



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,

Report cards will go home today. I am letting that sink in for just a moment. That means that the first nine weeks of school has been completed. Wow! I am in awe of this. It's amazing the things we are doing. Classrooms are buzzing with sounds of work and laughter. The wheel of the school year is turning and it's great!

I am also in awe of the things we are getting to do. We had Gym Jam and our Halloween Parades. The PreK and Kindergarten went on a walking field trip. The kids eating in the cafeteria and having recess together outside all feel like a little bit of normal is returning to our lives. Our teachers do a great job of keeping students masked and safe in class. Thanks to their diligence, we get to continue our activities.

As we enter November, the usual month of giving thanks, I am thankful to all of you for what you do to support your children and Sacred Heart Grade School. Thank you for your continued prayers for all of us and for the students. We are all grateful for that!

At the end of the day, we pray together as a school. When the prayer is finished, I always say to the kids, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." We have some opportunities to be kind this month— Catholic Charities donations and Clay Co. Food Box collections. Please read all about these chances for kindness in the newsletter. As always, if you have questions, please let me know and I will do my best to help however I can.

With Kindness,

Anne Davis

Morning Drop Off

Please walk your child across the street at the crosswalk. The mornings are darker now and it is unsafe to allow them to walk by themselves across the street or cross between cars in the middle of the block. Thank you for helping with this.

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 125 boxes. In order to reach our goal, we need your help!

Information will come home in Friday Folders on **November 5**. **Please send food items between Monday, Nov. 15 and Wednesday, Dec. 1.** We have made the donation window longer this year to allow 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 **Wednesday, Dec. 15** and **Thursday, 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 know this is ok.

A Loving Farewell

Mrs. Cindy Jarrell, our longtime friend and administrative assistant, will be retiring on January 28, 2022. She has been at Sacred Heart for 16 years. Her dedication to helping teachers and families has made her an invaluable part of the faculty and staff. We will miss her a great deal and want to wish her a happy retirement and lots of fun in the future.

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

Friday, October 22	Order forms sent home
Friday, October 29	Prize Day for 10 or more orders if forms turned in
Monday, November 22	Dress Down Day if goal is reached
Wednesday, December 8 (tentative)	Order pickup at school

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

Our first nine weeks ended on **Friday, October 22**, with report cards going home the following **Friday, Oct. 29**.

Parent Teacher conferences for **grades K-5** will be held in person on **Thursday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

5th grade will hold conferences on **Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 4. They will be dismissing at 12:00 on Wednesday to start the afternoon conferences. This will be the only class that dismisses early that day.**

Conferences for TH, ECE and Pre-K classes will be held on **February 2. Therefore our Tiny Hearts, ECE, and Pre-K classes will be held as normal on November 4.**

If you haven't called to schedule your conference, please do so by Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Thank you!

NOVEMBER DRESS DOWN DAYS

Wednesday, November 3	November Dress Down Day (see handbook for guidelines)
Wednesday, November 17	#Donovanstrong Dress Down Day– wear your Donovan strong tshirts or wear any orange or gold shirt to support Donovan
Monday, November 22	Peanut Shoppe Fundraiser Dress Down Day (if goal is reached)

Uniform Sale

We will have another uniform sale in the cafeteria on Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Each piece is \$5.00. Stop by before or after your scheduled conferences to get some deals!

THANK YOU!

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

To our fantastic cooks...for making us delicious hot lunches!

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

To the Charleston Police Department Bike Patrol for keeping our little ones safe on field trips!

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

To Heather Olcott & Katie Feola for organizing the uniform closet and sale.

To Coal River Coffee who made our Halloween Party morning special and tasty! Thank you to PVA for making this happen!



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. 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!

BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Sacred Heart Parish Recreation Basketball season is still on hold. We will not be conducting sign ups in November. The parish gym is currently closed. 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!

MAP TESTING WINDOWS

Mark your calendars now for MAP testing **Window II January 10-February 11** and **Window III April 11-May 13**. Thank you for making sure your child is present daily during these testing windows. The Parent Report from our fall test date were included in your child's report card.

CONDOLENCES

to Vincent and Adrian Marshall on the loss of their paternal uncle
to Avery and Knox Bowles on the loss of their paternal 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

Monday, November 1	All Saints Day Mass Kindergarten can walk to class at morning dropoff
Wednesday, November 3	November dress down day and birthday lunch 5th grade ONLY– noon dismissal 5th grade ONLY– conferences 1:00-5:00
Thursday, November 4	Parent Teacher Conferences, grades K-5 Regular class day for TH, ECE, & PreK
Sunday, November 7	Fall Back!
Monday, November 8	Peanut Shoppe orders due
Thursday, November 11	No School– Veteran’s Day
Monday, November 15– Wednesday, December 1	Clay Co. Food Collection
Wednesday, November 17	#Donovanstrong Orange/Gold shirt Dress Down Day
Friday, November 19	Popcorn Day
Monday, November 23	Dress Down Day if Peanut Shoppe Order goal is reached
Wednesday, November 24- Sunday, November 28	Happy Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Break-no school
Sunday, November 28	First Day of Advent

