



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

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Our Mission

In the context of a Catholic 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,

The last week of February has brought several beautiful signs of hope at SHGS. We had sunshine and warm weather, making for amazing recess times; we saw crocuses poking out of the cold ground that only a week ago was snow covered; we are closing in on a majority of our faculty being fully vaccinated; and we have seen COVID numbers in the Kanawha Valley falling. Students and teachers alike reveled in turning their faces to the warm sun to soak up its light and warmth. At the same time, the feeling of relief at having our faculty so close to being fully vaccinated is hard to put into words, as is the realization that we are seeing COVID case numbers in our community decreasing.

While we know there is still winter to be had, just as we understand we are still in the midst of battling COVID, this week, we saw light and felt hope. We know eventually it will be spring and that one day in the future the pandemic will be behind us. We will continue to be vigilant and prepared each and every day. During our daily preparations, as we put our faith into action, I hope that each of you find a moment to turn your face to the sun and feel the same warmth, light, and hope.

In peace,
Susan Malinoski

CONGRATULATIONS

Sacred Heart second grade parishioners will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 27! May each of them know the greatness of God's love and forgiveness on this special day.



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UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Upon returning from Easter Break on **April 12**, 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!

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DRESS DOWN DAYS



Wednesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 17
Monday, March 29-Thursday, April 1

March Dress Down Day
St. Patrick's Day Green Dress Down Day
Day of Giving Dress Down Week



SHGS BOOK FAIR at TAYLOR BOOKS



The SHGS Book Fair at Taylor Books will be March 1-5. This year we will incorporate our local bookstore as a way of giving back to the community. **Taylor Books will donate 20% of its proceeds purchased by anyone in the Sacred Heart Grade School Community, March 1st-March 5th.** The proceeds will go towards the needs of our school reading center. All that is required at the time of purchase is to mention you are a member of the Sacred Heart Grade School community.

In years past, teachers would select books based on the needs of their curriculum and students would purchase these books from the Book Fair on their behalf. In lieu of this, next week we will also be collecting funds to build back classroom libraries with resources the teachers need. **Please send a monetary contribution in an envelope marked 'Book Fair' to your child's homeroom teacher if you would like to make a donation directly to your child's classroom library.** Thank you in advance for adapting to this unusual year and providing the resources needed by our faculty. Please contact Kamilla Rashid with questions.

DAY OF GIVING UPDATE

We were humbled by this year's Day of Giving donations which totaled an amazing **\$19,510.00!** 1B and 1C tied for the highest donation amounts. While our fundraising goal to have a Dress Down Week was \$25,000.00, as you will see below, student and family support of our many Day of Giving service projects was truly inspirational. I believe we achieved many important goals on this special day.

- Pennies for People: \$638.00 raised for Sojourners Shelter and WV Health Right!
- KCHA Animal Shelter donations: 248 pounds of dry food, 131 pounds of wet food, 79 pounds of treats, 111 pounds of cat litter, 64 pounds of peanut butter, 85 pounds of Dawn Soap, and over 1000 puppy pads!
- Valentine cards and candy were delivered to the Clay Health Care Center!
- Thank you cards and art were delivered to the doctors and nurses at CAMC!
- Many diapers were collected and delivered to the Gabriel Project!
- Masks, hand sanitizer, and many cans of food were collected and delivered to Manna Meal!

In recognition of the love and hard work that went into our efforts to support our neighbors in need and our Day of Giving fundraising, we will have a dress down week the week prior to Easter Break, Monday, March 29-Thursday, April 1. Thank you for your continued support of the SHGS community!



WINTER MAP GROWTH SCORES

Student MAP Growth scores from the second testing window will be sent home with third quarter report cards on **Thursday, April 1**

COVID UPDATES & REMINDERS

It is wonderful to see COVID numbers going down in the Kanawha Valley. In order to keep school open we must continue to follow safety protocols and communicate about COVID cases, exposures, and concerns. Thank you for keeping us posted about these issues. Communication between home and school continues to be extremely important as we work together to keep the SHGS family healthy and in school. If anyone in your household is undergoing COVID screening due to an exposure or illness, please keep your student(s) home until receiving negative test results. Minimizing potential exposures to students is an important step in preventing quarantines of significant numbers of students and classrooms. Please email smalinoski@sacredheartgradeschool.org to notify the school if you learn of an exposure of your student or a household member after school hours. You may also use this email address to report COVID-19 exposures, positive tests, or questions. Please call the school office at 304-346-5491 if you learn of the exposure during school office hours.

ABSENCES

Students who are ill will remain out of school for 3 days with improving symptoms. A negative COVID test or documentation/communication of another condition from the student's physician (eg. strep throat, ear infection) will be required for a student to return to school. Students may attend school virtually for the days they are home if they are well enough and the office has been notified by a parent prior to the student logging on. Students who are sent home sick during the school day will follow the guidelines for three days of improving symptoms and a negative COVID test or documentation of another condition to return. Students who leave during the school day will not participate virtually for the remainder of that day. They may begin to participate virtually on their first full day of the absence. If a student misses class due to illness, it is important that the parent touch base with the teacher about make up work and other details.

TRAVEL & QUARANTINE

SHGS does not have a travel policy or a mandatory quarantine that will be enforced related to travel. However, travel can increase the risk of spreading COVID. If you choose to travel, please be diligent in COVID safety protocols—social distancing, wearing masks when with people other than household members, and handwashing. If you are unable to maintain these protocols, please consider quarantining for 14 days before returning to school or getting COVID tested (PCR) five days after your return and receiving negative results prior to coming back to school. Again, these suggestions are requests to keep our community healthy and to do all we can to keep the school building open and as many students in class as possible.

THANK YOU!

To Mrs. Katie Feola, Ms. Inghram, Mrs. Mullen, and Mrs. Kurten for a fantastic Mardi Gras celebration!

To Mr. Mark Haas who shares his musical and technological talents with us each Friday at mass!

CONDOLENCES

To Elin Griffith in the loss of her paternal grandfather.
To Alexandra Blanchard in the loss of her maternal uncle.

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 3

March Dress Down Day and
Birthday Lunch

Wednesday March 17

St. Patrick's Day Green Dress Down Day

Friday, March 26

End of 3rd nine weeks

Monday, March 29-
Thursday, April 1

Day of Giving Dress Down Week

Thursday, April 1

Report Card Day

Friday, April 2-
Friday, April 9

Easter Break

Monday, April 12

Classes resume
Uniform shorts may be worn



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