



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



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.



Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ November 2019

Dear parents and students,

Recently I have been reading about the benefits of practicing gratitude. November's cooler air and early evenings have always been Mother Nature's signal to me to try to slow down and be more aware of and grateful for the blessings in my life. Research shows that slowing down and appreciating the good in our lives can be beneficial in many ways. Practicing gratitude can:

- make us less materialistic and less envious of others, and therefore more content
- make us more empathetic and forgiving when dealing with difficult situations or people
- protect us from and help us deal with stress
- help us sleep longer and more deeply
- strengthen our spirituality with the awareness of feeling more loved and cared for
- help us develop more fulfilling relationships by increasing our "relationship happiness"
- increase our long-term happiness and well-being

Whether through conversation, prayer, reflection, or writing, practicing gratitude has so many benefits. While we try to be grateful everyday, the students and teachers of SHGS will be extra tuned in to our own gratitude attitude throughout November. I invite you to join us in taking time to slow down and take stock of your life's inventory. Pope Francis said, "Gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls." May we consider his wise words and our own blessings as we enter this new month.

In peace,
Susan Malinoski



CONGRATULATIONS!



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Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

Principal's Honor Roll Recipients (all A's): Stella Bailey, Peter Basdekis, Ella Green, Charlie Johnson, and Alex Weber

Honor Roll Recipients (A's and 1-2 B's): Sarah Duncan, Alyssa Hanna, Patrick Kirby, Julia Reehling, Lily Seagle, and Ethan Settle

Our Spelling Bee Classroom Winners: **4A**-Alistair Gould, Teddy Passmore, **4B**- Sabian Rashid, Rachel Lough, **4C**- Charlotte Hayes, Luke Passmore, **5A**-Annie Blevins, Patrick Kirby, **5B**-Peter Basdekis, Alex Weber, **5C**- Charlie Johnson, Julia Reehling

The SHGS Spelling Bee was held on October 22.
Winning the 2019 SHGS Spelling Bee (after 123 words) is 5th grader **Annie Blevins**
and the runner-up/alternate is 4th grader Charlotte Hayes.
Congratulations to our wonderful spellers!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation for 2nd grade Sacred Heart parishioners will be **Saturday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m.**

A meeting for parents of students receiving First Reconciliation will be held on **November 10** at 9:00 a.m. in Seton Hall



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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, SHGS provides the majority of food boxes for this project. This year our goal is to collect at least 160 boxes. In order to reach our goal, we need your help!

Information will come home in Friday Folders on November 15. Please send food items in between Monday, Dec. 2 and Wednesday, Dec. 4. Classrooms that have all of their food items in by Wednesday will have a dress down day on Thursday, Dec. 5. There will be a school-wide thank you dress down day on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

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 WV Health Right Project Drive during November as we focus our service efforts on the Clay County Christmas Project.
However, the WV Health Right Project Drive donation box will remain in front of the office where we always accept donations.



NOVEMBER DRESS DOWN DAYS

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| Tuesday, 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 6 | November Dress Down Day |
| Tuesday, November 19 | Peanut Sale Incentive Dress Down Day (if goal is reached) |



PVA PEANUT SHOPPE FUNDRAISER

SHGS PVA 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 1– Peanut Shoppe Sale information goes home
- Friday, November 8-Prize for students selling 10 items or more
- Monday, November 18- All orders are due to Courtney Lohri.
- Tuesday, November 19-Peanut Sale Incentive Dress Down Day (if goal is reached)
- Monday, Dec. 16 or Tuesday Dec. 17- 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.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences for **grades K-5** will be held on **Thursday, November 7 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

5th grade will also hold conferences on **Wednesday, November 6 from 2:00-4:30.**
5th graders will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6.

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 7, **but students must bring lunch and a drink from home.**

Additionally, there is ASC for only preschool students this day.

WATER IN THE CAFETERIA

In an effort to reduce waste, beginning after Veterans Day, bottled water will no longer be available for purchase in the cafeteria. Students who prefer water instead of milk for lunch are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle from home. A water filling station will be installed in the cafeteria and will be available for students to use as needed.

MAP TESTING WINDOWS

Mark your calendars now for MAP testing **Window II February 3-21** and **Window III May 4-22.**
Thank you for making sure your child is present daily during these testing windows .

