



# The Sacred Heart of the Matter



## Our Mission

Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ April 2019

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,

Perhaps you were present at Mass or your child shared with you that over the last two weeks, Father Higgs has spoken to the children about Lent. In doing so, Father drew a parallel between their academic report card and our Lenten report card, specifically, areas that “Need Improvement”. During the course of these homilies, Father Higgs asked the children about receiving an S for Satisfactory, a U for Unsatisfactory, and, of course, an N for “Needs Improvement”. The students were very comfortable raising their hands when asked about receiving an N in conduct, on an academic report card, or on a Lenten report card (How have we answered God’s call?). Parents who were present chuckled at their sweet honesty, and I was very proud of their responses. Hands raised high in recognition of receiving an N means that our children understand that they, and in fact all of us, are works in progress. They are aware that each of us have areas of strength and weakness, and that at some point in some way, we all need improvement.

Each time report cards go home, during afternoon announcements I ask the students to include, as part of their weekend, some time to celebrate their accomplishments and to make a plan for the next nine weeks. I encourage them to set goals for areas in which they would like to improve. As report cards come home for the third nine weeks on Friday, I hope that each family will take the time to do this. Our students work very hard to earn their grades and progress markings. Their growth and progress is due to constant effort and devotion to improvement. I am proud of the many ways each of our children have grown and continue to grow every day: academically, spiritually, and socially.

May this spring bring you the renewed and positive sense of growth that our children displayed honestly during Mass: an understanding that in order to achieve and grow, in some part of our lives, each of us will need improvement.

In peace,  
Susan Malinoski

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following fifth graders for their academic achievement in the third quarter: 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:** Aidan Anton, Elizabeth Blanchard, Colin Bown, Jacob Brown, Callie Bumgarner, Luca DiCocco, Joe Haynes, Clare James, Mia Lough, Cameron Lusk, Olivia Staun, Mara Winter, and Cate Yianne

**Honor Roll:** Callie Bowman, Elaina Caldwell, Kate Fox, Hudson Hayslip, Mary Rushworth, Reagan Stapleton, Molly Weber, and Haley Welder.

To Norah Bryson on the birth of her baby brother, Grant!

To Joseph Bailey on the birth of his baby sister, Olivia!



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Visit the Sacred Heart Grade School website [shgs.us](http://shgs.us) for news and information.

## APRIL DRESS DOWN DAY

Wednesday, April 3- April Dress Down Day

## UNIFORM GUIDELINES

**Upon returning from spring break (Tuesday, April 23)**, students may begin wearing their uniform shorts. Since they are growing so fast, please take a moment and double check their shorts and all uniforms. 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!



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME



Mark your calendars for SHGS day at the ballpark. Join us at Power Park on **Sunday, April 28, 2019!**

## APRIL GABRIEL PROJECT

Our April Gabriel Project donation items are:  
**bottles, bottle nipples, and pacifiers**  
Thank you for your ongoing support!

## SHGS 2019-2020 SHGS MASTER CALENDAR

Monday, August 19	First Day of School 11:30 dismissal
Tuesday, August 20	11:30 dismissal
Wednesday, August 21	First full day of school-all grades
Monday, September 2	Labor Day-no school
Monday, October 14	Professional Development Day for teachers No school for students
Thursday, November 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences, K-5
Monday, November 11	Veterans Day-no school
Wednesday, November 27-	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 29	
Friday, December 20	11:30 dismissal for Christmas Break
Monday, December 23-	Christmas Break
Friday, January 3	
Monday, January 6	Classes resume
Monday, January 20	MLK Day-no school
Wednesday, February 5	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, February 17	Presidents Day-no school
Monday, April 6-	Easter Break
Monday, April 13	
Tuesday, April 14	Classes resume
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day-no school
Wednesday, June 3	Last day of school-11:30 dismissal



## **ARTS EXTRVAGANZA**

Mark your calendars for the 2nd SHGS Arts Extravaganza on **April 8, 6:00-7:00 pm** in the SHGS gym! This evening will feature a mini-concert by our 4th and 5th grade strings students, songs from our choir, and a variety of artwork from SHGS students, grades 1-5, as well as light refreshments.



## **TUITION INVOICES 2019-2020**

Tuition invoices for the 2019-2020 school year will be mailed at the end of April.

## **PRESCHOOL CONFERENCE**

Please note that **preschool classes** (Tiny Hearts, ECE, PreK) **will not meet on April 11-12** **nor will there be ASC** on these days. Preschool and ASC teachers will be attending the Celebrating Connections Workshop in Charleston on April 11 and 12.

## **KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

Kindergarten Round-Up will be Wednesday, April 24. This day is set aside for our rising Kindergarteners to visit the kindergarten classrooms, participate in learning activities with the K-Team, and have vision, hearing, and speech screenings. Please note that **regular kindergarten classes will not have school on this day.**

## **DIOCESAN MAILING**

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is mailing information to each Catholic School family regarding the lawsuit against the Diocese filed by the WV Attorney General. Please direct any questions about this situation to Tim Bishop, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, at 304-233-0880 ext. 353.

## **THANK YOU!**

To our PVA for sponsoring a wonderful author visit by WV author Anna Egan Smucker as well as COSI on Wheels!

To Mrs. Cassidi Wriston for organizing COSI on Wheels!

To Mrs. Donna Becher who shares her musical talent with us each Friday at mass!

To our PVA for a delicious St. Patrick's Day treat for our faculty and staff!

To Mr. Bernard DiGregorio for his expertise in musical instruction throughout the year in our 4th and 5th grade Strings Program!



## APRIL

Monday, April 1	COSI on Wheels
Wednesday, April 3	April Dress Down Day April Birthday Lunch
Thursday, April 4	Reconciliation, grades 2-5
Friday, April 5	Lunch payments due Liturgy 3C
Monday, April 8	Arts Extravaganza, 6:00-7:00 p.m. SHGS gymnasium
Tuesday, April 9	Living Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, April 10	PVA Uniform Sale 7:30-8:00, SHGS cafeteria PVA General Meeting, 8:05, SHGS Cafeteria
Thursday, April 11- Friday, April 12	No School: Tiny Hearts, ECE, PreK <b>No ASC</b> due to Celebrating Connections Preschool Conference
Friday, April 12	Liturgy 2A 5th grade retreat
Monday April 15- Monday, April 22	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 23	Classes resume
Wednesday, April 24	Kindergarten Round-Up <u>No school for kindergarteners</u> Administrative Professionals Day
Friday, April 26	Popcorn Sale
Sunday, April 28	SHGS Day at Power Park