



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

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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.



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Dear parents,

As we look to the month of November, still able to gather for in-person classes, I imagine many of you feel the way I do: grateful for each and every day we get to be together. November always calls for reflection on our blessings. Among my own, I count the many, many people working to keep us together and learning in the walls and halls of SHGS.

I am grateful for our teachers who continue to work around the clock to plan, teach, inspire, and love our children. I am grateful for staff members who support our students, feed us, and keep our school clean and safe. I am grateful for our wonderful students who are shining examples of caring in action. They are amazing! Their eyes and actions show how much it means to them to be in school. I am grateful for parents who support our safety and health guidelines and are devoted to open communications. I am grateful for Sacred Heart parishioners who pray for us and others in our community who keep us safe by helping during arrival, dismissal, and all the times in between.

A beautiful and quiet thing happened during October- SHGS returned to being SHGS. Yes, we are all wearing masks and using hand sanitizer, and we are social distancing and following rules as we travel. But we are back to the business of learning in our school building. The children are reading, writing, discovering, sharing, praying, creating, and playing each and every day. Our conversations and days are not COVID centered. As adults, we are acutely aware of the virus and the threat it continues to pose, but while at school, our children are focused on learning, caring, and being together. For this I am most grateful. By working together we have created the safest haven possible in which our children can gather and learn together. It is something I dreamed of and many people worked toward for months. For the part each of you play in making this endeavor work, I thank you.

With love,
Susan Malinoski



CONGRATULATIONS!



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To Mrs. Savannah Wheeler, our K2 instructional aide, on her recent wedding!

To Brooks Anderson and his family on the birth of twin brothers, Ford and Christian!

Sacred Heart Grade School
Learn more. Serve many. Love all.



CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT



It is once again time for our annual Clay County Food Drive! Charleston Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Grade School provide food boxes, Christmas presents, and clothing for approximately 200 needy families in Clay County. This holiday service project has been ongoing for over 25 years. Through your support and generosity, SHGS provides the majority of food boxes for this project. This year our goal is to collect at least 100 boxes. In order to reach our goal, we need your help!

Information will come home in Friday Folders on **November 13**. **Please send food items between Monday, Nov. 16 and Wednesday, Dec. 2.** We have made the donation window longer this year to allows students to bring in one or two items each day since they will be carrying items in on their own. Please send in only what your child can carry to the classroom independently each day. There will be a school-wide thank you dress down days on **Tuesday, Dec. 15 and Wednesday, Dec. 16.**

In this time of economic hardship, we would greatly appreciate any family who is willing and able to fill an entire box. This additional assistance can help us meet our goal. If you are able to fill an entire box please let your child's teacher know. The cost to fill an entire box at Walmart is \$25. If you are unable to participate in this project, please let the office know so alternate arrangements can be made.



NOVEMBER DRESS DOWN DAYS

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| Wednesday, November 4 | November Dress Down Day (see handbook for guidelines) |
| Tuesday, November 10 | \$3 Dress Down for the Clay County Christmas Project <i><u>The money raised from this Dress Down Day covers the purchase of food boxes and tape for the project. Thank you!</u></i> |
| Monday, November 23 | Peanut Shoppe Fundraiser Dress Down Day (if goal is reached) |



PVA PEANUT SHOPPE FUNDRAISER

SHGS PVA is excited to be partnering with The Peanut Shoppe for our annual holiday fundraiser! The Peanut Shoppe has been a Charleston tradition and family owned business for over 60 years. By participating in the SHGS PVA's fundraiser, you will be supporting our PVA and a longtime local business! Sacred Heart Grade School will earn \$5.00 for each 1 lb. box sold! Monies raised will go directly toward supporting student and teacher activities organized by SHGS PVA.

Important Dates

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| Monday, November 2 | Order forms sent home |
| Tuesday, November 17 | Order forms due |
| Monday, November 23 | Dress down day-if goal is reached |
| Mon. Tues. December 14/15 | Delivery/distribution |

No late orders will be accepted.
Orders should be submitted by back pack mail.
If you have any questions please contact Courtney Lohri, 443-865-1852.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES , REPORT CARDS & MAP

Our first nine weeks will end on **Friday, November 6**, with report cards going home the following **Friday, November 13**.

Parent Teacher conferences for **grades K-5** will be held via Zoom or Google Meet on **Wednesday, November 18 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

Grades K-4 will **not** have live, in person instruction on this day, but will have remote learning assignments to complete at home.

5th grade will hold conferences on **Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19** **5th graders will not have live, in-person instruction these days, but will participate in remote learning assignments at home.**

Conferences for TH, ECE and Pre-K classes will be held in **February**.
Therefore our Tiny Hearts, ECE , and Pre-K classes will be held as normal on November 18,

Parents, K-5, may begin calling the school office to schedule conferences on **Monday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m.** **Appointments must be made by Friday, November 13.** Due to the nature of online scheduling **appointments made after Friday, November 13 will not be accepted.**

REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

As noted on the SHGS calendar November 25, November 27, December 21, December 22, and December 23 are designated Remote Learning days for students in grades K-5. This means that students will receive assignments for those days from their teachers prior to the remote learning days. There is no live online instruction on these days. Students will work on previously assigned work they receive from their teachers at home. The school building will be closed on each of these days and preschool classes (TH, ECE, and Pre-K) will not meet.

