



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



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Our Mission

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.



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Dear parents and students,

Tuesday morning brought our first snowfall of the season timed, it seemed perfectly, with our Clay County food collection. As the bell rang to open our doors, Mrs. Thomas and I scrambled to get a little more salt on the steps while parents and children clamored in with bags and boxes of donations for our neighbors in need. I was busy worrying about the possibility of ice, of slipping on steps, and of food tumbling down the stairs, when suddenly I was snapped out of this temporary fretfulness by a thrilled 5 year old proclaiming with bright eyes, "It's snowing, Mrs. Malinoski! It's snowing!" And of course it was! He couldn't stop telling me about the snow, snow, snow! I was so grateful that he had reminded me of the magic of this first snowfall and infected me with his snowy enthusiasm!

Once he moved on with his father (patiently awaiting him at the top of the steps, box full of food in hand), I found myself aware that almost every child walking by had their tongue sticking out as they arrived at the front door, desperate to catch one more snowflake before settling inside to warm up for the day. And so it continued: Children walking by with tongue-out smiles and parents tending to their excited children, holding hands, and carrying boxes and bags full of food. This morning was a gift to me, not only in a child's happiness over first snowflakes, but also in the awareness his snowy proclamation gave me. How blessed I am to be a part of this community: a community full of loving students, parents, faculty, and staff who not only care for each other, but also take the time to generously care for those in need, no matter what the weather!

I thank each of you for being a member our loving SHGS family. I am beyond grateful for being able to witness moments like these each and every day. The wonder of snow through the eyes of a 5 year old was not the only magic of that morning.

May your holiday season be blessed with many magic moments of your own as we joyfully enter the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas.

In peace,
Susan Malinoski



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Please join for traditional carols, joyful voices, instruments, and the representation of the Nativity of our Lord as Mrs. Haas leads our first, second, and third graders in the SHGS Christmas Program on **Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Basilica, accompanied by Mrs. Donna Becher on piano. Students will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the SHGS cafeteria. Doors to Basilica will open at 6:00 p.m. Please watch for more detailed information to come home soon. We look forward to having you join us for this special SHGS Christmas tradition!



GINGERVILLE, U.S.A.



It's that time of year! Kindergarten's Open House, Gingerville, USA, will be held on **Friday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m.** in the school cafeteria! Please remember to bring a box to transport all of your child's goodies. Students in Kindergarten will go home with their parents following the Open House.

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CONDOLENCES

To Elliot Aldrich in the loss of her paternal grandfather.

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



THANK YOU



To our students, parents, teachers, and the Coffee Camper for making our inaugural Halloween Parade a huge success!

To Mrs. Niki Kurten and our homeroom coordinators for another fabulous Halloween Party!

To Mrs. Kip Wilcox and PVA Hospitality volunteers for a delicious teacher luncheon on Parent- Teacher Conference Day!

To the Scalise family for a delicious pizza lunch for faculty and staff!

To SHGS families for their very generous donations to the Clay County Food Drive. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many children and their families this winter. We filled **183** food boxes and will donate many extra items to the food pantry!

To Ms. Helen Inghram for organizing yet another successful Clay County Food Drive!

To the many parent volunteers who helped with Clay County food box packing!

To SHGS students who sold **920** boxes of peanuts for the SHGS PVA Peanut Shoppe fundraiser! And, to Courtney Lohri for planning and organizing this successful fundraiser in its second year!

To the following 5th graders who are sharing the names of Jesus with us each morning during Advent: Barrett Brown, Reagan Stapleton, Ben Carew, Molly Weber, Olivia Staun, Heidi Brammer, Charlie Burck, Emily Swingle, Colin Bown, Hudson Hayslip, Sophia Sweeney, Mateen Summers, and Callie Bowman.

To Book Buddies coordinator, Mrs. Katrina Miller, and committee chair, Mrs. Rachel Carr, for organizing and getting the Book Buddies reading tutoring program off the ground at SHGS!

To our Book Buddies volunteers: Sara Nary, Cassidi Wriston, June Holcomb, Jessica Anton, Kellie Blanchard, and Lisa Herlihy!

SHGS DAY OF GIVING

Mark your calendars now for the 2nd Annual SHGS Day of Giving!

Wednesday, January 30
7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Donations to the Funding Our Future Campaign will go toward:

New Smartboards
New LED classroom lighting
A new server
& other technology upgrades!
Stay tuned for more details in January.





UNIFORM SALE

PVA will sponsor a Uniform Sale on

Friday, January 11

7:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

A wide variety of gently used uniforms will be available for sale.
All proceeds from the sale of donated uniforms benefit our school!
Thanks for your support!

When donating uniforms to the school, please make sure items are *gently used*, have been cleaned, and are uniform items, only. We appreciate these donations and the opportunity to reuse!

