



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ October 2016

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,

Each day, I look forward to opening our front door and having the opportunity to say “Good morning!” to our students and parents as they arrive. The smiles of greeting and the kisses and hugs goodbye fill my heart, but there is one specific interaction that I notice daily as well: the joy of friends reuniting.

Usually, a couple of times each morning, I get to see friends come back together after being apart for the evening and the night. The sheer delight in the eyes of two friends who happen to meet on the sidewalk and go into school together, or, when the timing is just right and a child entering the front door happens to run into his or her best friend who is walking up the steps from the cafeteria at the exact same moment, is simply priceless. Along with the delight and excitement of reuniting with a friend is often a very quiet sigh of comfort. Their eyes and smiles say, “There you are my friend! I am so glad to see you again.”

We have the same opportunity as our children do each day. We are able reunite and reconcile with our family, our friends, co-workers, and with God whenever we choose. But how can we capture the joy of reuniting and welcome each day? Just as two 7 years olds will smile, hold hands, and skip into school together, we can reach out to one another and share that same sentiment: There you are my friend! I am so glad to see you again.

In peace,

Mrs. Malinoski

A WARMER WINTER from the HEART DONATION DRIVE FOR ELKVIEW & CLENDENIN



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During the first two weeks of October, Sacred Heart Grade School will be collecting coats (new and gently used), scarves, gloves, mittens, and hats for our neighbors affected by June’s flooding. We hope that by collecting these items before the winter weather sets in, we will be able to help our friends have a warmer winter. New gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves, as well as new or gently used coats for children, teenagers, and adults will be accepted. **Please leave donations in the donation box in front of the school office.** Thank you in advance for your support!

GYM JAM!

Gym Jam, a day to celebrate being healthy and active, will be held on **Wednesday, October 5**, for students in grades 1 through 5. These students will **wear their gym clothes** all day for Gym Jam!

All students (ECE, Pre-K, K, & 1-5) will need to **pack a lunch and drink from home** since the cafeteria is used for Gym Jam stations. There will be no hot lunch. Please send packed lunches and drinks in the morning with your child. **Fast food and other such items should not be delivered or sent for lunch.**



Permission slips for Gym Jam are due on Monday, October 3!

Thank you to Mrs. Mullen and all of our volunteers for planning and helping with this fun day!



TEACHER CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 6 will be a half day (early dismissal at 11:30) to allow our teachers time to travel to Morgantown for the diocesan teaching conference. It is a two-day conference. **There will also be no school on Friday, October 7.**

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

Coming soon! The new Sacred Heart Grade School website! Stay tuned for details!



LAST DAY FOR UNIFORM SHORTS



The last day for uniform shorts will be Thursday, October 6! Now is a good time to check those school pants and see just how much everyone has grown since last year!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our first nine weeks will end on Friday, October 21, with report cards going home the following Friday, October 28. **Parent Teacher conferences for grades K-5 will be held on Thursday, November 3 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

5th graders will have an **early dismissal on Wednesday, November 2 at 1:00** to allow for additional 5th grade conferences on **November 2 from 2:00-7:00**. Conferences for ECE and Pre-K classes will be held in January. Therefore our **ECE and Pre-K classes will be held as normal on November 3.**

Parents may begin calling the school office to schedule conferences on **October 24 at 9:00 a.m.**



SCHOOL PICTURES-MAKE UP DAY

Make-up picture day will be **Friday, October 21**. If your child was absent for school pictures or is having a retake, please have him or her wear picture clothes and bring the school uniform to change into after pictures are taken.



OCTOBER DRESS DOWN DAYS

We will have **TWO** dress down days in October! Our monthly dress down day for October will be on **Tuesday, October 4**. The second dress down day will be on Halloween Day which is **Monday, October 31**! This is also the day of our Halloween party in the gym! Although we will not be wearing costumes, please enjoy wearing your own Halloween style clothes to celebrate!



HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Our Halloween party is scheduled for **Monday, October 31**! Our Pre-K through 5th grade classes will celebrate as a grade level together in the gym. ECE classes will have their own individual party in their classrooms.

Thank you to our homeroom parents who are busy making plans for this spook-a-licious day! Please watch for information from your homeroom coordinator to see how you can help with this event!

If you would prefer that your child not have his or her hair dyed, nails painted, or make-up applied at the BOO-TIQUE, please send a note with you child on the day of the party that explains your wishes to your child's teacher.

Each grade will have their party following the schedule below. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us during your child's party time!