MAP TESTING WINDOWS

Mark your calendars now for MAP testing **Window II January 11-22** and **Window III April 19-30**.
Thank you for making sure your child is present daily during these testing windows

THANK YOU!

To Mr. Mark Hass for his musical accompaniment and streaming services during SHGS school liturgies!

To our fantastic cooks, Miss Cheri and Miss Jane, for making us delicious hot lunches!

To our homeroom coordinators for organizing fun Halloween parties and to Homeroom Coordinator Chair, Kathy Rushworth for her help and support!

To SHGS Advisory Board members Father Donald Higgs, Mrs. Jennifer Depond, Mr. John Craffey, Mrs. Paula Durst, Mr. Greg Hoyer, Mrs. Laura Boone, Mr. Sam Fox, and Mrs. Kerri Linton for their continued support of SHGS!

To Mr. John Blake, Mr. Donnie Hicks, and Mr. Jamie Elkins of maintenance for keeping SHGS in tip top shape!

To CPD and the City of Charleston for providing traffic direction and crossing guard to keep us safe during arrival and dismissal!



HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS

Please communicate any possible COVID exposure scenarios or symptoms with the SHGS office. These communications will be kept confidential, but it is very important that the school is made aware of possible exposure situations and symptoms in order for us to communicate with KCHD when determining plans of action. Open communication will help keep our children safe and healthy which will in turn help keep our classrooms and school open. Communications related to COVID that have been shared with families can be found on the SHGS website under the COVID tab. Thank you for your continued support of and attention to these important issues.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

The Kroger Community Rewards can be used every time you shop at Kroger. To register your Kroger Plus card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use the Sacred Heart Grade School organization number **GD705**. Be sure you have your Kroger Plus card available when you register. Kroger Plus cards are available at the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger store. To participate, register your Kroger Plus Card (as outlined above) and use the card when you check out. Sacred Heart will receive a check from Kroger on a quarterly basis usually totaling over \$1,500. Thank you!

BOX TOPS

Box Tops have gone digital! Check out BoxTops4Education.com to download the app to earn money for SHGS!

SHGS TOBAOGGANS

PVA will be selling SHGS winter toboggans this year! Created by Apple Pie Embroidery (design below), they are the perfect way to stay warm and cozy when cold weather hits. Ordering information will be shared soon!



BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Sacred Heart Parish Recreation Basketball season is currently on hold. We will not be conducting sign ups in November. The parish gym is currently closed and not available for use per directive of the Diocese. We will continue to communicate the status of basketball activities as it is determined if the league will resume in the coming months. Basketball holds a special place in our community. We appreciate your understanding and patience as options for the coming season are evaluated. Mrs. Mullen will be beginning basketball during PE class in November, so SHGS students will be keeping their balling skills fresh.

AMAZON WISH LIST

PVA will be organizing an Amazon Wish list for SHGS specific to COVID health and cleaning needs. Please watch for additional information to be shared about accessing and sending needed items through the SHGS Amazon Wish List!

CONDOLENCES

To Clayton Smarr in the loss of his paternal grandfather.
To Ella and Everleigh Gaskins in the loss of their maternal great-grandmother.

We pray that in this time of loss, you will feel God's love and find comfort in the presence of the Lord.





November Calendar

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| Monday, November 2 | K-5 parents may call office to schedule conference appointments Peanut Shoppe Fundraiser order forms sent home |
| Wednesday, November 4 | November dress down day and birthday lunch |
| Friday, November 6 | End of first nine weeks |
| Tuesday, November 10 | Clay County Christmas \$3 Dress Down Day |
| Friday, November 13 | Report Cards & MAP results sent home Clay County Food Drive information sent home |
| Monday, November 16 | Clay County food item donation window opens |
| Tuesday, November 17 | Peanut Shoppe order forms due |
| Wednesday, November 18 | Parent Teacher Conferences grades K-5 (online) Remote at home learning grades K-5 (no live instruction) Regular class for TH, ECE, Pre-K |
| Thursday, November 19 | Parent Teacher Conference Day for 5th grade only Remote at home learning for 5th grade only (no live instruction) |
| Monday, November 23 | Peanut Shoppe dress down day- if goal reached |
| Wednesday, November 25 | Remote at home learning grades K-5 No school TH, ECE, Pre-K |
| Thursday, November 26 | Happy Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Break-no school |
| Friday, November 27 | Remote at home learning grades K-5 No school TH, ECE, Pre-K |
| Wednesday, December 2 | December dress down day and birthday lunch Last day to bring in Clay County items |

