



# The Sacred Heart of the Matter



## Our Mission

Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ February 2018

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,

As I type this letter, the entire SHGS community is in the midst of our first Day of Giving. Students and teachers are working on service projects, older children are visiting younger classrooms to participate in learning activities, the office is busy organizing contributions, and soon we will join together for a school wide sing-along! During our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the energy, creativity, and love that makes SHGS so special has been palpable throughout the entire community. We are blessed to have a supportive community that, in my opinion, is like none other.

Soon, after much celebrating, we will turn our hearts and minds to Lent, a season of prayer, sacrifice, and fasting. I recently heard a speaker discuss the idea of fasting as a way to help us physically experience what it is like to “go without.” This thought struck me. To me, the idea of fasting and “giving something up” during Lent has always been related to the awareness of sacrifice and the ability to remove distraction from life to focus on preparation for Easter. While those ideas are still important, I am thankful for a new way to consider fasting and sacrifice.

We are fortunate to not often feel the physical, mental, and emotional anguish of “going without.” As illustrated above and witnessed time and time again, in times of need, great or small, our community comes together to try to relieve this anguish. During this school year, we have been able to support fellow SHGS family members as well as those outside of our immediate community by alleviating some of the burden that accompanies times of need. What a blessing to those who have received this support and to those who have been able to serve.

As we enter the season of Lent, may our prayers, sacrifices, and fasting be true reminders of “going without” allowing our hearts to continue to do more for God, and in doing so, do more for others.

In peace,  
Susan Malinoski

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## CONGRATULATIONS!



To the following fifth graders for their academic achievement in the second academic 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

Ewan Becher, Savannah Clay, William Salutillo, Max Wilcox, Zach Harrison, Aurelia Kirby, Nadia Orcutt, Shannen Adkins, Jonah DiCocco, Eli Hanna, and Sarah Saffer

### Honor Roll

Noah Bollinger, Iris Charbonniez, Hannah Fisher, Olivia Hayes, Charissa Johnson, Kieran Kingery, Katherine Reehling, Nina Tinney, Zoe Charbonniez, Bella Layden, Caleb Milam, Telina Williams, Lydia Grow, Ashton Henrich, Savanna Lovejoy, Maddie Morris, John Christian Settle, and Jio Zuniga

To **Caleb Milam** who has been selected to receive the **Aquinas Medal** at the statewide Catholic Schools Dinner to be held on Sunday afternoon, April 22, in Morgantown.

The Aquinas Medal is awarded to one student from each of the 27 Catholic schools in West Virginia. The Medal was named for St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students. The award is intended to recognize a student who represents the qualities Catholic schools seek to instill in their students. Moral and spiritual values, service to their schools and community, as well as academic achievement are criteria used in the selection. Well done, Caleb!

To **Ms. Helen Inghram**, SHGS’s 2018 winner of the Diocesan Silver Apple Award for exceptional teaching and innovation!

To Catholic Schools Week Door Decoration Grand Prize Winners 4C (Mrs. Carr’s room) and PreK 2 (Ms. Panaro’s room)!

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



## SHGS CURRENT 5th GRADERS APPLYING TO CCHS



**Wednesday, February 21** – information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10). CCHS has planned two options: 1) **at 8:15 a.m.** -- Following the information session in the library, 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 library followed by a tour of the school.

**Thursday, February 22** – 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 24** – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

**Monday, February 26** – 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 27** - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

**Friday, March 2** – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances.

**Friday, March 16** – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 2 – applications received after March 2 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Students in grades K-5 will participate in Jump Rope for Heart during recess on Valentine’s Day, February 14. All students should wear their gym uniforms. Details from Mrs. Mullen will follow in Friday Folders soon!

## THANK YOU!

To SHGS families whose extraordinary generosity allowed us to greatly surpass our SHGS Day of Giving goal, allowing us to raise \$59,435.00 for the Funding Our Future Campaign!

To Lehigh Gas Wholesale for awarding a \$500 grant to Sacred Heart Grade School!

To Noah Bollinger, Savanna Lovejoy, and Nadia Orcutt for representing SHGS at the Governor’s office during Catholic Schools Week!

To Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Gilmore, Ms. Sassler, and our 3rd grade students for organizing Pennies for People, and to our 3rd grade parents who assisted with counting and depositing!

**To** our 5th graders who served as ambassadors during our Open House: Iris Charbonniez, Zoe Charbonniez, Savannah Clay, R.T. Corbin, Olivia Hayes, Charissa Johnson, Nimer Khoury, Hope Linton, Zoe Pray, Katherine Reehling, William Salutillo, Maleh Taylor, Nina Tinney, Max Wilcox, Hayden Casto, Elizabeth Elliot, Nick Giatras, Addison Griffith, Zach Harrison, Aurelia Kirby, Bella Layden, Charlie Rashid, Emerson Sadorra, Jack Seagle, Elle Smith, Rose Wilkinson, Telina Williams, Julie Bali, Gavin Berry, Isaac Collins, Laila Flores, Lydia Grow, Eli Hanna, Ben Hedges, Ashton Henrich, Cassidy Kittredge, Savanna Lovejoy, Molly Messer, Isabella Pauley, Michelle Pauley, Sarah Saffer, and Jio Zuniga.

To our Catholic Schools Week Committee, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Olian, and Ms. Sassler, and to all of our teachers and aides for planning and organizing a wonderful celebration week!

To Kerri Linton, Danielle Wade and other PVA volunteers for a totally awesome Winter Family Fun Night.

To Niki Kurten and Kip Wilcox for another amazing international luncheon to celebrate our faculty and staff.

To Amy Hill for another successful and fun Scholastic Book Fair!

To Brandi Conroy and all of our PVA bakers for providing treats for our Open House.

To all of our families for their generous donations to Pennies for People (benefiting the LoveYourBrain Foundation and Sojourner’s Shelter for Women and Families), to the Pediatric Cancer Center and to the Kanawha Charleston Humane Association Animal Shelter, and to Manna Meal. Your donations will touch the lives of so many!

To the many SHGS families who made generous donations to Jill Keeney and her family in their time of need.



## MARDI GRAS

SHGS will celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 13! Students K-5 should wear their gym uniforms for this fun filled day! The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.	Pre K classes
9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	1st grade
10:00 a.m. –10:45 a.m.	2nd grade
10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	3rd grade
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	4th grade
1:00 p.m. -1:45 p.m.	Kindergarten
1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	5th grade

## DRESS DOWN DAYS

Thursday, February 1	“My Favorite!” Dress Down Day
Tuesday, February 6	February Dress Down Day
Tuesday, February 13	Mardi Gras (wear gym uniforms)
Wednesday, February 14	Valentine’s Day and Jump Rope for Heart (wear gym uniforms)



## GIRL SCOUT NEWS

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY is March 18th: All Girl Scouts young and old are invited to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday with us on March 18th at the 10:00 mass at Sacred Heart Church!

Lenten Pillow Drive: Help us “Change a life tonight!” Girl Scout Troop #1840 will be collecting new pillows for area shelters during Lent: February 14th - the end of March. Pillows can be delivered in drivers or walkers line, during drop off & pick up. Questions or for help with pick up contact: Mary Ellen & Michelle Pauley the6pauleys@aol.com

## SNOW DAY/DELAY NOTIFICATION



**Remember to follow us on Twitter, @SacredHeartGS, or text “follow SacredHeartGS” to 40404 to receive text updates and snow day or delay information. This information will also be posted on the website. Please visit the Sacred Heart Grade School website shgs.us for news and information.**



## CONDOLENCES

To Miles and Colin Bown & Sabian, Gabriel, and Charlie Rashid for the loss of their great uncle.

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





## **NEW BALANCE UPDATE**

New Balance is updating our school uniform tennis shoe. The new shoe, style #680 (\$50), has an improved, softer midsole and will replace New Balance #624. Some sizes of the old style #624 will be available through spring 2018. Both New Balance styles are still acceptable as SHGS uniform shoes.

## **2018-2019 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS**

For the 27th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic 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 Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic 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 2018-2019 school year. Any Catholic student accepted for the 2018-2019 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belongs to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Applications are made on-line. Go to [www.factsmgmt.com](http://www.factsmgmt.com), click on "Grant & Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance. The application fee is \$30. The Diocese will pay \$15 and families pay the other \$15. Diocesan grants for Catholic families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child's tuition.

Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2018-2019 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2018.

Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e. birth, death, loss of job, major illness). In order to receive notification in early September, all applications for 2018-2019 (including all required documentation and payment of the fees) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 15, 2018. This is a firm deadline. 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:

- an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted
- all required documentation is provided, AND
- the family portion (\$15) 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.



## SHGS 2018-2019 TENTATIVE MASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 1	SHGS office opens
Monday, August 20	First day of school-11:30 dismissal ECE, Pre K, & K orientations
Tuesday, August 21	11:30 dismissal First day of school ECE, Pre K, & K
Wednesday, August 22	First full day of school- all grades
Monday, September 3	Labor Day-no school
Thursday, October 4	11:30 dismissal-professional development for teachers
Friday, October 5	Professional development conference for teachers
Thursday, November 1	No school for students Parent /Teacher conferences, grades K-5
Monday, November 12	No school for students K-5
Wednesday, November 21	ECE & Pre K regular schedule
Thursday, November 22-	Veterans Day-no school
Friday, November 23	11:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving
Friday, December 21	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, December 21-	11:30 dismissal Christmas Break
Friday, January 4	Christmas Break
Monday, January 7	Classes resume
Monday, January 21	MLK Jr. Day-no school
Wednesday, January 23	ECE & Pre K parent/teacher conferences
Monday, February 18	Presidents day- no school
Monday, April 15-	Easter Break
Monday, April 22	Classes resume
Tuesday, April 23	Memorial Day-no school
Monday, May 27	Last day of school for students
Wednesday, June 5	11:30 dismissal



### REMINDERS

- ♥ **Please do not deliver or send in fast food for your child's lunch.** When it is Parent Lunch or Golden Friends Lunch for your child's class, our cooks spend time to make a special lunch for our families to enjoy together! **Please refrain from bringing food into the school on these special days.** These are celebrations of family time together. The children are proud and love to be able to show you how to walk through the cafeteria line! On a regular school day, if your child forgets his or her lunch and you cannot bring lunch to your child, please notify the office so we can inform our cooks to provide an option.
- ♥ At our weekly liturgies together, our children are taught to enter, remain, and exit the church reverently in silence. We appreciate the example our parents set as they follow suit. Given the sacred nature of the mass, there should be no cell phone use in the church during the service. As students walk to communion and return to their seats it can be confusing for them to see parents on their phones during such a solemn time. Thank you for your support and understanding with these requests!
- ♥ With the many opportunities to volunteer at SHGS, please make sure that you have completed all **3 volunteer requirements for Virtus** (online training, background check, sexual abuse policy form). **These requirements must be met by all volunteers, whether you volunteer frequently or only once or twice a year.** If you have questions regarding these requirements, please call Mrs. Jarrell in the school office.



# February Calendar



<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>	<b>February Dress Down Day</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>	<b>PVA General Meeting 8 a.m. cafeteria February birthday Lunch</b>
<b>Thursday, February 8</b>	<b>3rd grade Golden Friends Lunch</b>
<b>Friday, February 9</b>	<b>Liturgy 4C Lunch payments due Touching safety opt-out forms go home</b>
<b>Monday, February 12</b>	<b>Touching safety opt-out forms due</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	<b>Mardi Gras (wear gym uniforms)</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday liturgy (5B) Friday Special Schedule Valentine's Day Exchange Jump Rope for Heart K-5 wear gym uniforms</b>
<b>Friday, February 16</b>	<b>Wednesday Special Schedule 3rd nine weeks Progress Report Day Yearbook order forms go home</b>
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	<b>Presidents Day –no school</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	<b>SHGS t-shirt day</b>
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	<b>2nd grade Golden Friends Lunch 5th graders visit CCHS</b>
<b>Friday, February 23</b>	<b>Popcorn Day- \$0.25 Liturgy 2C</b>
<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	<b>CCHS Admissions Test –10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, February 26</b>	<b>Yearbook orders are due</b>
<b>Thursday, March 1</b>	<b>4th grade Golden Friends Lunch</b>
<b>Friday, March 2</b>	<b>Liturgy 1C</b>



