

Our Mission

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.



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ November 2018

Dear parents and students,

Earlier in the fall, I was invited to see some unique creations by members of our fourth grade STEM Club. Their project this month: the Hurricane Hut Challenge. Students were challenged to create a structure that could stand up to hurricane winds (provided by a blow dryer) using specified supplies.

As I entered the lab, the children's excitement was palpable. I was so impressed by their enthusiasm and creativity! No two huts looked the same. The student teams explained that during the creation of the huts (over several club meetings) they had experienced many, many failures. As I visited each team, the students explained the thinking behind their structures: what worked and what had not worked. I was so impressed by how specifically the children could remember the details of each failed attempt and how they then followed-up by explaining (in matching detail and wearing a smile) their response to overcoming the failure.

Their honesty as they reflected on this project was as inspiring as their enthusiasm. I asked the students if they had ever argued during the project. "Oh yes!" they replied. I asked them when the arguments happened. They replied, "When things weren't working, we argued more." I then asked what happened after they argued and things weren't working. One group explained by simply saying "We had to talk to each other a lot to figure out what would work."

What wise words from our children. During this month of Thanksgiving, I wish each of you the peace and clarity that these lessons learned by our children can offer. May each of us learn from our failures; persevere through misunderstandings; never give up; and talk to one another as we work to solve problems, create, and learn together.

In peace,

Susan Malinoski

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

Principal's Honor Roll Recipients (all A's): Wilkes Aliff, Jacob Brown, Zaden Ranson, Mary Rushworth, Reagan Stapleton, Olivia Staun, Molly Weber, Aidan Anton, Colin Bown, Callie Bumgarner, Luca DiCocco, Joe Haynes, Preston Hill, Cameron Lusk, Mara Winter, Elizabeth Blanchard, Callie Bowman, Hudson Haylsip, Mia Lough, Cate Yianne

Honor Roll Recipients (A's and 1-2 B's): Elaina Caldwell, Ben Carew, Will Gruse, Clare James, Mateo Lao, Lily Patnoe, Marissa Cormany, Haley Welder

Our Spelling Bee Classroom Winners: 4A-Olivia Workman, Eden Niewierowski, Charlie Johnson
4B- Peter Basdekis, Patrick Kirby, Ethan Settle 5A -Clare James, Elaina Caldwell 5B-Preston Hill, Joe Haynes, 5C-Cate Yianne, Vance Wriston

The SHGS Spelling Bee Runner-Up/Alternate: Patrick Kirby from 4B
The 2018 SHGS Spelling Bee Winner: Cate Yianne from 5C

And, congratulations to Zara and Kanye Ekepte and Christine Umeham on the birth of their new baby brother, Zuke!

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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 Sacred Heart provides the majority of food boxes for this project. This year our goal is to collect at least 180 boxes. In order to reach our goal, we need your help!

Information will come home in Friday Folders on November 9. Please send food items in between Monday, Nov. 26 and Wednesday, Nov. 28. Classrooms that have all of their food items in by Wednesday will have a dress down day on Thursday, Dec. 6. There will be a school-wide thank you dress down day on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

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. If you are unable to participate in this project, please let the office know so alternate arrangements can be made.

Please note: There will be no Gabriel Project Drive during November as we focus our service efforts on the Clay County Christmas Project. However, the Gabriel Project donation box will remain in front of the office where we always accept donations.



NOVEMBER DRESS DOWN DAYS



Monday, November 5	\$2 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>
Wednesday, November 7	November Dress Down Day
Tuesday, November 20	Peanut Sale Incentive Dress Down Day (if goal is reached)

THE PEANUT SHOPPE FUNDRAISER

Sacred Heart Grade School is excited to be partnering with The Peanut Shoppe for our 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!

IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER

Friday, November 2- Peanut Shoppe Sale information goes home

Friday, November 9-Prize for students selling 10 items or more

Monday, November. 19 - All orders are due to Courtney Lohri.

Tuesday, November 20-Peanut Sale Incentive Dress Down Day (if goal is reached)

Monday, Dec. 17 or Tuesday Dec. 18 - Delivery to students for distribution before Christmas.

No late orders will be accepted.

Orders should be submitted by back pack mail.

If you have any questions or would like to help with sales/distribution, please contact Courtney Lohri, 443-865-1852.

Fundraiser

KROGER REWARDS

Don't forget to register your Kroger Reward card to benefit PVA. Parents who registered cards last year will need to re-enroll. Please visit www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow to re-enroll. This is an easy and effective way to support our school. We appreciate your support!

PARENT ALERT by RENWEB



Parent Alert is an alert and update service provided by RenWeb. SHGS is now using Parent Alert in addition to Twitter to send important updates via text message.

Parent Alert will notify you via text message. This text message will be sent to the cell phone number you provided in RenWeb when you updated your child's demographic information at the beginning of the school year.

If you did not include a cell phone number in your child's update, you will not receive Parent Alert messages.

To add a cell phone number, you may login to RenWeb and add the number to your demographic information.

