



# 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.



Dear parents and students,

I recently read an article called "Advent Amid the Gift Wrap" by Tom McGrath. The article focused on the question we so often ask and are asked during the holiday season, "Are you ready for Christmas?" Of course when thinking about the gifts we have or haven't bought, often the answer is, "No, I am not ready." The author suggests that during the Advent season we can choose to think about this question on a different and more spiritual level, "Are you ready for Christmas?" meaning, "Are you ready for the coming of Christ?"

The author encourages us to think not only of preparing our homes and gifts for Christmas, but also preparing our hearts. He suggests that by understanding what we are preparing for, that "everything we encounter on the way to Christmas can prepare us for the coming of Christ, not only in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago but also into our homes, our families, our workplaces, and our communities. *The usual December distractions can instead become holy moments when we find the Christ Child in our midst.*"

I found this thought both comforting and inspiring. It is up to each of us to choose our own attitude and perspective as we prepare. This awareness has the power to transform our Christmas preparations from frantic and draining to joyful and fulfilling as we "expect to find God in every moment of this season of hope."

Wishing you a heart and home filled with peace and happiness throughout the Advent season!

In peace,  
Susan Malinoski

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## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Please join us for 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 17 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 the 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 20 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.

## WELCOME!

To Ms. Cheri Godfrey who will be joining Miss Jane in the kitchen as Lead Cook! Miss Cheri is an accomplished baker who loves to make rolls and soups. We are happy she is joining our SHGS family!





## THANK YOU



To Kathy Rushworth and our homeroom coordinators for another fabulous Halloween Party!

To Marisa Skaff, Kip Wilcox, and PVA Hospitality volunteers for a delicious teacher luncheon on Parent-Teacher Conference Day!

To SHGS students who sold **738** boxes of peanuts for the SHGS PVA Peanut Shoppe fundraiser! And, to Courtney Lohri for planning and organizing yet another successful fundraiser!

To the following 5th graders who will be sharing the 12 Days of Christmas with us each morning during Advent: Annie Blevins, Toa Currey, Callie Goetz, Alyssa Hanna, Stella Bailey, Francesca Fairless, Abbie Nester, Blake Judy, Charlie Johnson, Abigail Milam, Lily Seagel, and Ethan Settle.

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 for year two!

To our Book Buddies volunteers: Julie Carew, Joy Curry, Sara Nary, Megan Kister, Casey Martin, Malena Scalise, Kamilla Rashid, Ashley Stapleton, Marty Wright

## SHGS DAY OF GIVING

Mark your calendars now for the 3rd annual SHGS Day of Giving!

**Wednesday, January 29**  
**7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Donations to the Funding Our Future Campaign will fund  
**new LED classroom lighting.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

### **SHGS Day of Giving Red Bag Lunch Concert**

12:30-1:00 p.m. in the SHGS cafeteria

Featuring:

Music by 4th & 5th grade Strings and the 4th & 5th grade Choir,  
a delicious bag lunch

(pepperoni roll, fruit, veggies, a drink, and a special desert),  
and the opportunity to make your donation in person before or after the concert!

*Invitation to follow.*

## DAY OF GIVING T-Shirts

SHSG students and parents will have the opportunity to purchase a 2020 SHGS Day of Giving t-shirt which we will all wear on our Day of Giving!

This t-shirt may also be worn on gym days and on monthly Day of Giving Dress Down Days throughout Spring 2020. **Ordering information and t-shirt design will be sent home on December 6.**

All t-shirt sale proceeds will go directly to the Funding Our Future Campaign.

As always, thank you for your support of SHGS!

## DAY OF GIVING T-Shirt Dress Down Days

Mark your calendars now for SHGS Day of Giving Dress Down days when students can wear their 2020 Day of Giving dress down t-shirt with their gym pants.