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| 8:30-9:15 a.m. | Pre-K |
| 9:15-10:00 a.m. | 1st grades |
| 10:00-10:45 a.m. | 2nd grades |
| 10:45-11:30 a.m. | 4th grades |
| 11:30-12:15 p.m. | 5th grades |
| 1:00-1:45 p.m. | Kindergarten |
| 1:45-2:30 p.m. | 3rd grades |





REMINDERS

- ♥ **Please do not deliver or send in fast food for your child's lunch.** When it is Parent Lunch or Golden Friends Lunch for your child's class, our cooks spend time to make a special lunch for our families to enjoy together! **Please refrain from bringing food into the school on these special days.** These are celebrations of family time together. The children are proud and love to be able to show you how to walk through the cafeteria line! On a regular school day, if your child forgets his or her lunch and you cannot bring lunch to your child, please notify the office so we can inform our cooks to provide an option.
- ♥ At our weekly liturgies together, our children are taught to enter, remain, and exit the church reverently in silence. We appreciate the example our parents set as they follow suit. As always, please refrain from taking pictures during the service using a flash. **Given the sacred nature of the mass, there should be no cell phone use in the church during the service.** As students walk to communion and return to their seats it can be confusing and upsetting for them to see parents perusing Facebook or texting during such a solemn time. Thank you for your support and understanding with these requests!
- ♥ With the many opportunities coming up to volunteer at the school, please make sure that you have completed all **3 volunteer requirements for Virtus** (online training, background check, sexual abuse policy form). If you have questions regarding these requirements, please call Mrs. Jarrell in the school office.
- ♥ While the school annually asks parents for their preference concerning the use of their children's pictures in a variety of media, **please be mindful to not place any pictures taken during the school day on social media** (at school or at school sponsored events such as Outdoor Classroom, field trips, etc.). Though certainly never intending to cause harm, an innocent post could do just that.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Second grade sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral will be beginning soon! There is a mandatory parent meeting on Sunday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria for those students who will receive their First Reconciliation.

Please note that sacraments should be celebrated in a child's home parish. Therefore, the parents of those children who are Sacred Heart parishioners should attend this meeting. If you are not a Sacred Heart parishioner, please contact your pastor for sacramental preparation information. As always, our teachers will be guiding our students in this very important preparation.

Please contact Alyce Pennimen for more information at 304-346-9369 or email Ms. Penniman at shccfaithformation@gmail.com.

THE 150th ANNIVERSARY of SACRED HEART CHURCH

This year marks the sesquicentennial of Sacred Heart Church! Sacred Heart Grade School is excited to be participating in the celebration festivities throughout the last week of October. We will be learning about the church and what life would have been like 150 years ago! Our week will culminate on October 28 with Bishop Bransfield visiting Sacred Heart Grade School to bless our new wing in 1033 Quarrier Street! Please stay tuned for more details about this very special week!



PICK-UP & DROP-OFF



Things are running smoothly in the morning and afternoon with our pick-up and drop-off procedures. Thank you for your support and understanding!

Please remember:

- ♥ The Charleston Police Department has asked that no afternoon pick-up line form until **2:30 p.m.**
- ♥ **Always cross at the crosswalk.** Crossing in the middle of the street is very dangerous.
- ♥ Walking in the alley during arrival or dismissal is not permitted.
- ♥ Please keep our alley a cell free zone during these times as well.
- ♥ SHGS doors are locked until 7:30 a.m. for safety. There is no drop off , at the gym or the front door, until 7:30.

THANK YOU!

- ♥ To Mike Hall, for always making our school pictures fabulous!
- ♥ To PVA, for providing a beautiful and delicious birthday cake to SHGS faculty and staff!
- ♥ To our families, for answering the call to serve by donating small appliances and making monetary donations to our neighbors in need in the Elkview and Clendenin area. Many appliances were taken to those moving back into houses and a monetary donation was made to the Clendenin Elementary Archery Club which lost all of its supplies in the flood.
- ♥ To volunteers from CCHS who provided childcare during Back-to-School Night.



CONDOLENCES

To the Corbin family in the loss of RT's paternal grandfather.
To the Bragg family in the loss of Reece's great grandmother.
To the family of our cook, Marie Alford, in the loss of her mother.
To the family of Mrs. LaMaster in the loss of her mother-in-law.

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



October Calendar

Monday, October 3	A Warmer Winter from the Heart Donation Drive (October 3– October 17)
Tuesday, October 4	October Dress Down Day
Wednesday, October 5	Gym Jam (K-5) all students wear gym uniforms, pack a lunch and drink
Thursday, October 6	11:30 dismissal (11:15 ECE, Pre-K, & K) Lunch bills go home
Friday, October 7	No School-teacher conference in Morgantown
Sunday, October 9	First Reconciliation parent meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 12	PVA meeting, 8:05 a.m. cafeteria October birthday lunch
Friday, October 14	5th grade trip to Morgantown Liturgy 3B
Thursday, October 20	2nd grade Parent Lunch 12:20 p.m. (4th and 5th grades bring lunch and a drink)
Friday, October 21	Liturgy 2B End of 1st nine weeks Make-up pictures
Monday, October 24	Parents may call the office to schedule conferences (8:00 a.m.)
Friday, October 28	Liturgy 3A Popcorn Sale \$0.25 Report card day
Monday, October 31	Halloween Party! (Dress down day, in gym by grade)

