



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ March 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,

Our Lenten journey began this week, on Ash Wednesday. During the next six weeks, we will take inspiration from prayer and reflection to give alms, through sharing our time, talent, and treasure, and to fast. Fasting can remove distraction and make us more alert to the happenings and needs around us. Often as we prepare for Lent, we ask ourselves and our children, “What are you giving up?” “How will you fast?” For our children, it may mean fasting from ice cream, chocolate, or video games; concrete things they enjoy and try to do without. But how will we, as adults, choose? A dear friend shared the following prayer with me over the weekend:

*May we fast from complaining, and feast on appreciation,
May we fast from discouragement, and feast on hope,
May we fast from judgement, and feast on patience,
May we fast from words that pollute, and feast on words that affirm,
May we fast from divisions, and feast on the unity of life,
May we fast from bitterness and anger, and feast on forgiveness and mercy,
May we fast from suspicion, and feast on trust,
May we fast from idle noise, and feast on purposeful silence,
May we fast from problems that overwhelm, and feast on prayer and action that strengthen,
May we fast from hatred, and feast on love.*

This prayer allowed me to reflect on fasting in a new way; I have many, many things to consider when choosing how to fast. May this Lenten season allow each of you time to meaningfully fast and feast as we journey together toward Easter.

In peace,
Susan Malinoski

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CONGRATULATIONS!



To Mrs. Rachel Carr, SHGS’s inaugural recipient of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston’s Silver Apple Award! This honor is awarded to one exemplary teacher in each of the Diocese’s elementary and high schools. Mrs. Carr and her students celebrated her honor with a cookie cake and lots of smiles! Congratulations, Mrs. Carr. We are so proud of you!

To the following students who participated in the Children’s Theater of Charleston *Cinderella’s Glass Slipper* Poster Contest: Teddy Passmore, Alistair Gould, Abdul Bali, Asa Collias, Rylee Wright, Sophia Rohrig, Lauren Chapman, Abby Messer, Nora Aliff, Rachel Lough, Ali Wilcox, Lia Duffield, Alexis Staun, Elaina Delgra, Owen Looney, Eden Niewierowki, Ka’Lea Burkes, Olivia Workman, Allie Scott, Coralea Hewitt, Lily Seagle, Mateo Lao, Callie Bumgarner, Callie Bowman, Mary Rushworth, Barrett Brown, Dickinson Gould, Molly Weber, Bella Boggs, Reagan Stapleton, Olivia Staun, Mira Bali, Maddy Rothwell, Lily Patnoe, Savannah Clay, Nina Tinney, Charlie Rashid, Elle Smith, Addison Griffith, Ellya Summers, Sarah Saffer, Laila Flores, Grace Looney, Hannah Fisher, Bella Layden, Telina Williams, Katherine Reehling, Molly Messer, Jack Seagle, Olivia Persinger, Samara Harrison, Avery Persinger, Kate Lane, Madelyn Spangler, Lauren Harrah, Roxy Winter, and Christa Fisher. Our very own **Cannon Hintz** won first place in the lower elementary division, while **Mia Lough and Mara Winter** shared first place in the upper elementary division. All posters will be displayed during the show’s performance on March 24 & 25 at 7:00 p.m. and March 25 & 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Little Theater.

To all of our SHGS church league basketball players, coaches, and parents on a successful season full of fun and learning together as a team!



DRESS DOWN DAYS



Tuesday, March 7

March Dress Down Day

A VISIT FROM WV's POET LAUREATE, MARC HARSHMAN

On Wednesday, March 8, SHGS students will be visited by West Virginia's poet laureate, Marc Harshman! Mr. Harshman will meet with the students in two separate sessions to discuss writing and West Virginia. He will also hold a writing workshop for our 5th graders and will sign student books during lunch time. We are very excited for Mr. Harshman's visit and appreciate our PVA for funding this special event!



