



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ January 2017

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,

During the first week of 2017, we have been reflecting each afternoon on Pope Francis's January first proclamation of the Fiftieth World Day of Peace. In addition to wishing peace to all, Pope Francis called us to work toward peace. He encouraged charity and peace to govern how we treat one another and referenced that peace is not only a behavior but a person's way of being. What wonderful goals for us to strive toward in this new year!

Each afternoon, following these reflections, we have prayed The Act of Love, as we will each afternoon throughout January.

O my God,

I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured.

Amen.

As the last minutes of our days at SHGS are during this prayer and reflection, may your 2017 be filled with peace, love and the opportunity to share both with those you encounter.

In peace.

Susan Malinoski



PRE-REGISTRATION for 2017-2018

Mark your calendars! Registration forms will go home with our current students (early childhood through fourth grade) on **Friday, January 6**. Please turn in your application by **Friday, January 20** 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 20 Application window opens for students currently enrolled at SHGS (and their siblings) who will be entering our ECE 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 23—January 27 Application window opens for Sacred Heart Parishioners who **do not** currently have children enrolled at SHGS.

February 1 Admissions to SHGS is opened to the general public.

There will be an **OPEN HOUSE** for parents of prospective SHGS students on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 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!

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LEARN MORE. SERVE MANY. LOVE ALL.**

 **MATH FIELD DAY WINNERS** 

Congratulations to our SHGS winners and alternates in the Kanawha County Elementary Math Field Day! Our 4th grade winner is Zach Harrison, and our 5th grade winner is Joey Muchow! Our alternates are Ewan Becher for 4th grade and Andrew Hanna from 5th grade! Zach and Joey will represent SHGS at the Kanawha County Elementary Math Field Day on February 15! Congratulations to our mathematicians!

ECE AND PRE-K PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our ECE and Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, January 18**. Appointments can be made by calling the school office beginning **Monday, January 9**.

ECE	Wednesday, January 18	8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
PRE-K	Wednesday, January 18	8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

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



SHGS CURRENT 5TH GRADERS APPLYING TO CCHS

- Wednesday, February 22** Two informational meetings for parents of prospective students will be held at **8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the CCHS Library**. Following both sessions, families will have the opportunity to tour the school.
- Thursday, February 23** Our prospective six graders will visit CCHS—**8:45—11:15 a.m.**
- Saturday, February 25** Admissions test for all prospective CCHS students at **10:00 a.m.**



Application information available JANUARY 4, on the CCHS website: www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org



- January 10 January Dress Down Day
- January 30 Catholic Schools Week Dress Down Day
- February 1 Read, White, and Blue Dress Down Day for Catholic Schools Week
- February 2 “My Favorite!” Dress Down Day for Catholic Schools Week- dress to share your favorite team, school, book, place to visit, etc.



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.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Mark your calendars now for SHGS day at the ballpark. Join us at Power Park on **April 23, 2017!**



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017

Catholic
Schools
Week



Sacred Heart grade School will join hundreds of schools across the nation the week of **January 30-February 3** to celebrate the achievements of Catholic Schools. Below is an outline of our week-long celebration:

- Monday:** **Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Community**
To kick off our celebration week, students may dress down. We will also begin our two, week-long service projects. Students will bring in coins and dollars for our annual **Pennies for People** collection to benefit **Sojourners** and **WV Kids Cancer Crusaders**. This year we will also be collecting new and gently used books throughout the week to benefit **RISE (Read Inspire Support Encourage)**, a cooperative between schools and children's hospitals that provides books for hospitalized children. We will conclude our day with a prayer service.
- Tuesday:** **Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Faculty and Staff**
The faculty and staff will enjoy a delicious luncheon graciously provided by our PVA. Thank you! Teachers will also participate in the book drive and will share their favorite book with their class before donating the book to RISE. Tuesday evening is also our OPEN HOUSE for prospective parents.
- Wednesday:** **Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Country**
This is a Red, White, and Blue Dress Down Day! During Cultural Explorations class, students will participate in a project to explore the diverse groups that make up our amazing country! We will conclude our day with a Patriotic Sing Along.
- Thursday:** **Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Students**
“My Favorite!” Dress Down Day. As we celebrate our students, each student is invited to dress down in clothing that shows something that is their favorite: a team, a school, a book, a place to visit, etc. Each classroom will enjoy Board Games, Books, and Puzzles & Buddies time and are invited to bring their favorite board games, puzzle books, or book to share during free time with friends. No electronic games are permitted. Lunchtime will be pizza, ice cream, and music!
- Friday:** **Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Vocations**
Our day will begin with an All-School Mas at 8:00 a.m. We hope you can join us! Students will also participate in a variety of activities to learn more about and show appreciation for vocations.



