



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

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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.

Dear parents and students,

Catholic Schools Week draws to an end today. It has been an exciting week full of service and celebration. SHGS students have collected change, socks, food, and animal care items. They have spent time with older and younger students, reading and playing together. They have listened to and told stories. They have made and shared beautiful music. In action, thought, and prayer, we have celebrated our loving school family, every day.

The many activities, in and of themselves, were inspiring to behold, but what touched my heart most was the loving enthusiasm I witnessed from our children throughout our celebration. Children beaming proud of the gigantic bag of dog food they were carrying. Children thrilled to receive a special one of a kind never before awarded door decoration prize. Children giddy with happiness as they stood in my office to receive an honor roll certificate. Children skipping and smiling down the hall as they visited classrooms to collect Pennies for People money. Children laughing and clapping as they watched their teachers do The Twist during dismissal. I couldn't begin to count the number of times I felt myself break into a smile from watching our happy, energized, and loving children this week. They never cease to amaze and inspire me.

Thank you for your support during Catholic Schools Week and always. The love and enthusiasm the children display every day is the best indicator of our success as a school family and community. They are truly our Beacons of Hope.

In peace,
 Susan Malinoski



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:

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Principal's Honor Roll

5A: Jacob Brown, Elaina Caldwell, Clare James, Mary Rushworth, Olivia Staun, Molly Weber, 5B: Aidan Anton, Colin Bown, Callie Bumgarner, Cameron Lusk, Mara Winter, 5C: Elizabeth Blanchard, Hudson Hayslip, Mia Lough, and Cate Yianne

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5A: Mateo Lao, Zaden Ranson, Reagan Stapleton, 5B: Luca DiCocco, Joe Haynes, Lily Patnoe, Preston Hill, 5C: Callie Bowman, and Marissa Cormany

To Mary Rushworth who has been selected to receive the Aquinas Medal at the statewide Catholic Schools Dinner to be held on Sunday afternoon, April 7, in Morgantown.

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The Aquinas Medal is awarded to one student from each of the 25 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, Mary!

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To second grade Sacred Heart parishioners who made their First Reconciliation on January 12.

To Gavin Lord and his family on the arrival of baby sister, Lydia Monroe!

To Catholic Schools Week Door Decoration Grand Prize Winners 5B (Ms. Inghram's class) and 1B (Mrs. McKown's class)!

Follow us on Twitter @SacredHeartGS or text "follow SacredHeartGS" to 40404 to receive text updates.

Visit the Sacred Heart Grade School website shgs.us for news and information.

WELCOME!

To Mrs. Susie Harper who joins Miss Jane and Miss Robin in the SHGS kitchen!



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)

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)

THANK YOU!

To SHGS families whose extraordinary generosity on the SHGS Day of Giving goal allowed us to raise **\$26,330.00** for the Funding Our Future Campaign!

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

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

To 5th graders who served as ambassadors during our Open House: Ella Breikreutz, Jacob Brown, Elaina Caldwell, Ben Carew, Clare James, Zaden Ranson, Mary Rushworth, Reagan Stapleton, Olivia Staun, Molly Weber, Gavin Abraham, Mira Bali, Colin Bown, Heidi Brammer, Charlie Burck, Cameron Lusk, Lily Patnoe, Mara Winter, Samantha Beachy, Elizabeth Blanchard, Callie Bowman, Marissa Cormany, Dickinson Gould, Hudson Hayslip, Connor Jarvis, William Johnson, Mia Lough, Mateen Summers, and Cate Yianne

To our Catholic Schools Week Committee for planning and organizing a wonderful celebration week!

To Kerri Linton, & Danielle Wade, of the Family Fun Committee, and other PVA volunteers for another totally awesome Winter Family Fun Night!

To Kip Wilcox, of the Hospitality committee, for organizing a wonderful luncheon to celebrate our faculty and staff. And, to the many parents who sent in food and desserts for our delicious feast!

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

To Brandi Conroy, of the Heartstrings Committee, and to 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 (**\$1,246.64** benefiting Sojourner’s Shelter for Women and Families), Covenant House, the Kanawha Charleston Humane Association Animal Shelter, the Gabriel Project as well as the donation of **720 pairs of socks** to Sojourners Shelter. Your donations will touch the lives of so many!

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Wednesday, February 6
Thursday, February 14

February Dress Down Day
Valentine's Day and Jump Rope for Heart
(K-5 wear gym uniforms)



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!

SNOW DAY/DELAY NOTIFICATION



Notification of snow days, delays, and other important information will be:

- *sent via text through RenWeb Parent Alert
- *posted on Twitter and the school website, www.shgs.us
- *available on local radio and television stations



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATE

After school clubs **will not meet** on **Tuesday, February 5** due to a faculty meeting regarding our upcoming accreditation visit.

Coming soon: 4th and 5th grade weekly Choir. Watch for details in mid February from Mrs. Haas .

FORMULA FEBRUARY for THE GABRIEL PROJECT

During the month of February we will be collecting formula for the Gabriel Project. We will also accept donations of toothbrushes and tooth paste. Thank you for your ongoing support!

SECURITY UPDATE

Using funds raised from last year's Day of Giving, SHGS purchased new security cameras that now provide a full and enhanced view of the entire playground and blacktop area. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continually address our security needs and concerns.

CONDOLENCES

To Andrew Skaff in the loss of his maternal grandfather.

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



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



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.

MONTHLY UNIFORM SALE

Please note that beginning in February there will be a monthly uniform sale following the PVA General meeting.

We hope this will give our parents more frequent opportunities to purchase gently used uniform items for our quickly growing children!



February Calendar



Tuesday, February 5	No after school clubs
Wednesday, February 6	PVA General Meeting 8 a.m. cafeteria Uniform Sale following PVA meeting February birthday Lunch February Dress Down Day
Thursday, February 7	3rd grade Golden Friends Lunch
Friday, February 8	Liturgy 4A Lunch payments due Touching safety opt-out forms go home
Monday, February 11	Touching safety opt-out forms due
Thursday, February 14	Valentine's Day Exchange Jump Rope for Heart K-5 wear gym uniforms
Friday, February 15	Liturgy 1B
Monday, February 18	Presidents Day –no school
Thursday, February 21	2nd grade Golden Friends Lunch 5th graders visit CCHS
Friday, February 22	Popcorn Day- \$0.25 Liturgy 2A Progress report day
Saturday, February 24	CCHS Admissions Test –10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 27	AdvancEd Accreditation Visit
Thursday, February 28	4th grade Golden Friends Lunch
Friday, March 1	Liturgy 4B Lunch bills emailed

