



# The Sacred Heart of the Matter



## Our Mission

Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

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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,

On Monday morning, I was standing at the front door greeting children. A student asked, as she entered, "Mrs. Malinoski, will we be having strings since Kanawha County is out of school for the teachers' walkout?" I'm not sure if my jaw actually dropped or if it simply felt like it did in my mind. I was taken aback. We did have strings that day because our strings teacher comes to us from the WV Symphony, but I can honestly say that the possible conflict, concern, schedule change...truly the awareness...had never entered my mind.

It made me wonder if I, and maybe if many of us, could take a little more time to turn to our children for ideas. I jokingly said to her mother that maybe I should check in each Sunday night to see if I had my week straight, but in a way, there is some truth to that thought. As adults, how often do we get caught up in our grown-up priorities and lose sight of the details and ideas only our children can see through their young, new eyes?

Over the last two weeks, locally and globally, I have found myself astounded and, at times, brought to tears at what children can accomplish. They fight through physical challenges to excel, they achieve excellence through devotion to their passions, they request meetings to urge a school to help the Earth, they speak up with voices loud to demand action for their communities, they hold the hand of a special friend who is having a tough morning, and in doing these things, they change our world. The solutions and ideas in the minds of our children are truly limitless.

*"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:1-5*

In peace,  
Susan Malinoski

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## CONGRATULATIONS!



To the Sacred Heart church league basketball team of Ellya Summers, Molly Messer, Aurelia Kirby, Savanna Lovejoy, Hannah Fisher, Zoe Pray, Ashton Henrich, Molly Weber, Ellie Pray, and Mary Rushworth who rounded out an undefeated 14-0 season by winning the CCRA Elementary Girls Division Championship!

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!

## AROUND THE WORLD GALA

It is almost time for the SHGS Around the World Gala! Final preparations are underway for an international night of food, fun, entertainment, and a live auction featuring original art created by SHGS students, all benefiting SHGS! Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased at the school office. We hope you will join us!

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



Saturday, March 10  
6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.  
Cocktail Attire-Adults Only  
Charleston Marriot Grand Ballroom





## DRESS DOWN DAYS

Wednesday, March 7	March Dress Down Day
Tuesday, March 20	Happy First Day of Spring Dress Down Day!
Wednesday, March 21	SHGS T-Shirt Dress Down Day



## MARCH MANNA MEAL

During the month of March, we will be accepting donations of canned meats, powdered milk, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter for Manna Meal. Each time Mr. Craffey and I deliver the items we have collected to the Manna Meal kitchen, we are met with warm appreciation from everyone who works at Manna Meal to help feed those in need. Thank you so much for your continued support of this project!



## SPRING & STRINGS!

Mark your calendars for Spring & Strings on **March 28, 6:30-7:00** in the SHGS gym! This evening will feature a mini-concert by our 4th and 5th grade strings students as well as light refreshments and student artwork inspired by spring!



## NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Please keep an eye on your inboxes for delivery of our monthly newsletter, *The Sacred Heart of the Matter*. For the remainder of the school year, the newsletter will be sent electronically and in backpack mail, with the intent of transition to full electronic delivery for the 2018-2019 school year.



## STANDARDIZED TESTING



Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will participate in the Diocesan-wide standardized testing program the week of **April 16**. 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 on April 9**, students may begin wearing their uniform shorts. Since they are growing so fast, please take a moment and double check their shorts...and all uniform pieces. 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!

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME !

Mark your calendars now for SHGS day at the ballpark. Join us at Power Park on **May 20, 2018!**



## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**Lunch Bill Payments:** We appreciate your support and patience during the implementation of electronic lunch bill delivery. As with all new things, it has taken some time to work out the kinks in this process, but things are running smoothly now. You may call the school office if you experience any problems with your monthly lunch bill delivery. **The continued success of our lunch program and the expansion of offerings is dependent on the timely payment of lunch bills.** Thank you for your continued attention to this matter. Questions about lunch bill payments may be directed to Mr. Craffey.

**Social Media/Networking:** 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 of the SHGS Student/Parent Handbook 2017-2018):

\*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, room number, or teacher 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 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. With questions or for help with pick up contact Mary Ellen & Michelle Pauley at [the6pauleys@aol.com](mailto:the6pauleys@aol.com)

## **THANK YOU!**

To our PVA Mardi Gras chair, Jodie Breitreutz, parent volunteers, Ms. Inghram, Mrs. Olian, Mrs. Davis, and our 5th grade student helpers for a fantastic Mardi Gras celebration!

To Bob Berry for baking nut free King Cakes for our students!

To SHGS students who Jumped Rope for Heart and raised an amazing \$8,904 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!



## **529 SAVINGS PLAN INFORMATION**

As of January 1, 2018, 529 plans may be used for K-12 education tuition. Attached to this newsletter you will find additional information regarding the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act.

## **CONDOLENCES**

To Mara and McKell Winter in the loss of their great aunt.  
We pray that in this time of loss, you will feel God's love and find comfort in the presence of the Lord.



## **MARCH**

**Wednesday, March 7**

**March Dress Down Day**

**PVA General Meeting**

**March birthday lunch**

**Friday, March 9**

**Lunch payments due**

**Liturgy 5C**

**Thursday, March 15**

**1st grade Golden Friends Lunch**

**Friday, March 16**

**End of 3rd nine weeks**

**Liturgy 3A**

**Tuesday, March 20**

**Happy First Day of Spring Dress**

**Down Day**

**Wednesday March 21**

**SHGS T-Shirt Dress Down Day**

**Friday, March 23**

**Report Card Day**

**Liturgy 4A**

**Wednesday, March 28**

**Popcorn Sale \$0.25**

**Spring & Strings!**

**Concert and art display**

**Friday, March 30**

**Spring Break begins**



