



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



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.



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Dear parents and students,

Recently, I read an article entitled "Four Problem-Solving Tactics You Can Learn From Kids". While it doesn't necessarily do the article justice, I am sharing the highlights of the article, below. This article provided me with insight and inspiration as I reflect on supporting our children as they solve problems-social, emotional, and academic. I hope you find the ideas helpful as well.

- ♥ Many children learn how to do things by first watching others. They are also masters of observation --watching what worked and what didn't. When they need to solve a problem, they'll often turn to the proven methods they witnessed working for others.
- ♥ Most children also tend to be natural collaborators. They know how to get others onboard with their vision. Kids are great negotiators and sellers of the dream. They are very ready to work well with others.
- ♥ Kids are not afraid to abandon or change processes that aren't working. Children want results when there is a problem so they can move forward with the next thing. They are open to trying new ideas and willing to invest the time and effort necessary to find a solution.

In this new season of fall, I wish each of you the peace and contentment that can come when we keep these ideas in mind: being mindful of others actions, working together, and opening our minds and hearts to new ideas and solutions.

In peace,
Susan Malinoski



GYM JAM!



Gym Jam, a day to celebrate being healthy and active, will be held on **Wednesday, October 3**, for students in grades 1 through 5. These students will **wear their gym clothes** all day for Gym Jam!

All students (Tiny Hearts, 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 (grades 3,4,5 only) are due on Monday, October 1!

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Andrew Skaff on the birth of his new baby brother, Alexander!
To Belle Pennington on the birth of her new baby brother, Vincent!
To Mrs. Janine Olian on the birth of her new granddaughter, Desi!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

All students (Tiny Hearts-5th grade) will be **dismissed at 11:30 on Thursday, October 4th** and there will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 5** (Tiny Hearts-5th grade) as teachers will be attending the Diocesan Conference in Morgantown.

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LAST DAY FOR UNIFORM SHORTS



The last day for uniform shorts will be **Friday, October 12!** 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 19, with report cards going home the following Friday, October 26. **Parent Teacher conferences for grades K-5 will be held on Thursday, November 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

4th and 5th graders will have an **early dismissal on Wednesday, October 31 at 12:30** to allow for additional conferences on **October 31**. Conferences for ECE and Pre-K classes will be held in January. **Therefore our Tiny Hearts, ECE, and Pre-K classes will be held as normal on November 1, but students must bring lunch and a drink from home. Additionally, there will be no After School Care on November 1.**

Parents may begin calling the school office to schedule conferences on October 15 at 9:00 a.m.



SCHOOL PICTURES-MAKE UP DAY

Make-up picture day will be **Wednesday, October 24**. 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 **Wednesday, October 10**. The second dress down day will be on Halloween Day which is **Wednesday, October 31!** This is also the day of our Halloween party in the gym! This year students in all grades will have the option to wear their Halloween costume to school on Halloween Day. See below for further important details.

HALLOWEEN!

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. 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 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!

Costume guidelines are below. Understand that 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 they may dress down in Halloween clothes (theme t-shirts, Halloween colors, etc.)

-**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** (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 must be able to change out of the costume independently and carry this bag on their own.



Halloween Day Party Schedule

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



<u>8:15-8:45 a.m.</u>	Costume Parade
<u>9:15-10:00 a.m.</u>	1st grades
<u>10:00-10:45 a.m.</u>	2nd grades
<u>10:45-11:30 a.m.</u>	4th grades
<u>11:30-12:15 p.m.</u>	5th grades
<u>1:00-1:45 p.m.</u>	Kindergarten
<u>1:45-2:30 p.m.</u>	3rd grades

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 your child on the day of the party that explains your wishes to your child's teacher.

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!

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.

GABRIEL PROJECT OCTOBER DRIVE

During the month of October, SHGS will be accepting donations of **baby wipes, baby lotion, baby body wash** for the Gabriel Project. Thank you in advance for your support.

STUDENT FLU SHOTS

Students flu shots will be given on **Friday, November 9** for those families interested. Look for information and permission slips in Friday Folders soon.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Celebrating CCHD in WV
Tuesday, October 9, 2019
6:00-8:00 p.m.
The Pastoral Center

Join CCHD for an opportunity to learn about Economic and Community Development initiatives that are happening right now in our state, and how the Catholic community is investing in their success.



PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

- ♥ The Charleston Police Department has asked that no afternoon pick-up line form until 2:30 p.m.
- ♥ A reminder to parents, grandparents, siblings, and others who are picking-up students: Always cross at the crosswalk. Crossing in the middle of the street is very dangerous, and there are too many lanes of traffic to do so safely.
- ♥ 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.



SACRED HEART BASKETBALL REGISTRATION!



It is almost time for Sacred Heart basketball!
Mark your calendars to attend registration at our Open Gym
in the ELC gym on Wednesday, October 10.
During this time, families will register and pay for Sacred Heart Basketball
and are welcome to shoot around a little during their assigned time slot.
Registration fee is \$90 per family.
Please bring any basketball jerseys you may have at home to registration.

Registration times:

6:00-6:30 p.m. Kindergarten, grades 1 & 2

6:30-7:00 p.m. grades 3,4,&5

7:00-7:30 p.m. grades 6-12

Email SacredHeartBasketballWV@gmail.com with questions.



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 PVA for providing delicious Back-to-School Night treats!
- ♥ To Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Davis, our parent volunteers, and our volunteer instructors for another successful Outdoor Classroom!
- ♥ To Brian and Tina Caldwell for donating new rugs to make our stairs and halls safer, cleaner, and drier!

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

October

Monday, October 1	Gym Jam <u>permission slip</u> due date (grades 3,4,5 only) October Gabriel Project Drive begins (baby wipes, baby lotion, baby body wash)
Wednesday, October 3	Gym Jam (1-5) All students wear gym uniforms, pack a lunch and drink
Thursday, October 4	11:30 dismissal all students (Professional Development)
Friday, October 5	No school for students-Professional Development Day
Wednesday, October 10	October Dress Down Day PVA General Meeting 8 a.m. SHGS Cafeteria October birthday lunch
Friday, October 12	Liturgy 3A Lunch payments due Last Day for uniform shorts 5th grade trip to Morgantown
Monday, October 15	Parents may begin calling office to schedule conferences.
Thursday, October 18	2nd grade Parent Lunch 12:20 p.m. 4th and 5th graders bring lunch and a drink
Friday, October 19	Liturgy 3B End of 1st nine weeks
Wednesday, October 24	Make-up picture day
Friday, October 26	Liturgy 3C Popcorn Sale \$0.25 Report card day
Wednesday, October 31	Happy Halloween! Halloween Party Day! 12:30 dismissal grades 4 and 5 for Parent Conferences Lunch bills emailed
Thursday, November 1	No School for K-5: Parent Conferences (Tiny Hearts, ECE, Pre K- regular school day. Bring lunch and drink from home. No school lunch.) No After School Care
Friday, November 2	Liturgy 4A

