISY



BLUE SALVIA

These pictures represent most items available for your Spring Plant Sale and show what plants will look like when full grown and established. Containers in pictures may not be containers your plants will be delivered in.





RUN FOR



**TOMORROW'S
HOPE®**
FOUNDATION

5K
& FUN RUN

PROFESSIONALLY
TIMED BY **elitefeats** 

Saturday, March 23, 2024
St. Joseph School, Garden City, NY

OPEN TO EVERYONE
AWARD CATEGORIES BY AGE + SPECIAL AWARDS
EVERY FUN RUN PARTICIPANT GETS A PRIZE



Register today at
<https://events.elitefeats.com/24tomorrow>



9th Annual Run for Tomorrow's Hope

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the 2024 Run for Tomorrow's Hope!

- *Founded in 2016, the Run for Tomorrow's Hope is Long Island's largest family-friendly athletic event supporting Catholic schools!*
- *The Run for Tomorrow's Hope has raised **over \$150K** for Tomorrow's Hope Foundation over the last 8 years!*
- *The 5K Race is USATF Certified and included as one of three races in the Garden City Race Series.*

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EVENT SPONSOR

\$10,000

Top sponsor listing and signage, 10 complimentary race entries

DIAMOND SPONSOR

\$5,000

Prominent sponsor listing and signage, 8 complimentary race entries

PLATINUM SPONSOR

\$3,000

Sponsor listing, 6 complimentary race entries

GOLD SPONSOR

\$1,000

Sponsor listing, 4 complimentary race entries

SILVER SPONSOR

\$500

Sponsor listing, 2 complimentary race entries

BRONZE SPONSOR

\$250

Sponsor listing

For more information,
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