



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

In the context of a Christian community, Sacred Heart Grade School strives to help students fulfill the potential of their God given talents and abilities by guiding them to develop themselves spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, aesthetically, and socially.



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Dear parents and students,

My first professional development session at CCHS was about brain research. The presenter began with a question: "What is the number one predictor of student success in high school?" The answer: When a student believes a teacher cares about him or her. The next question: "How do students say they know a teacher cares about them?" Answer: "The teacher calls me by name."

I knew I cared about all of the students at CCHS, but I felt that since I was used to spending 8 hour days with 7 year olds who knew I loved them, I might need this hint in order to convince teenagers, whom I might only see for 45 minutes or even less, that I cared. I couldn't imagine that something so simple could matter, but I found very quickly that it did. Even more surprisingly, I found that when the students and other teachers called me by name, it made me feel that they cared about me!

I revisited these lessons recently as I walked into our Friday liturgy and the greeters said, "Good morning, Mrs. Malinoski. Welcome to our mass." I couldn't help but smile! As I walked past them and into mass I noticed that the greeters were smiling too. When we reach out to someone by name or when someone does the same to us, we make a connection. We recognize the person in front of us and the moment being shared as special.

God calls each of us by name. This recognition should make us smile, too. Whether we are called to sing, to invent, to serve, to pray, or to solve a problem, these calls come from God. Just as success in school can stem from a caring teacher who calls students by name, our own fulfillment in life can come when we answer upon hearing God call our name. Throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas, I wish you many special moments of recognition that make you smile, as each of you are called by name.

In peace,
Susan Malinoski



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



First, second, and third grades are excited to present *For Unto Us a Child is Born* on **Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the ELC Pavilion Gym. Students will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the ELC. Doors to the ELC will open at 6:00 p.m. Please watch for more detailed information to come home soon. We look forward to having you join us for this joyful SHGS Christmas tradition!



GINGERVILLE, USA



It's that time of year! Kindergarten's Open House, Gingerville, USA, will be held on **Friday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m.** in the school cafeteria! Please remember to bring a box to transport all of your child's goodies. Students in Kindergarten will go home with their parents following the Open House.

**SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL
LEARN MORE. SERVE MANY. LOVE ALL.**



CONGRATULATIONS!



To Trey and Quion Cobourne and family on the birth of their baby sister, Nova!

To Philip and Sarah Rose and family on the birth of their baby brother, Matthew!

To our second graders who will receive their first Reconciliation on Saturday:

Jacob Bollinger, Miles Bown, Lauren Chapman, Adeline Conroy, Elaina Delgra, Kara Fox, Charlotte Hayes, Aidan Hemphill, Mariam Khoury, Alexander Lane, Daniel Linton, Abigail Messer, Ross Peery, Sabian Rashid, Sophia Rohrig, Harry Salutillo, Owen Stapleton, Alexis Staun, Coleson Sweeney, Alexis Wilcox, Rylee Wright, Brigs Wriston, and Sara Zachwieja.



THANK YOU!

To SHGS families for their very generous donations to the Clay County Food Drive. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many children and their families this winter. We filled 188 food boxes and will donate many extra items to the food pantry!

To Ms. Helen Inghram for organizing yet another successful Clay County Food Drive!

To Jessica Anton, Brandi Conroy, Sid Gillis, Danielle Wade, and Kip Wilcox for their help with Clay County food box packing!

To SHGS students who sold 1017 boxes of peanuts for the SHGS PVA Peanut Shoppe fundraiser! And, to Courtney Lohri for planning and organizing this successful fundraiser in its second year!

To the following 5th graders who are sharing the heritage of Jesus through the story of The Jesse Tree with us each morning during Advent: Katherine Reehling, Hannah Fisher, Kieran Kingery, Hope Linton, Noah Bollinger, Brady Acklin, Addison Griffith, Nick Giatras, Nadia Orcutt, Zach Harrison, Luke Blaydes, Maddie Morris, Isaac Collins, and Isabella Pauley.



WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, January 5, 2018
SHGS Gym and Cafeteria
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Activities include:

Dance Party by "We Make You a Star" entertainment
Board Games, Winter Arts and Crafts, Snacks and a Coffee/Hot Chocolate Bar

Cost: \$10 per family

This event is sponsored by the SHGS PVA.

Please plan to bring your SHGS students* for a fun evening with their friends and parents.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

ECE-2nd grade will have the gym for the dance party from 6-6:45pm.

3rd-5th grades will dance in the gym from 7:15-8:00pm. Parents are welcome to dance too!

The cafeteria will be open for crafts, games, and snacks for all SHGS students* during the entire event.

*Older siblings will have the opportunity to volunteer to help with activities during the event through CCHS, if they would like to attend.



UNIFORM SALE

PVA will sponsor a Uniform Sale on

Friday, January 5

7:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

A wide variety of gently used uniforms will be available for sale.
All proceeds from the sale of donated uniforms benefit our school!
Thanks for your support!

When donating uniforms to the school, please make sure items are *gently used*, have been cleaned, and are uniform items, only. We appreciate these donations and the opportunity to reuse!

ECE AND PRE-K PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our ECE and Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17**. Appointments can be made by calling the school office beginning **Monday, January 8**.

