

The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ January 2018

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.



Dear parents and students,

This year, as he celebrated New Year’s Day Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, Pope Francis advised to release life’s “useless baggage.” He recommended setting aside a moment of silence daily to be with God. Pope Francis believes this moment of silence could help “keep our freedom from being corroded by the banality of consumerism, the blare of commercials, the stream of empty words, and the overpowering waves of empty chatter and loud shouting.” Pope Francis shared that leaving these negative influences behind could allow us to “rediscover what really matters.” What a wonderful recommendation and challenge!

I have found that spending your days at SHGS is another way to “rediscover what really matters.” “Useless baggage” does not exist with young children, because everything matters so much! A smile, a hug, a joyful wave, a silly story, a moment of understanding, a raised hand, a picture created just for you: these are the moments that make up our day. What could matter more?

May 2018 bring many opportunities in your daily life for silent reflection free of “useless baggage” allowing you to “rediscover what really matters.”

In peace,

Susan Malinoski

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2018-2019 SHGS PRE-REGISTRATION 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**. 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.

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.

January 30—**OPEN HOUSE** for parents of prospective SHGS students **6:00—7:00 p.m.**

MANNA MEAL DONATIONS

After taking November and December off from our Manna Meal food drive to focus on the Clay County Christmas Project, we will begin 2018 with a new food request. During the month of January, SHGS will be accepting donations of **canned soup** for Manna Meal. Donations may be left in the collection bin in front of the main office. Thank you in advance for your support!

Follow us on Twitter @SacredHeartGS or text “follow SacredHeartGS” to 40404 to receive text updates.

Visit the Sacred Heart Grade School website shgs.us for news and information.

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MATH FIELD DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to our SHGS winners and alternates in the Kanawha County Elementary Math Field Day! Our 4th grade winner is Bryce Wilkes, and our 5th grade winner is Aurelia Kirby! Our alternates are Jacob Brown for 4th grade and Ewan Becher from 5th grade! Bryce and Aurelia will represent SHGS at the Kanawha County Elementary Math Field Day in February! Congratulations to our mathematicians!

ECE AND PRE-K PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



Our ECE and Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** Appointments can be made by calling the school office beginning **Monday, January 8.**

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



SHGS DAY OF GIVING



Annually, Catholic Schools Week is a celebration to showcase our academic excellence, devotion to service, and faith development. On **Wednesday, January 31** of Catholic Schools Week, we will celebrate the first annual **SHGS Day of Giving**, which coincides with the National Catholic Education Association's *Many Gifts, One Nation* day of giving.

This is a day set aside for parents, parishioners, and community members to make financial donations to the school. Donations will go directly to the SHGS Funding Our Future Campaign, a fund set aside for capital improvements and maintenance specific to the grade school. Donations may be mailed to Sacred Heart Grade School, 1035 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301, or may be brought to the school office.

SHGS students, teachers, and administrators will be participating in this special day by giving their time, both inside and outside of the school, in service to others. Students and teachers may be helping in the cafeteria, assisting in the office, monitoring Pennies for People, sorting cans for Manna Meal, supervising and organizing additional service projects, and reading to younger students, only to name a few of the possible giving projects. At the conclusion of the Day of Giving, SHSG students will have a schoolwide sing-a-long where each class will share their talents and favorite songs! Whether you have donated time, talent, or treasure during the past year or are planning to do so in 2018, we thank you for your support!



SNOW DAY/DELAY NOTIFICATION



Remember to follow us on Twitter, @SacredHeartGS, or text "follow SacredHeartGS" to 40404 to receive text updates and snow day or delay information. This information will also be posted on the website. Please visit the Sacred Heart Grade School website, shgs.us, for news and information.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018



Sacred Heart Grade School will join hundreds of schools across the nation the week of **January 29-February 2** to celebrate the achievements of Catholic Schools. Below is an outline of our week-long celebration:

Monday: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. We Appreciate Our Community

To kick off our celebration week, students may dress down. We will also begin our two, week-long service projects. **Students will bring in coins and dollars for our annual Pennies for People collection.** This year our students and teachers presented proposals for a variety of charities that might benefit from our CSW service projects. The projects chosen from those proposals will be announced next week! We will conclude our day with a prayer service.

Tuesday: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. We Appreciate Our Faculty and Staff

The faculty and staff will enjoy a delicious luncheon graciously provided by our PVA. Thank you! Tuesday evening is also our OPEN HOUSE for prospective parents.

Wednesday: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Many Talents, One Nation

SHGS's Day of Giving! Parents, parishioners, and community members are invited to make financial donations toward the school's Funding Our Future Campaign, while students and teachers participate by giving of their time in various activities in the school and community. Students, faculty, and staff will wear **SHGS T-shirts on this dress down day** and each grade level will present a song with the school to share their talents in a school sing-a-long.

