



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ October 2017

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.



Dear parents and students,

Last Friday, as we attended Mass on the first day of fall, as always, I stood in the back of the ELC gym while Father Don lead the students in the Angelus. As I prayed along with the student body in front of me, I was suddenly aware of children’s voices praying the Angelus behind me as well. I was able to turn my head slightly, to lean out and look without being seen. There, heads bowed, stood our altar servers and reader awaiting the processional. They stood there without parents, teachers, or priests: without anyone looking on.

These students might have been nervous. They might have been tired from the long week. They might have been distracted thinking of tests after Mass. If they were any of these though, it did not show. The four stood there ready for the processional, and together they prayed. Since their heads were bowed, they were not aware that I had seen them praying, and in that moment, a quote popped into my head:

“Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking.”

Despite whatever might have been going on in their lives, in that moment, these four students displayed the dedication to faith and community that we cherish at Sacred Heart Grade School. They understood the importance of the moment and the reverence for which it called. As they answered that call together-when they thought no one was looking- their character shone through. It was a wonderful gift, and I am grateful to have witnessed it.

May we all follow the lead of these students as we aspire to be our best selves, even when we think no one is looking.

In peace,
Susan Malinoski

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GYM JAM!



Gym Jam, a day to celebrate being healthy and active, will be held on **Wednesday, October 4**, for students in grades 1 through 5. These students will **wear their gym clothes** all day for Gym Jam!

All students (ECE, Pre-K, K, & 1-5) will need to **pack a lunch and drink from home** since the cafeteria is used for Gym Jam stations. There will be no hot lunch, and children will not have access to the microwave.

Please send a packed lunch and drink in the morning with your child. **Fast food and other such items should not be delivered or sent for lunch.**

Permission slips for Gym Jam are due on Monday, October 2!

Thank you to Mrs. Mullen and all of our volunteers for planning and helping with this fun day!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be no school for students on **Friday, October 6** due to SHGS faculty’s Professional Development Day.

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LAST DAY FOR UNIFORM SHORTS



The last day for uniform shorts will be Thursday, October 5! Now is a good time to check those school pants and see just how much everyone has grown since last year!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our first nine weeks will end on Friday, October 20, with report cards going home the following Friday, October 27. **Parent Teacher conferences for grades K-5 will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

5th graders will have an **early dismissal on Wednesday, November 1 at 11:00** to allow for additional 5th grade conferences on **November 1 from 12:00-7:00**. Conferences for ECE and Pre-K classes will be held in January. Therefore our **ECE and Pre-K classes will be held as normal on November 2.**

Parents may begin calling the school office to schedule conferences on October 16 at 9:00 a.m.



SCHOOL PICTURES-MAKE UP DAY

Make-up picture day will be **Friday, October 13**. If your child was absent for school pictures or is having a retake, please have him or her wear picture clothes and bring the school uniform to change into after pictures are taken.



OCTOBER DRESS DOWN DAYS

We will have **TWO** dress down days in October! Our monthly dress down day for October will be on **Tuesday, October 10**. The second dress down day will be on Halloween Day which is **Tuesday, October 31!** This is also the day of our Halloween party in the gym! Although we will not be wearing costumes, please enjoy wearing your own Halloween style clothes to celebrate!

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

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

Thank you to our homeroom parents who are busy making plans for this spook-a-licious day! Please watch for information from your homeroom coordinator to see how you can help with this event!

If you would prefer that your child not have his or her hair dyed, nails painted, or make-up applied at the BOO-TIQUE, please send a note with you child on the day of the party that explains your wishes to your child's teacher.

Each grade will have their party following the schedule below. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us during your child's party time!

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





REMINDERS

- ♥ **Please do not deliver or send in fast food for your child's lunch.** When it is Parent Lunch or Golden Friends Lunch for your child's class, our cooks spend time to make a special lunch for our families to enjoy together! **Please refrain from bringing food into the school on these special days.** These are celebrations of family time together. The children are proud and love to be able to show you how to walk through the cafeteria line! On a regular school day, if your child forgets his or her lunch and you cannot bring lunch to your child, please notify the office so we can inform our cooks to provide an option.
- ♥ With the many opportunities coming up to volunteer at the school, please make sure that you have completed all **3 volunteer requirements for Virtus** (online training, background check, sexual abuse policy form). If you have questions regarding these requirements, please call Mrs. Jarrell in the school office.
- ♥ While the school annually asks parents for their preference concerning the use of their children's pictures in a variety of media, **please be mindful to not place any pictures taken during the school day on social media** (at school or at school sponsored events such as Outdoor Classroom, field trips, etc.) . Though certainly never intending to cause harm, an innocent post could do just that.