ECE	Wednesday, January 17	8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
PRE-K	Wednesday, January 17	8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR OUR ECE AND PRE-K CLASSES (ONLY)
ON THIS DAY!**



DECEMBER DRESS DOWN DAYS

Tuesday, December 5
Thursday, December 7
Wednesday, December 13
Thursday, December 14
Friday, December 15

December Dress Down Day
Clay County Classroom Quota Dress Down Day
Clay County Thank you Dress Down Day
Merry Christmas Dress Down Day
DRESS-UP DAY for Mass and Christmas parties

2018-2019 SHGS REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars! Registration forms will go home with our current students (early childhood through fourth grade) on **Friday, January 5**. Please turn in your application by **Friday, January 19** to ensure a spot for your child/children next school year. Applications not submitted within the window of opportunity will lose their first consideration status.

Application Dates

January 8—January 19

Application window opens for students currently enrolled at SHGS (and their siblings) who will be entering our ECE through Grade 5, along with those children enrolled at Sacred Heart Early Learning Center. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at SHGS whom you wish to be considered for admissions for the next academic year, please call the office to request a **sibling application**.

January 22—January 26

Application window opens for Sacred Heart parishioners who **do not** currently have children enrolled at SHGS.

January 29

Admissions to SHGS is opened to the general public.

There will be an **OPEN HOUSE** for parents of prospective SHGS students on
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 from 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Please encourage family and friends who might be interested
in sending their children to SHGS to stop in and see us!



SHGS T-SHIRTS: LAST CALL!

Thank you so much for the wonderful response to our new SHGS t-shirts! Many of you have asked to order again, so PVA will be placing one more order prior to the dress down days. **We will kick off 2018 with monthly designated SHGS t-shirt dress down days.** These dress down days will be a great opportunity for the faculty and students to show their school spirit! **In order to dress down on these days, one of the SHGS t-shirts must be worn.** Please follow the guidelines for the dress down day in the school handbook when selecting what to wear with the t-shirt. If your child did not purchase a SHGS shirt, they will be permitted to wear their gym uniform on these days. **Additionally, the SHGS t-shirt can be worn as a gym shirt uniform option on your student's gym day throughout 2018.**



SHGS T-Shirt 2018 Dress Down Day
Wednesday, January 31
(Catholic Schools Week: SHGS Day of Giving)
Wednesday, February 21
Wednesday, March 21
Wednesday, April 25
Tuesday, May 22



2018-2019 CCHS REGISTRATION INFORMATION



The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the newsletter. **Applications for all grade levels will be available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) by Wednesday, January 3. Mail completed applications directly to CCHS.**

Wednesday, January 3 – application packets for new students available online.

Wednesday, February 21 – information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10). CCHS has planned two options: 1) **at 8:15 a.m.** -- Following the information session in the library, parents will have the opportunity to tour the school as a group while classes are in session. 2) **at 6:00 p.m.** – information session in the CCHS library followed by a tour of the school.

Thursday, February 22 – prospective 6th graders visit CCHS (5th graders not currently enrolled at a local Catholic elementary school must call CCHS office to make reservations.)

Saturday, February 24 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

Monday, February 26 – deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools who wish to be given first consideration. Applications from area Catholic schools received after this date lose “first consideration” status and are placed in the general pool of applicants.

Tuesday, February 27 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Friday, March 2 – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances.

Friday, March 16 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 2 – applications received after March 2 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)



SAFETY AT SHGS

At SHGS, the safety of our children is and always has been our top priority. While our downtown location offers many wonderful benefits, it can also create challenges sometimes related to safety. Administration is constantly assessing these challenges and creating solutions to keep our children safe in school, on the playground, and in church. Whether these solutions are security systems and cameras, door tinting, locked doors, or a variety of safety drills, please know that there is no greater priority than keeping and putting safe solutions in place efficiently for our children. If you have questions or would like more information regarding our safety practices and procedures, please contact Mrs. Malinoski or Mr. Craffey by calling the school office. We appreciate your support and always invite your thoughts and ideas.



December-January Calendar

Friday, December 1	Second Nine Weeks Progress Reports Liturgy 4A
Saturday, December 2	First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade Sacred Heart Parishioners 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 5	December Dress Down Day Reconciliation grades 3-5
Wednesday, December 6	PVA General Meeting 8:00 a.m. Cafeteria December Birthday Lunch
Thursday, December 7	Clay County Classroom Quota Dress Down Day 5th grade Parent Lunch (4th grade bring lunch and a drink from home)
Friday, December 8	Liturgy 4B Feast of the Immaculate Conception Lunch payments due No School for ECE & Pre K-Teacher In-service
Tuesday, December 12	Peanut Sale Delivery Day Christmas Program grades 1-3 For Unto Us a Child is Born 6:30 p.m. Location TBD
Wednesday, December 13	Clay County Thank You Dress Down Day
Thursday, December 14	Merry Christmas Dress Down Day
Friday, December 15	Dress-Up Day grades 1-5 Liturgy 2C Kindergarten: Gingerville, USA (9:00 in the Cafeteria) 10:30 classroom parties 11:15 Dismissal ECE, Pre K 11:30 dismissal grades 1-5
Monday December 18- Monday, January 1	Christmas Break-Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Tuesday, January 2	Classes Resume
Wednesday January 3	PVA General Meeting 8:00 a.m. Cafeteria January birthday lunch
Friday, January 5	Liturgy 5A Uniform Sale Returning student applications go home Winter Family Fun Night 6:00 p.m.-gym & cafeteria

