

Our Mission



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

January 2019

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, and

socially.



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dates.

Dear parents and students,

Throughout this week, our daily morning reflections have centered around Epiphany. While the Feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men, we have also reflected on what the word epiphany means. The beginning of a brand new year is a perfect time to talk about our own personal epiphanies: those moments when we suddenly feel an understanding or become conscious of something important to us.

Such personal epiphanies are evident in the New Year's Resolutions written by our fifth graders. The transition from 2018 to 2019 allowed our fifth graders to have a sudden awareness of things in their own lives that they wanted to change or make better. Changes such as: being kinder; trying new foods; cleaning my room; talking back less; reading more; practicing art every day; eating more vegetables to be healthier; procrastinating less; practicing a sport or activity to get better; and thinking before doing. Our 5th graders' epiphanies, put into words as resolutions, have allowed me to have deeper understanding of what is important to and understood by the oldest students in our building. Our children are always such an inspiration!

Wishing you a happy 2019 with fruitful epiphanies of your own!

In peace,

Susan Malinoski

2018-2019 SHGS PRE-REGISTRATION DATES

January 14—January 18 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**. Please turn in your application by **Friday, January 18** 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 22—January 25 Application window opens for Sacred Heart parishioners who **do not** currently have children enrolled at SHGS.

January 28—Admission to SHGS is opened to the general public.

January 29—OPEN HOUSE for parents of prospective SHGS students **6:00—7:00 p.m.**

GABRIEL PROJECT DONATIONS

After taking November and December off from our Gabriel Project drive to focus on the Clay County Christmas Project, we will begin 2019 with a new request. During the month of January, SHGS will be accepting donations of **baby lotion and diapers in sizes 5 and 6**.

Donations may be left in the collection box in front of the main office. Thank you in advance for your support!

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MATH FIELD DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to our SHGS winners and alternates in the Kanawha County Elementary Math Field Day! Our 4th grade winner is Ethan Settle and our 5th grade winner is Elizabeth Blanchard! Our alternates are Charlie Johnson from 4th grade and Colin Bown from 5th grade! Elizabeth and Ethan will represent SHGS at the Kanawha County Elementary Math Field Day in February! Congratulations to our mathematicians!

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 from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** Appointments can be made by calling the school office beginning **Monday, January 14.**

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



SHGS DAY OF GIVING



Annually, Catholic Schools Week is a celebration to showcase our academic excellence, devotion to service, and faith development. On **Wednesday, January 30** of Catholic Schools Week, we will celebrate our second annual **SHGS Day of Giving**, which coincides with the National Catholic Education Association's *Many Gifts, One Nation* day of giving.

This is a day set aside for parents, parishioners, and community members to make financial donations to the school.

Donations will go directly to the SHGS Funding Our Future Campaign, a fund set aside for technology upgrades and capital improvements specific to the grade school.

Donations may be brought to the school office or mailed to:

Sacred Heart Grade School
1035 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

SHGS students, teachers, and administration will be participating in this special day by giving their time and talents, both inside and outside of the school, in service to others. Students and teachers may be helping in the cafeteria, monitoring Pennies for People, sorting donations, supervising and organizing service projects, reading to younger students, and singing to senior citizens only to name a few of the possible giving projects.

Whether you have donated time, talent, or treasure during the past year or are planning to do so in 2019, we thank you for your support.

SNOW DAY/DELAY NOTIFICATION

Notification of snow days or delays will be :

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2019

Sacred Heart Grade School will join hundreds of schools across the nation the week of **January 28-February 1** to celebrate the achievements of Catholic Schools. Below is an outline of our week-long celebration:

Monday, January 28 We celebrate our nation.

*To open our special week and to help us celebrate our nation, Senator Manchin will visit our school to talk to the children about leadership and being Catholic.

*This is a regular uniform day with our natural uniform red, white, and blue colors.

*Community service projects begin. Pennies for People (school wide to benefit Sojourners Shelter); Donation Drives: KCHA Animal Shelter collection (Tiny Hearts-2nd grade,) Covenant House collection (grades 3-5)

*Classroom door decoration judging

Tuesday, January 29 We appreciate our faculty and staff.

*Teacher luncheon from PVA in lounge

*Teachers will share personal stories with students related to service projects.

*Open House for parents of prospective students 6:00-7:00

Wednesday, January 30 We celebrate our community.