TINY HEARTS, ECE AND PRE-K PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Tiny Hearts, ECE and Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, January 23**.
Appointments can be made by calling the school office beginning **Monday, January 14**.

Tiny Hearts	Wednesday, January 23	8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
ECE	Wednesday, January 23	8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
PRE-K	Wednesday, January 23	8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL or ASC FOR OUR Tiny Hearts, ECE AND PRE-K CLASSES (ONLY) ON THIS DAY!



DECEMBER DRESS DOWN DAYS

Tuesday, December 4	December Dress Down Day
Thursday, December 6	Clay County Classroom Quota Dress Down Day
Wednesday, December 19	Clay County Thank you Dress Down Day
Thursday, December 20	Merry Christmas Dress Down Day
Friday, December 21	DRESS-UP DAY (no jeans) for Mass and Christmas parties

2019-2020 SHGS REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars! Registration forms will go home with our current students (Tiny Hearts through fourth grade) on **Friday, January 11**. 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.

Application Dates

January 11—January 18	Application window opens for students currently enrolled at SHGS (and their siblings) who will be entering our Tiny Hearts 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 .
January 22—January 25	Application window opens for Sacred Heart parishioners who do not currently have children enrolled at SHGS.
January 28	Admissions to SHGS is opened to the general public.

There will be an **OPEN HOUSE** for parents of prospective SHGS students on
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 from 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Please encourage family and friends who might be interested
in sending their children to SHGS to stop in and see us!





WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Friday, January 11, 2019
SHGS Gym and Cafeteria
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Activities include:
Dance Party by "We Make You a Star" entertainment
Board Games, Winter Arts and Crafts, Snacks and a Coffee/Hot Chocolate Bar
Cost: \$10 per family

This event is sponsored by the SHGS PVA.
Please plan to bring your SHGS students* for a fun evening with their friends and parents.
All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Tiny Hearts-2nd grade will have the gym for the dance party from 6-6:45pm.
3rd-5th grades will dance in the gym from 7:15-8:00pm. Parents are welcome to dance too!
The cafeteria will be open for crafts, games, and snacks for all SHGS students* during the entire event.

*Older siblings will have the opportunity to volunteer to help with activities during the event through CCHS, if they would like to attend.



2019-2020 CCHS REGISTRATION INFORMATION



The CCHS Admissions Committee has released its schedule for the upcoming school year. If you have other children or are asked by non-CCHS families about the school, please refer to this section of the newsletter. **Applications for all grade levels will be available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) on Monday, January 7. Submit completed applications directly to CCHS.**

Monday, January 7 – application packets for new students available online.

Wednesday, February 20 – information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10). We have planned two options: 1) **at 8:15 a.m.** -- Following the information session in the gathering space, 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 gathering space followed by a tour of the school.

Thursday, February 21 – 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 23 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

Monday, February 25 – 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 26 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Friday, March 1 – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Friday, March 15 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 1.) Applications received after March 1 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

SHGS on INSTAGRAM

Follow SHGS (sacred_heart_grade_school) on Instagram to see what's happening in our classrooms and halls every day!



December-January Calendar



Tuesday, December 4	December Dress Down Day
Wednesday, December 5	Reconciliation for grades 3-5 December Birthday Lunch
Thursday, December 6	Clay County classroom quota dress down day 5th grade Parent Lunch (4th graders bring lunch and drink from home.)
Friday, December 7	Liturgy 3C Lunch payments due
Wednesday, December 12	Peanut Shoppe Fundraiser distribution day
Friday, December 14	Liturgy 5C
Monday, December 17	Gingerville house assembly in cafeteria (Kindergarten)
Tuesday, December 18	Christmas Program, grades 1-3 6:30 p.m. in the Basilica
Wednesday, December 19	Gingerville decorating in cafeteria (Kindergarten) Clay County Thank You Dress Down Day
Thursday, December 20	Merry Christmas Dress Down Day Lunch bills emailed
Friday, December 21	Dress-up Day grades 1-5 (no jeans) Liturgy 2A Kindergarten Gingerville USA 9:00 a.m. Classroom Christmas parties 11:30 dismissal, all grades
Monday, December 24- Friday, January 4	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Saturday, January 5	First Reconciliation Workshop for 2nd grade Sacred Heart parishioners (Please contact the rectory with questions.)
Monday, January 7	Classes resume
Wednesday, January 9	January Dress Down Day January Birthday Lunch PVA General Meeting 8:0 a.m., cafeteria
Thursday, January 10	First grade Parent Lunch 12:20 (4th & 5th graders bring lunch and drink from home.)
Friday, January 11	Liturgy 5A Uniform Sale 7:30 a.m., cafeteria Returning student & sibling applications go home Winter Family Fun Night! 6:00 p.m. cafeteria & gymnasium
Monday, January 14- Friday, January 18	2019-2020 Returning student, sibling, & ELC application window