



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

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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.

Parents,

I don't know about you, but I am having a hard time understanding that the third nine weeks of school ends this month. We will start the final grading period for the 2022-2023 school year on March 20! Wow!

March is a tough month. No holidays and it seems to take forever to get to the end of it. We have entered the season of Lent, which is also a tough season for some. The season of repenting, sacrificing, and focusing on God leading us through the tough journeys in life— all in preparation for Easter, the most wonderful of all times in our liturgical year!

I pray you have a blessed Lent.

In kindness,
Anne Davis

CONGRATULATIONS

Sacred Heart second grade parishioners who have made their First Reconciliation! May each of you know the greatness of God's love and forgiveness.



UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Upon returning from Easter Break on **April 17** students may begin wearing their uniform shorts. Since they are growing so fast, please take a moment and double check the length of their shorts...and all uniform pieces. **Remember that our uniform policy requires that shorts, jumpers, and skirts be knee length.** Also, please be sure that socks have no logos or designs, and that they can be easily seen. Your support is appreciated!



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DRESS DOWN DAYS



Thursday, March 2
Wednesday, March 8
Friday, March 17
Monday, March 20

Dr. Seuss Dress Down
March Dress Down Day
Wear green for St. Patrick's Day
First Day of Spring



SHGS BOOK FAIR



The SHGS Book Fair will be held at school the week of March 20. Scholastic Book Club will be here with a variety of books for purchase. Students will be able to purchase books from the fair on the days they have Reading Center as their special. More details will come home soon! Please contact Kamilla Rashid with questions. You can [click here](#) to see more details and set up a wallet for cash free shopping for your child!

Thank you!! Thank you !! Thank you!!

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to be basketball coaches this year. You did a fantastic job leading and teaching our students!! Thank you!

Catholic Schools Week Update

We were humbled by this year's Day of Giving donations which totaled an amazing **\$19, 279.00!** While our fundraising goal to have a Dress Down Week was \$25,000.00, as you will see below, student and family support of our many Day of Giving service projects was truly inspirational. I believe we achieved many important goals on this special day.

- Pennies for People: \$1627.00 raised for Sojourners Shelter, Regal Apartment Fire Victims, and The Gabriel Project !
- KCHA Animal Shelter donations: a truckload of dog and cat food as well as puppy pads, peanut butter, Dawn detergent, and litter went to the shelter to help all the animals!
- We provided lunch and cards for police officers and fire fighters who help our community.
- Cards and pictures with prayers were created and sent to our seminarians.
- Students made blankets for the WV Children's Cancer Crusade to be given to children currently in treatment for childhood cancer throughout our state.
- In recognition of the love and hard work that went into our efforts to support our neighbors in need and our Day of Giving fundraising, we will have a dress down week the week prior to Easter Break, Monday, April 3– Thursday, April 6. Thank you for your continued support of the SHGS community!



WINTER MAP GROWTH SCORES

Student MAP Growth scores from the second testing window will be sent home with third quarter report cards on **Friday, March 25**.

ARK Religion Testing

Students in grades 2-5 will be taking the online Religion test again this year. It is the ARK test—Assessment of Religious Knowledge. The window for this test is April 23-28. Your child's teacher will have more specific information about test dates in her newsletter. Please check there for test date information.

Spring MAP Growth Testing Window

The third and final MAP testing session will start on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Grades K-5 will take the final test of the year during the window of April 19-May 12, 2023. The scores for this session of testing will be sent home in the final report card of the school year on Friday, June 2, 2023. Your child's homeroom teacher will know specific days of testing for the class.

Dress Down Week

The week of April 3-6, 2023 will be a dress down week. It seems we all will need a break after a long month of March. That week will lead us into Easter Break. However, no shorts can be worn until after Easter Break. Please review the guidelines for appropriate dress down clothing.

THANK YOU!

To Mrs. Katie Feola, Mrs. Niki Kurten, Mrs. Mullen, and Ms. Ali Wymer for all their work on the Mardi Gras festivities. It was a fantastic day with the Jazz Band, King Cakes, and the Magician—Joey Stepp. It was great to have so many of you at the parade. We have already started to plan for next year's festivities.