*Red and White dress down day for SHGS students!

*SHGS Day of Giving

*Donations should be sent in Day of Giving envelope provided. Thank you!

*Students will be giving their time and talent during Share Time with a partner class.

*Students will give their time by sorting and collecting items from donation drives.

*4th and 5th grade choir members will travel to Edgewood Summit to share their talents with residents.

*Living Rosary led by our 4th graders

Thursday, January 31 We celebrate our students.

*Dress Down Day-"Sock Hop" Wear a Pair/Share a Pair of fun socks! (Benefitting Sojourners Shelter for Women and Families)

*Classroom Board Game time (no electronic games)

*Ice Cream, pizza and music during lunch time & Sock Hop during recess

*Sock Hop at dismissal for the teachers of the classes meeting their Day of Giving goal.

Friday, February 1 We celebrate vocations.

*Students will meet with our sisters and Father Brian Crenweldge.

*All Schools Mass

*We will close our day and week by singing our school song, *Beacons of Hope*, at dismissal.

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 28-February 1**)

Your children (K-5) will visit the Book Fair on **Friday, January 25** 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. Tiny Hearts, ECE, and Pre-K parents should plan to visit the fair with their children before (7:30-8:00) or after school (2:45-3:15) as they will not go with their class. Students who wish to shop before or after school **must be accompanied by a parent.**

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!

PARENT INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION ASSISTANCE

2019-2020 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 28th 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 The Most Reverend William Lori 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 2019-2020 school year.

Who is eligible? Any Catholic student accepted for the 2019-2020 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.

How do I apply? Applications are made on-line. Go to www.factsmgt.com, click on "Grant & Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance.

Cost? The application fee is \$30. The Diocese will pay \$15 and families pay the other \$15.

Grants: 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 Deadline: 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, 2019. Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2019-2020 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Phase II Deadline: In order to receive notification in early September, all applications for 2019-2020 (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 15, 2019. This is a firm deadline. 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). 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:

1. an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted
2. all required documentation is provided, AND
3. 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.

Please contact Sheila Kerekes at the rectory, 304-342-8175, with questions

THANK YOU!

To our music teacher, Mrs. Haas; accompanist, Mrs. Becher; our teachers, Mrs. McKown, Mrs. Haden, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Dever, Ms. Adkins, Ms. Santmyer, Ms. Dailey; musicians, Mark Haas, David Haas, and Mathew Malinoski; and our first, second, and third grade students for a beautiful Christmas Program!

To our Homeroom Coordinators for organizing fun Christmas parties for the children!

To Kip Wilcox and Niki Kurten for organizing, and to all parents who sent in food and cookies for the teachers' Christmas luncheon!



CONDOLENCES



To Maddie Jack in the loss of her maternal grandfather.

To Luca Iafrate in the loss of his maternal 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.

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)

JANUARY DRESS DOWN DAYS

Wednesday, January 30

Day of Giving Red & White Dress Down Day

Thursday, January 31

Dress Down Day & “Wear a Pair/Share a Pair” of fun socks
to be donated to Sojourners Shelter for Women and
Families



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January Calendar



Monday, January 14	Tiny Hearts, 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
Friday, January 18	Tiny Hearts, ECE, & Pre K Progress Report Day End of 2nd nine weeks Lunch payments due Liturgy 2B Returning student/sibling applications due for first consideration status
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day– no school
Tuesday, January 22	Application window for parishioners opens
Wednesday, January 23	Tiny Hearts, ECE, & Pre K conferences 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. No school for Tiny Hearts, ECE, & Pre K
Friday, January 25	Report Card Day grades K-5 Liturgy 5B Book Fair browsing day Popcorn Sale- \$0.25
Monday, January 28- Friday, February 1	Catholic Schools Week & Book Fair
Monday, January 28	SHGS admissions open to the public
Tuesday, January 29	SHGS Open House for Prospective Parents 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 30	SHGS Day of Giving! Red and White Dress Down Day
Thursday, January 31	Dress Down Day & “Wear a Pair/Share a Pair” Fun Sock Day to benefit Sojourners Shelter for Women and Families
Friday, February 1	All School Mass for Catholic Schools Week Lunch bills emailed



Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars now for two special events:

- COSI on Wheels at SHGS on Monday, April 1
- SHGS Arts Extravaganza on Monday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for more details!