The SHGS Parent Alert message should come from the number **22383** as **SHGS News**. If you do not wish to receive these updates, you can text the word STOP to end the messages.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have been navigating challenges associated with the Twitter app and SMS messaging system.

We are hopeful that Parent Alert will be a more consistent alternative and have received very positive feedback thus far. However, the SHGS Twitter feed will still be active and available as an information resource.

THANK YOU!

To SHGS students and families for donating baby wipes, baby lotion, and baby body wash during our October Gabriel Project drive!

To SHGS parents for taking the time to complete the Catholic Identity Defining Characteristics Survey in preparation for our accreditation visit in February.

To the SHGS PVA for providing treat bags and spending money for our teachers as they traveled to Morgantown for the Diocesan conference!

To Mrs. Amy Mullen and Mr. Sid Gillis for planning and organizing another fantastic Gym Jam!

To our many parent volunteers who helped supervise Gym Jam 2018!

To the following Gym Jam volunteer activity leaders for making Gym Jam 2018 extra awesome!

Ashleigh Woods
Nick O'Reilly
Will Johnson
Mary Collins
Greg White

Soccer/Crossfit WV
Crossfit/Crossfit WV
Golf/University of Charleston baseball players
Zumba/YWCA
Basketball/Greg White Basketball





November Calendar



Thursday, November 1	Parent-Teacher Conferences K-5 (No school K-5) Regular classes for Tiny Hearts, ECE, Pre-K (No school lunch-bring lunch and drink from home) No ASC
Friday, November 2	Liturgy 4A Peanut Shoppe Sale information goes home
Sunday, November 4	Reconciliation and First Communion meeting for Sacred Heart parishioner parents of second graders
Monday, November 5	Clay County Christmas \$2 Dress Down Day
Wednesday, November 7	November Dress Down Day November Birthday Lunch PVA General Meeting, 8:05 a.m., cafeteria
Thursday, November 8	Third Grade Parent Lunch 12:20
Friday, November 9	Liturgy 3A Lunch bills due Student flu shots Clay County information comes home Peanut Shoppe Sale prizes for selling 10+ items
Monday, November 12	Veterans Day-no school
Tuesday, November 13	Make-up school pictures (Wear picture clothes to school, bring school uniform.)
Friday, November 16	Popcorn sale-\$0.25 No school liturgy
Monday, November 19	Peanut Sale orders due
Tuesday, November 20	Peanut Shoppe Sale Incentive Dress Down Day (if goal is reached)
Wednesday, November 21	11:30 dismissal for Thanksgiving Break! Liturgy 3B Friday Specials
Thursday November 22- Friday, November 23	Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 26- Wednesday, November 28	Clay County Christmas Collection Days
Friday, November 30	Liturgy 4B 2nd nine weeks progress report day Lunch bills emailed

FINAL HALLOWEEN REMINDERS

Our Halloween party is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 31!** Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will celebrate as a grade level together in the gym. Tiny Hearts, ECE and Pre K classes will have their own individual parties in their classrooms.

SHGS will have its inaugural **Halloween Costume Parade** on Halloween morning at **8:15 a.m.** During this time, students (Tiny Hearts-5th grade) will parade to the playground blacktop or through the school, depending on the weather. If the parade is outside, parents are invited to watch from the playground equipment area or sidewalks while we parade and sing songs. **No candy will be distributed** during the parade: the parade, singing, and fun will be our treat! (If the parade is inside due to weather, parents will not attend.)

Costume guidelines are below. Please read these thoroughly to ensure a fun day for everyone! Students may wear a costume, but they do not have to dress in costume. If they prefer to wear Halloween dress down clothes that is, of course, fine.

COSTUME GUIDELINES

-Students may wear costumes or may dress down in Halloween clothes (theme t-shirts, Halloween colors, etc.)

- **All students must bring dress down clothes to change into.**

-**Absolutely no accessories are to be brought to school or carried** - If sent, they will be kept in the office where parents will have to pick them up after school.

-Costumes must allow students to go to the bathroom independently and must follow dress down guidelines (length of shorts, skirts; no spaghetti straps; no inappropriate messages, etc. See handbook guidelines) **If this is a concern, the student will be asked to change into dress down clothes by teachers or administration.**

-Students **should not wear costumes that suggest violence or might scare other children: no blood, gore, etc.** (Remember we have 2 year olds and up) **If this is a concern, the student will be asked to change into dress down clothes by teachers or administration.**

-Students must bring a bag of some type that will hold their costume. Students, grades 1-5, must be able to change out of the costume independently and carry this bag on their own.

Halloween Day Party Schedule

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us during your child's party time!

8:15-8:45 a.m. Costume Parade

9:15-10:00 a.m. 1st grades

10:00-10:45 a.m. 2nd grades

10:45-11:30 a.m. 4th grades

11:30-12:15 p.m. 5th grades

1:00-1:45 p.m. Kindergarten

1:45-2:30 p.m. 3rd grades