THANK YOU!

To SHGS students and families for donating diapers and onesies during our October WV Health Right drive!

To PVA Hospitality for providing treat bags for our teachers on our Professional Development Day!

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 2019!

To the following Gym Jam volunteer activity leaders for making Gym Jam 2019 so awesome!

Andy Harrison	Soccer/ CFC Soccer
Ashleigh Woods	Soccer/Clash Soccer
Nick O'Reilly	CrossFit/CrossFit WV
Kayleb Jones &	Hip-Hop/ Academy of Arts at January's
Lacy Hughs	
Will Johnson	Golf
Shawn Lewis	Apex Training
Jennifer Rago	Yoga
Josh Wells	Baseball/University of Charleston

CONDOLENCES

To longtime SHGS principal, Terri Maier, in the loss of her husband, John.

To Ellie Pray in the loss of her paternal great-grandfather.

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



MAP GROWTH ASSESSMENT RESULTS

You will receive your child's MAP Growth Assessment results from your child's teacher at your Parent/Teacher conference on November 7. The information below will be helpful as you look over your child's results. Please note your child's RIT score, percentile, and projected growth throughout the year. We are very excited to have this useful information at the beginning of the school year. The detailed results will allow teachers to address certain areas of need with their students as well as providing differentiated instruction when needed. Students will take the MAP Growth assessment two more times during the 2019-2020 school year. These testing windows will be **February 3-21 and May 4-22**. Thank you for making sure your child is present during these testing windows which will allow us to obtain ongoing growth feedback for our students.

How it Works

MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level. MAP Growth begins with a question at each student's grade level and adjusts the level of difficulty based on individual performance.

What it Measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score. The RIT scale precisely measures student performance, regardless of whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level.

The Results: Your Child's RIT Score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals.

Common Questions about MAP Growth testing:

How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?

Yes, but please note that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Please discuss any questions that you have about your child's performance with your child's teacher.

How often will my child take MAP Growth tests?

SHGS will administer MAP Growth tests to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year (in the fall, winter, and spring).

What are norms?

NWEA provides schools with norms every three years. This is anonymous data from more than 10 million students around the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of all these students combined allows teachers to compare where your child is to other students and help them grow. In addition to US norms, NWEA provides comparison data for private, English-medium, accredited international schools using MAP Growth outside the USA.

Is MAP Growth a standardized test?

Unlike a standardized test, MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance— giving a more accurate measure of what they know. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.

What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?

The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. For sample tests, visit warmup.nwea.org.

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November Calendar



Friday, November 1	Liturgy 5A Report card day PVA Peanut Shoppe Fundraiser information
Tuesday, November 5	Clay County Christmas \$2 Dress Down Day
Wednesday, November 6	November Dress Down Day November Birthday Lunch PVA Uniform Sale 7:30 a.m. PVA General Meeting, 8:05 a.m., cafeteria 1:00 p.m. 5th grade early dismissal for conferences
Thursday, November 7	K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school K-5) Regular school day TH, ECE, Pre-K Preschool must bring drink and lunch from home No school lunch ASC for TH, ECE, Pre-K students <u>only</u>
Friday, November 8	Liturgy 4A Peanut Shoppe Sale prizes for selling 10+ items Lunch payments due
Sunday, November 10	Parent Meeting (Sacred Heart parishioners) for parents of second graders preparing for First Reconciliation, 9:00 a.m. in Seton Hall
Monday, November 11	Veterans Day-no school
Thursday, November 14	Make-up school pictures (Wear picture clothes to school, bring school uniform.) 3rd grade Parent Lunch
Friday, November 15	Liturgy 4B Peanut Sale orders due Clay County Food Drive information sent home (donations brought to school Dec.2-Dec. 4)
Monday, November 18	Student Flu Shot Clinic (rescheduled)
Tuesday, November 19	Peanut Shoppe Sale Incentive Dress Down Day (if goal is reached)
Friday, November 22	Liturgy 3A Popcorn sale
Saturday, November 23	First Reconciliation for 2nd graders, 10:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart parishioners)
Tuesday, November 26	Liturgy 3B
Wednesday, November 27- Friday, November 29	Thanksgiving Break