STANDARDIZED TESTING

Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will participate in the Diocesan-wide standardized testing program the week of **March 27**. Please make sure that your child is present, on time, well rested, and has eaten a good breakfast. They should also have at least **two** No. 2 pencils on hand for testing. **Above all...encourage them NOT to stress out! Testing can be a nice break from our daily routine, and they will do great!**

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Upon returning from spring break (April 18), students may begin wearing their uniform shorts. Since they are growing so fast, please take a moment and double check their shorts...and all their uniforms. Remember that our uniform policy requires that shorts, jumpers, and skirts be **knee length**. Also, please be sure that socks have no logos or designs, and that they can be easily seen. Your support is appreciated!



SHGS ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA



Mark your calendars now for the 1st annual SHGS Arts Extravaganza on Tuesday, April 25! The extravaganza will celebrate our visual and musical arts programs with a school wide art show from 5:30- 6:45 followed by the 4th and 5th grade spring choral program from 7:00-7:45 p.m. Multi-grade art displays, refreshments, a silent auction to benefit the SHGS art program, and music are bound to make a special evening. We hope to see you there!

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!**





SOCIAL NETWORKING REMINDER

Sacred Heart Grade School attempts to provide a safe environment for all individuals. In terms of social networking, blogs, and any online publishing, the following guidelines are in place (full policy is available on page 22 SHGS Student/Parent Handbook 2016-2017):

The official use of the school logo and name are not permitted to be used on any personal online sources-blogs, websites, etc. without the written permission of the principal.

Publishing pictures taken on school property during regularly scheduled school hours is prohibited. Though often well intended and innocent, placing pictures of our students online may go directly against parental wishes.

Publishing disparaging and/or defamatory comments about the school or anyone in the school community is not permitted.

Communication via social networking does not take the place of official office notification. Communication with the SHGS office should be in writing or by phone.

Please keep this policy in mind when participating in social networking. If you are an administrator of a SHGS classroom page, please make sure that you have requested written permission from Mrs. Malinoski to use the school name on your page. These pages can be very useful for general classroom communication. However, if a question arises related to classroom work or school policy, or if you have general concerns, a phone call to the teacher or office is always the most direct way to find an answer or voice your concern. A phone call allows for clear and concise communication and a quicker resolution to questions and concerns. Thank you in advance for your support!

SHGS GIRL SCOUTS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Collecting New Pillows

Help us in our "pillow fight so others can sleep well at night".

Girl Scout Troop #1840 is collecting new pillows for area shelters during the month of March. Pillows can be sent in to the school office or contact Mary Ellen Pauley at the6pauleys@aol.com or 304-542-2321 for pick up.

Girl Scout Sunday

All Girl Scouts, young and old, are invited to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday with us on March 12 at the 10:00 mass at Sacred Heart Church.

THANK YOU!

To our PVA for funding a visit from WV's Poet Laureate, Marc Harshman!

To Kerri Linton for her ongoing presence and support of the emotional well-being of SHGS students, faculty, and staff.

To SHGS families who donated 1,638 books for the R.I.S.E. Program and \$1,194 through Pennies for People that will go to Sojourner's Women's Shelter and WV Kids Cancer Crusaders!

To SHGS students who Jumped Rope for Heart and raised an amazing \$9,299 for the American Heart Association, and to Mrs. Mullen for organizing the event!

To our basketball coaches for a successful season of learning the game, being a team, and sharing the love of basketball!



CONDOLENCES

To the family and friends of our beloved preschooler, Luke Lyons.
We pray that in this time of loss, you will feel God's love and find comfort in the presence of the Lord.



March Calendar



Tuesday, March 7

Wednesday, March 8

Friday, March 9

Thursday, March 16

Sunday, March 19

Friday, March 24

Monday, March 27

Friday, March 31

March Dress Down Day

Marc Harshman visit

Lunch payments due

1st grade Golden Friends Lunch

First Communion parent meeting

9:00 a.m. Family Life Center

End of 3rd quarter

Terra Nova testing week

Popcorn sale \$0.25

Report card day

