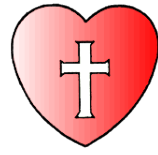
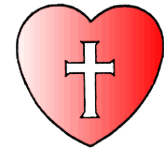


Our Mission

In the context of a Catholic 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.



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

-Sacred Heart Grade School-

February 2023

Parents,

February– the month of Love. Thank you for all the love you show to SHGS by promoting the Open House. It was a successful night. Thank you for the love you showed on the Day of Giving! Wow! I cannot wait to share what we will be doing with the funds you generously donated in love.

Most importantly, the love the SHGS families show through the community outreach we do is amazing. It started back in November with the food boxes for Clay Co. and continued through Catholic schools week with the donations for the animal shelter and the Pennies for People. We will be able to help so many in our community thanks to the love you show and share.

I wish you lots of love for the month of February and beyond!

In Kindness,
Anne Davis



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Remember to follow us on Instagram [sacred_heart_grade_school](https://www.instagram.com/sacred_heart_grade_school) and like our Facebook page.

CONGRATULATIONS!

-To the following fifth graders for their academic achievement in the second nine weeks. The criteria for the Principal's Honor Roll is all A's; for the Honor Roll A's and a maximum of two B's:

Principal's Honor Roll

Elise Bailey, Joseph Bailey, Hallie Caponiti, Nicholas Feola, Maxwell Moody, Gabriel Rashid, Ameila Shelton



Honor Roll

Thomas Bailey, Brody Chapman, Evan Damous, Liam Harris, Ady Murphy, Jackson Pile, Olivia Testman

-To **Brody Chapman** who has been awarded the SHGS Aquinas Medal!

The Aquinas Medal is awarded to one student from each of the Catholic schools in West Virginia. The Medal was named for St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students. The award recognizes a student who represents the qualities Catholic schools seek to instill in our students. Moral and spiritual values, service to their schools and community, as well as academic achievement are criteria used in the selection. Well done, Brody!

-To our second grade students who will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

-To Emma Wallace for finishing third in the Kanawha County Spelling Bee!

-To Ms. Haley Santmyer on her wedding!!



2022-2023 CCHS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2023-2024– The Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. Applications for all grade levels will be available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) by mid to late January 2023. Applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions are available on the CCHS website.

Prospective Parent Open House

Parents will have the opportunity to talk with current parents and students and Mrs. Hoyer and Mrs. Aubel over light refreshments in the Commons to learn more about the school and go on a tour of the school building. We look forward to this opportunity to introduce prospective students and families to our community.

Fifth Grade Visit Day

Any fifth grade student is invited to attend our 5th grade visit day. It will be held on February 10th from 9 a.m. to noon. Fifth grade students will meet the current sixth grade teachers, take a tour of the school building, eat lunch in the Commons, and participate in their very first CCHS ‘pep rally.’ Families who do not attend Sacred Heart Grade School or St. Francis School should call the school office to register.

Prospective Student Night at the Facility

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend the CCHS vs. Poca basketball game on February 21 that will start at 7:00 p.m. Prospective families must call school to pre-register. Come out to support the Irish and show your Irish Pride!

Admissions Testing

All students applying to CCHS will take an admissions test prior to their application being reviewed. Any rising 6th grader from Sacred Heart Grade School will take their admissions test at SHGS during the school day. All other students and families will coordinate admissions testing with [Nancy McLaughlin](#).

Admissions Timeline and Calendar

Wednesday, February 1– Prospective Parent Mixer

Friday, February 3- beginning of re-enrollment for current families

Friday, February 10 – applications accepted for current Catholic school families who wish to be given first consideration.

Friday, February 10- 5th Grade Visit Day, 9 am to noon

Thursday, February, 16- deadline for applications from current Catholic school families to receive first consideration

Friday, February 17- applications open to the general public

Tuesday, February 21- Thursday, February 23- Admissions tests after school; call to schedule

Tuesday, February 21– Prospective Student Night at the Athletic Facility

Friday, March 3 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by **February 24** – applications received after February 24 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

Uniform Sale

There will be a uniform sale in the cafeteria on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. There are many good items available for purchase. You can get things for this year and even next year! Items will be available for \$1.00 or take what you want for a donation. We have a great deal of good uniform pieces available.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Wednesday, February 1
Thursday, February 2
Wednesday, February 8
Tuesday, February 14
Tuesday, February 21

Red & White Day of Giving Dress Down Day
CSW Dress Down Day
February Dress Down Day
Valentine Dress Down Day
Mardi Gras Dress Down Day



Book Fair Update

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to SHGS! The children will visit with their classroom during the week of March 20th . Taylor Books will also donate a portion of its proceeds when books are purchased on behalf of SHGS from their store that same week. Please look for more information to follow. Thank you to Kamilla Rashid for organizing the book fair.

Preschool Teacher Inservice

Please read this carefully as it impacts all grade levels!