Wednesday, January 22  
Wednesday, February 19  
Wednesday, March 25  
Wednesday, April 22  
Wednesday, May 27





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

Our Tiny Hearts, ECE and Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, February 5**  
**From 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m..**

Appointments can be made by calling the school office beginning **Monday, January 13.**

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



## **DECEMBER DRESS DOWN DAYS**

Wednesday, December 4  
Thursday, December 5  
Wednesday, December 18  
Thursday, December 19  
Friday, December 20

December Dress Down Day  
Clay County Classroom Quota Dress Down Day  
Clay County Thank You Dress Down Day  
Merry Christmas Dress Down Day  
**DRESS-UP DAY** (no jeans) for Mass and Christmas parties

## **2020-2021 SHGS REGISTRATION**

**Mark your calendars!** Registration forms will go home with our current students (Tiny Hearts through fourth grade) on **Friday, January 10.** Please turn in your application by **Friday, January 17** 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.

**January 13—January 17**

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 21—January 24**

Application window opens for Sacred Heart parishioners who **do not** currently have children enrolled at SHGS.

**January 27**

Admissions to SHGS is opened to the general public.

## **SHGS OPEN HOUSE**

There will be an **OPEN HOUSE** for parents of prospective SHGS students on  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**  
**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!

## **RESTROOM NOTE**

Adults needing the restroom are asked to use those on the first floor of the school by the office.



## WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT



**Friday, January 10, 2020**

**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-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have the gym for the dance party from 6-6:45pm.

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will dance in the gym from 7:15-8:00pm. Parents are encouraged to dance too!

The cafeteria will be open for crafts, games, and snacks for all SHGS students during the entire event.

## 2020-2021 CCHS REGISTRATION INFORMATION



**Applications for all grade levels will be available online ([www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org](http://www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org)) after January 1, 2020. Beginning this year, applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions will be available on the CCHS website.**

**Tuesday, February 25** – 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 27** – prospective 6<sup>th</sup> graders visit CCHS (5<sup>th</sup> graders not currently enrolled at a local Catholic elementary school must call CCHS office to make reservations.)

**Saturday, February 29** – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

**Monday, March 2** – 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, March 3** - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

**Friday, March 6** – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

**Friday, March 13** – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 6.)

Applications received after March 6 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)





# December-January Calendar



Monday, December 2- Wednesday, December 4	Clay County Food Drive Collection Days
Wednesday, December 4	December dress down day and birthday lunch
Thursday, December 5	Clay County classroom quota dress down day 5th grade Parent Lunch (4th graders bring lunch and drink from home.)
Friday, December 6	Liturgy 4C Lunch payments due
Monday, December 9	Liturgy 5B Friday specials schedule
Thursday, December 12	Reconciliation grades 2-5
Friday, December 13	Monday specials schedule
Monday, December 16	Gingerville USA house assembly in cafeteria (Kindergarten)
Tuesday, December 17	Christmas Program, grades 1-3 6:30 p.m. in the Basilica
Wednesday, December 18	Gingerville USA decorating in cafeteria (Kindergarten) Clay County Thank You Dress Down Day Peanut Shoppe Fundraiser Pick-up day
Thursday, December 19	Merry Christmas Dress Down Day Lunch bills emailed
Friday, December 20	Dress-up Day grades 1-5 (no jeans) Liturgy 3A Kindergarten Gingerville USA 9:00 a.m. Classroom Christmas parties 11:30 dismissal, all grades
Monday, December 23- Friday, January 3	Christmas Break Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Monday, January 6	Classes resume
Wednesday, January 8	January Dress Down Day January Birthday Lunch PVA Uniform Sale 7:30 a.m. PVA General Meeting 8:05 a.m., cafeteria
Thursday, January 9	First grade Parent Lunch 12:20 (4th & 5th graders bring lunch and drink from home.)
Friday, January 10	Liturgy 5C Returning student & sibling applications go home Winter Family Fun Night! 6:00 p.m. cafeteria & gymnasium
Monday, January 13- Friday, January 17	2020-2021 Returning student, sibling, & ELC application window