Thursday: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. We Celebrate Our Students

"My Favorite!" Dress Down Day. As we celebrate our students, each student is invited to dress down in clothing that shows something that is their favorite: a team, a school, a book, a place to visit, etc. Each classroom will enjoy Board Games, Books, and Puzzles & Buddies time and are invited to bring their favorite board games, puzzle books, or book to share during free time with friends. No electronic games are permitted. Lunchtime will be pizza, ice cream, and music!

Friday: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. We Appreciate and Pray for Vocations

Our day will begin with an All-School's Mass at 8:00 a.m. We hope you can join us! Students will also participate in a variety of activities to learn more about and show appreciation for vocations.



PVA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



It will soon again be time for our annual Scholastic Book Fair! The fair will be held during Catholic Schools Week (**January 29-February 2**)

Your children (K-5) will visit the Book Fair on **Friday, January 26** to do a little browsing and will create a wish list of books they would like to have. The following week, they will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their Reading Center time to make their purchases. (ECE and Pre-K parents should plan to visit the fair with their children as they will not go with their class.) Students who wish to shop before or after school **must be accompanied by a parent.**

Our teachers will have also created classroom wish lists. Please help add books to our classroom shelves by donating a book in your child's name. Thank you for your support!

The Book Fair is a HUGE favorite with our children...hope to see you there!

2018-2019 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS

For the 27th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for TAP through FACTS is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2018-2019 school year. Any Catholic student accepted for the 2018-2019 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belongs to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Applications are made on-line. Go to www.factsmgmt.com, click on "Grant & Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance. The application fee is \$30. The Diocese will pay \$15 and families pay the other \$15. Diocesan grants for Catholic families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child's tuition.

Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2017-2018 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2018.

Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e. birth, death, loss of job, major illness). In order to receive notification in early September, all applications for 2018-2019 (including all required documentation and payment of the fees) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 15, 2018. This is a firm deadline. If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school. Please do NOT submit a second application.

Note 1: No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless:

- an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted
- all required documentation is provided, AND
- the family portion (\$15) of the application fee is paid by the deadline.

Note 2: ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be updated by FACTS.

SHGS CURRENT 5TH GRADERS APPLYING 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.)

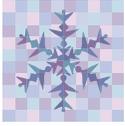
Saturday, February 24 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

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)



DRESS DOWN DAYS

January 10	January Dress Down Day
January 29	Catholic Schools Week Dress Down Day
January 31	SHGS T-Shirt Dress Down Day (Day of Giving)
February 1	“My Favorite!” Dress Down Day for Catholic Schools Week- dress to share your favorite team, school, book, place to visit, etc.

THANK YOU



To our Kindergarten students, teachers, and parents for the beautiful Gingerville, U.S.A. display and show!

To Ms. Evans, Mrs. Becher, Mrs. Haden, Mrs. McKown, Ms. Adkins, Mrs. Corbett, Ms. Santmyer, Mrs. Dever, Ms. Sassler, Mrs. Gilmore, and our first, second, and third graders for their beautiful singing during their Christmas program, *Born a King*.

To Kerri Linton, Brandy Messer, Kip Wilcox, Niki Kurten and all of our PVA volunteers who cooked, baked, and organized for the teachers’ Christmas luncheon. We all had a wonderful time visiting together, and the food was delicious!

To the families who donated gift cards and other treats for the Christmas raffle during the Teacher Luncheon!

CONDOLENCES

To Mrs. Patti Corbett and family in the loss of her father.

We pray that in this time of loss, you will feel God's love and find comfort in the presence of the Lord.





January Calendar



Thursday, January 4	Lunch bills emailed
Friday, January 5	Applications for 2018-2019 school year come home Manna Meal monthly food drive begins-canned soup Uniform sale Liturgy 5A
Monday January 8	ECE, Pre K parents may begin calling the office for conference appointments– 9:00 a.m. Application window opens for returning students, siblings, and ELC
Wednesday, January 10	January Dress Down Day
Thursday, January 11	1st grade Parent Lunch
Friday, January 12	ECE & Pre K Progress Report Day End of 2nd nine weeks Lunch payments due Liturgy 2A
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day– no school
Wednesday, January 18	ECE & Pre K conferences 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. No school for ECE & Pre K
Friday, January 19	Report Card Day grades K-5 Liturgy 2B Returning student/sibling applications due for first consideration status
Monday, January 22	Application window for parishioners opens
Friday, January 26	Touching safety opt-out forms come home Popcorn sale -\$0.25 Book fair browsing with classrooms Liturgy 3B
Monday, January 29- Friday, February 2	Catholic Schools Week Book Fair
Monday, January 29	SHGS admissions open to the public Catholic Schools Week Dress Down Day
Tuesday, January 30	SHGS Open House for Prospective Parents 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 31	SHGS Day of Giving! SHGS T-shirt Dress Down Day
Thursday, February 1	“My Favorite” Dress Down Day
Friday, February 2	All School’s Mass for Catholic Schools Week