There will be no classes for Tiny Hearts, ECE, and PreK on

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, April 19

Thursday, April 20

due to the Celebrating Connections Inservice. All teachers and aides are required to attend for continuing education hours.

**There will be no After school care on Tuesday, April 18, and Wednesday, April 19, 2023 for any students, TH-Fifth Grade, because the ASC employees will need to be at the conference also. ASC will be available on Monday, April 17 and resume on Thursday, April 20.

Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up from school for those 2 day at dismissal time– 2:45-3:00.

PARENT INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION ASSISTANCE 2023-2024 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS OPENS FEBRUARY 1, 2023

For the 32nd consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for 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 The Most Reverend Mark Brennan to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to 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 2023-2024 school year.

Who is eligible? Any student accepted for the 2023-2024 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PKthru grade 12) is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.

Phase I: open to Catholic families ONLY

Phase II: open to ALL families

How do I apply? 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.

Cost? The application fee is \$35. The Diocese will pay \$17.50 and families pay the other \$17.50.

Grants: Diocesan grants for families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child's tuition.

Phase I Deadline In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required documentation and payment) are to be received by **FACTS by April 30, 2023**. Phase I is intended for **Catholic families ONLY** with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2023-2024 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. **Families must belong to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application.**

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NEW: PLEASE READ

Phase II Deadline In order to receive notification in September, all applications for 2023-2024 (including August 31, 2023 all required documentation and payment of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than **August 31, 2023**. Phase II is now intended for Catholic and Non-Catholic families. 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:**

- 1. an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted
- 2. all required documentation is provided, AND
- 3. the family portion (\$17.50) 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.**

HOPE Scholarship Information for families with students in PreK and who received the funds for this school year

The Hope Scholarship Program is the state of West Virginia’s education savings account (ESA) program that will allow parents and families to utilize the state portion of their education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for them.

Beginning on March 1, 2023, the Hope Scholarship Board will accept applications for the 2023-2024 school year. To Learn more about the HOPE Scholarship Program, please visit: www.hopescholarshipwv.com

If your child was awarded funds this year, you must reapply for the 2023-2024 school year. To do so, go to the website listed above.

Parishioners of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart who would like to apply for a parish K – 5 tuition rate for the 2023-2024 school year, must contact the parish office at 304-414-5722 to receive a request form. Upon completion of the form, return to the parish office via email skerekes@shccwv.us or drop off at 1114 Virginia St. E., Charleston, WV 25301. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Kerekes at 304-414-5722.

SHGS 2023-2024 TENTATIVE CALENDAR



Wednesday, August 16	First Day of School grades 1-5: <u>half</u> day dismissal Orientation TH, ECE, PreK, K
Thursday, August 17	<u>Half</u> day dismissal for all students First day of school TH, ECE, PreK, K
Friday August 18	First <u>full</u> day of school for all students
Monday, September 4	Labor Day-no school
Monday, October 23	Early dismiss– Professional Development Day
Thursday, November 2	Parent Teacher conferences grades K-5 (no school or ASC) Preschool regular school day
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day-no school
Wednesday, November 22-	Thanksgiving Break– E-day Nov. 22
Friday, November 24	
Thursday, December 14	Early dismissal– Professional Development Day
Friday, December 15	Half day dismissal for all students
Monday December 18-	Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 2	
Wednesday, January 3	Classes resume
Friday, January 13	End of second nine weeks/semester
Monday, January 15	MLK Jr. Day-no school
Tuesday, January 16	E-Day for Students, Professional Development Day
Wednesday, February 7	Preschool conferences (no school, ASC) Regular school day grades K-5
Monday, February 19	Presidents Day-no school
Friday, March 15	End of third nine weeks
Monday, March 18	Early dismiss– Professional Development Day
Friday, March 29	Good Friday– No School
Friday, March 29-	Easter Break
Sunday April 7	
Monday, April 8	Classes resume
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day-no school
Friday, May 31	Last Day of School- half day dismissal

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February Calendar



Wednesday, February 1	SHGS Day of Giving! Dress for what job you'd like to have
Thursday, February 2	Dress Down Day!
Friday, February 3	All students, K-5, wear gym uniforms Registration for current SHGS students begins
Saturday, February 4	First Reconciliation for second graders
Wednesday, February 8	Conferences for TH-Pre-K, Regular day for K-5 No School or ASC for TH-Pre-K February dress down day & birthday lunch
Tuesday, February 14	Classroom Valentine's Day exchange & Valentine dress down day
Wednesday, February 15	Second Grade Parent Lunch
Friday, February 17	Progress Report Day
Monday, February 20	President's Day– No School
Tuesday, February 21	Mardi Gras Dress Down Day– wear something, green, purple, and/or gold.
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday
Friday, February 24	Popcorn Day



Our condolences to Mrs. Patti Corbett on the loss of her mother. We pray for comfort for you and your family in your time of loss.