PVA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



It will soon again be time for our annual Scholastic Book Fair! The fair will be held during Catholic Schools Week (**January 30-February 3**) and will be open for business Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and then again from 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Family members and friends are welcome! Students who wish to shop before or after school **must be accompanied by a parent**.

Your children (K-5) will visit the Book Fair on Friday, January 27 to do a little browsing and will create a wish list of books they would like to have. The following week, they will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their Reading Center time to make their purchases. (ECE and Pre-K parents should plan to visit the fair with their children as they will not go with their class.)

Our teachers will have also created classroom wish lists. Please help add books to our classroom shelves by donating a book in your child's name. Thank you for your support!

The Book Fair is a HUGE favorite with our children...hope to see you there!

YEARBOOKS PHOTOS NEEDED

All homeroom parents who signed up to take photos of classroom happenings for the yearbook, please send your photos to Trina Smith **as you take them**. Photographers can leave a flash drive with the photos with Mrs. Erskine in the office for Mrs. Smith to pick up. Mrs. Smith will transfer the photos and then the flash drive can be picked up so more photos may be added as they are taken. Thank you for your help!



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Sawyer McIlwain, on the arrival of his new sister, Sophie!

To Lauren and Brody Chapman, on the birth of their new brother, Parker!



THANK YOU!

To our Kindergarten students, teachers, and parents for the beautiful Gingerville, U.S.A. display and show!

To Mrs. Kawash and our first, second, and third graders for their beautiful singing during their Christmas program, *Born a King*.

To CCHS students and teachers for hosting a fun Kids' Night Out that raised \$1,016 for CCHS Project Hope!

To Kerri Linton, Brandy Messer, Kip Wilcox, and all of our PVA volunteers who cooked, baked, and organized for the teachers' Christmas luncheon. We all had a wonderful time visiting together, and the food was delicious!

To Sarah and Laura Kimble, who donated a gift certificate to Mi Cocina, Anne and Richard Arbaugh, who donated dinner for two at South Hills Market, and Kip and Tim Wilcox, who donated gift cards from Moxxee and Leonoro's for a surprise raffle during the teachers' Christmas luncheon! What a treat!

To Lifespring Yoga for supporting teacher rejuvenation and focus through their services, and by offering a free class pass (available in the school office) for each parent at SHGS who might be interested in attending a class.



CONDOLENCES

To Bryce and Hunter Wilkes in the loss of their 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.



January Calendar

Friday, January 6	Applications for 2017-2018 school year come home Lunch bills come home Uniform sale Liturgy 5A
Monday January 9	ECE, Pre K parents may begin calling the office for conference appointments– 9:00 a.m. Application window opens for returning students, siblings, and ELC
Tuesday, January 10	January Dress Down Day
Thursday, January 12	1st grade Parent Lunch
Friday, January 13	ECE, Pre K Progress Report Day End of 2nd nine weeks Lunch payments due Liturgy 2A
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day– no school
Wednesday, January 18	ECE, Pre K conferences 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. No school for ECE & Pre K
Friday, January 20	Report Card Day grades K-5 Liturgy 2B
Monday, January 23	Application window for parishioners opens
Friday, January 27	Touching safety opt-out forms come home Popcorn sale -\$0.25 Liturgy 3C
Monday, January 30- Friday, February 3	Catholic Schools Week Book Fair
Monday, January 30	SHGS admissions open to the public
Tuesday, January 31	SHGS Open House for Prospective Parents 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 3	All Schools Mass for Catholic Schools Week