CONDOLENCES

To Cullen Conroy for the loss of his great-grandfather
To Asher & Malia Kimble for the loss of their grandfather

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



DEAR Day!

We will have 3 DEAR Days this month– 2, 16, 31. At some point during our day, each classroom will have a designated DEAR time for everyone. DEAR stands for Drop Everything And Read so we will stop our work and just read books. I encourage all children to bring a blanket (or beach towel), maybe a pillow, and definitely a good book to read. Teachers will let you know how it will be handled in the classroom. Please check classroom newsletters.

Family Fun Bowling Night

Friday, March 10, will be our winter Family Fun Night at River Alley Bowling Lanes (6300 MacCorkle Ave, St. Albans) from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please use this [link](#) to RSVP.

Class Picnics

We have planned the dates for our class picnics! The dates are Friday, May 26, Wednesday, May 31 & Thursday, June 1. The students will meet at the Columbia Shelter at Coonskin Park. The games will be played on the Schoenbaum Field right next to the shelter. More details, which grades will go on which day, will come in the next newsletter.

Class Pictures

Class pictures are scheduled for April 25 & 26 and will be taken by local photographer, Mike Hall. We will announce the date for your child's class before Easter Break. Students in grades K-5 will be in uniforms for this picture.



Applications for 2022-2023 School Year

If you haven't returned your child's application for the upcoming school year, please do so. Acceptance letters for new families will be going out soon. Please spread the word about SHGS. New families and families with students entering Kindergarten will need to apply online.

Living Stations of the Cross

The fifth grade students will be reenacting the Stations of the Cross for students in grades 1-4 on Tuesday, April 4. This is always a moving experience and we are lucky to be able to do it again in person.

Congratulations!!

Way to go to Stephenie Haynes and her grades 3-5 basketball team on being league champions this year! Way to go!

Afterschool Care & Preschool Classes Canceled– April 18, 19, 20

Tiny Hearts, ECE, and PreK will not have school on Tuesday, April 18, Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20, as the teachers will be attending the Celebrating Connections Conference. This is a yearly conference for teachers of young children. Classes will resume on Friday, April 21. There is no ASC for these students on April 18, 19, & 20.

Grades K-5 will have school on a normal schedule these days, but ASC will not be available for K-5 on Tuesday, April 18 & Wednesday, April 19. Please note these dates.



Hello Sacred Heart Grade School Families,
As you may have heard, Sacred Heart Grade School is currently working on an endowment campaign for the school with a goal of \$1,000,000. All donations made to the school will directly benefit only Sacred Heart Grade School. This fund will earn interest over time and will also be available to help maintain our level of excellence. A few necessary anticipated expenses will be for new security updates (new cameras, updated doors, and more outdoor lighting), roofing, and HVACs. The Basilica of Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will graciously contribute towards our goal. We are grateful for their assistance in this major endeavor.

This campaign will only be successful if every school family makes a gift from the heart. Before deciding on an amount, please prayerfully consider the generosity God has shown you and the importance of our mission. You can make a gift by mailing the pledge card you will receive in the mail soon, online at sacredheartcocathedral.com/giving, or by using the QR code below. You may restrict your gift so that your donation only goes to benefit SHGS by checking the box on the pledge card or by making a note while paying online.

I am thankful for your prayers as we work to achieve our goal with this campaign for our school. I am confident, with your help, that we can Renew Our Present and Secure Our Future.

Sincerely,
Kirsten Mork





MARCH 2023



Wednesday, March 1

PVA Meeting & Uniform Sale

Wednesday, March 8

March Dress Down & Birthday Lunch

Friday, March 10

Family Fun Bowling Night

Friday, March 17

End of 3rd nine weeks

St. Patrick's Day Green Dress Down Day

Husson's Pizza Lunch

Monday, March 20-

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, March 24

Monday, March 20

First Day of Spring Dress Down Day

Friday, March 24

Report Cards sent home

Friday, March 31

Popcorn Day

Friday, April 7

Good Friday– No School

Monday, April 10-

Easter Break

Sunday, April 16

Monday, April 17

Classes resume

Uniform shorts may be worn

Tuesday, April 18-

No School & ASC for TH, ECE, PreK

Thursday, April 20

No ASC for K-5 on April 18 & 19