MANNA MEAL OCTOBER DRIVE

During the month of October, SHGS will be accepting donations of canned meat for Manna Meal. Thank you in advance for your support!



MENU CHANGE



In an effort to offer more protein and a little less sugar, beginning on October 3, students may choose a peanut butter, peanut butter & jelly, cheese, ham & cheese, or turkey & cheese sandwich in place of the main dish for hot lunch.

HELP FOR PUERTO RICO

If you are interested in helping victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, below are possible charities to consider:

Catholic Relief Services	www.support.crs.org
Save the Children	www.savethechildren.org
United for Puerto Rico	www.unidosporpuertorico.com
One America Appeal	www.oneamericaappeal.org



STUDENT FLU SHOTS

Permission slips for student flu shots will go home in Friday Folders on Friday, October 13.
Permission slips are due back to the school office on Friday, October 20.
The student flu clinic will be held on Monday, October 23.



SERRA CLUB PRESENTATION

Intimate Graces, a free program on Christian marriage, will be held on
October 5, 2017 7:00p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Church

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PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

Please remember:

- ♥ The Charleston Police Department has asked that no afternoon pick-up line form until **2:30 p.m.**
- ♥ **Always cross at the crosswalk.** Crossing in the middle of the street is very dangerous.
- ♥ Walking in the alley during arrival or dismissal is not permitted.
- ♥ Please keep our alley a **cell free zone** during these times as well.
- ♥ SHGS doors are locked until 7:30 a.m. for safety. There is no drop off at the gym or the front door until 7:30 unless the student is attending Early Bird Care with Mrs. Carr or Ms. Sassler.



SACRED HEART BASKETBALL REGISTRATION!



2017-2018 Parish Basketball Participation Registration is now open!

Please email SacredHeartBasketballWV@gmail.com and a link to the online form will be emailed to you. Please complete this electronic form for each participating player.

All players must be electronically registered. Rosters will be set the week of October 16, 2017, and practices will begin week of November 6, 2017. Player fee will be collected during the first week of practice. No child will be denied the opportunity to participate in the basketball program because of the inability to pay the fee.

Remember, we always need coaches - please consider volunteering!



THANK YOU!



- ♥ To Mike Hall, for always making our school pictures fabulous!
- ♥ To our PVA, for providing a beautiful and delicious birthday cake for SHGS faculty and staff!
- ♥ To our families, for donating over 130 boxes of cereal to Manna Meal, whose cereal shelves were empty.
 - ♥ To student volunteers from CCHS who provided childcare during Back-to-School Night.
 - ♥ To PVA's Hospitality Committee for providing delicious Back-to-School Night treats!
- ♥ To Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. Craffey, our parent volunteers and our volunteer instructors for another successful Outdoor Classroom!
- ♥ To Bible Center School for allowing SHGS to use their bows for Outdoor Classroom when an emergency arose!
- ♥ To 5th graders Addison Griffith and Elle Smith for being true Beacons of Hope through their craft and donation drive to help animals affected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

CONDOLENCES

To Grady Wickert and his family in the loss of his maternal great grandmother.

To Noah and Mattie Lucas and family in the death of their 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.



October Calendar

Monday, October 2	Gym Jam permission slip due date Manna Meal Canned Meat Drive begins
Wednesday, October 4	Gym Jam (K-5) all students wear gym uniforms, pack a lunch and drink
Thursday, October 5	Last day for uniform shorts
Friday, October 6	No school for students-Professional Development Day
Tuesday, October 10	October Dress Down Day
Wednesday, October 11	PVA meeting, 8:05 a.m. cafeteria October birthday lunch
Friday, October 13	Make-up picture day Liturgy 3B Lunch payments due Flu shot permission slips go home
Monday, October 16	Parents may begin calling office to schedule conferences.
Thursday, October 19	2nd grade Parent Lunch 12:20 p.m. 4th and 5th graders bring lunch and a drink
Friday, October 20	Liturgy 3A End of 1st nine weeks 5th grade trip to Morgantown Flu shot permission slips due to office
Monday, October 23	Student flu clinic
Friday, October 27	Liturgy 3C Popcorn Sale \$0.25 Report card day
Tuesday, October 31	Happy Halloween! Halloween Party Day! (Halloween Dress Down Day, Party K-5 in gym by grade)

