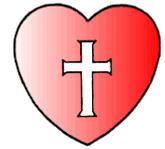


# The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

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## 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.



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Dear parents and students,

On this first day of October we celebrate St. Thérèse de Lisieux. St. Thérèse followed what would become known as The Little Way: living life by performing small and ordinary acts for the love of God and others.

Children understand The Little Way instinctively. They wake up each morning excited for the day! Children want to hug, play with, and help their parents and friends whenever they can. Every small or ordinary thing we see a child do to help someone or share God's love is a little miracle and a reminder to never lose sight of the importance of little things.

Over the past month while our upper grade students have been learning remotely, our early childhood classes have been meeting in the school under our critical care license. If ever you want to witness The Little Way, observing our 2, 3, 4, and 5 year olds is The Little Way at its finest: a three year old making sure to say "Bye-bye, Daddy. Love you." before she leaves the car every day; a two year old reminding mom that his mask is in his backpack and he needs to put it on; a kindergartener waiting for his little brother at the dismissal door so they can hold hands as they walk out to the car for pick-up; a Pre-K student reminding a friend to use hand sanitizer when she arrives; two years olds jubilant as each class member arrives jumping and calling the child's name. All of these things are The Little Way, and there is nothing quite as sweet or as joyful as witnessing these small, simple acts of love.

We continue to look forward to and pray for the day we can all be together in SHGS. I hope each of you know I continue to work in ways little and big with the goal of getting SHGS students back in the building as soon and as safely as possible. Until that occurs, I know our teachers, students, and parents are also working in those big and little ways to make the very most of remote learning. You are doing a beautiful job.

As we begin the month of October, may each of us attempt to find joy in and share love through The Little Way. May we also remember the words of another saintly Teresa, Mother Teresa: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

With love,  
Susan Malinoski



## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Jackson Pile on the birth of his new baby sister, Kaitlyn Macy!  
To Mrs. Hass on the birth of daughter, Magdalyn Sue!  
To Lela Shah on the birth of her new baby sister, Vera Margaret!

## DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

When SHGS students are participating in in-person learning, parents will receive a text alert each morning with a link to a daily health screening survey. Parents should respond to this survey each day prior to their child's drop off time. It is very important that your response is time-stamped prior to your child's drop off time. We appreciate your support of all SHGS health and safety procedures.





## LAST DAY FOR UNIFORM SHORTS



The last day for uniform shorts will be **Friday, October 16**. Now is a good time to check those school pants and see just how much everyone has grown since last year!



### GRADE UPDATES & PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Progress reports for the first nine weeks will be sent home on **Friday, October 16**.

Our first nine weeks will end on **Friday, November 6**, with report cards going home the following **Friday, November 13**.

Parent Teacher conferences for **grades K-5** will be held via Zoom or Google Meet **Wednesday, November 18 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

**Grades K-4** will **not** have live, in person instruction on this day, but will have remote learning assignments to complete at home.

**5th grade** will hold conferences on **Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19**  
5th graders will **not** have live, in-person instruction these days, but will participate in remote learning assignments at home.

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 18**.

**Parents, K-5, may begin calling the school office to schedule conferences on Monday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m.**



### HALLOWEEN!



Our classroom Halloween parties are scheduled for **Thursday, October 29!**

SHGS will have a virtual **Halloween Costume Parade** at 9:00 the morning of October 29. The virtual parade will be shared via Google Meet or Zoom link. Details to follow.

Costume guidelines are below. Please 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 they will be returned to parents 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.



## GYM JAM

We will be postponing Gym Jam, our annual October celebration of physical fitness for grades K-5, until the spring. Mrs. Mullen will share Gym Jam details later in the school year!



## CAFETERIA UPDATE



In an effort to continue to serve hot lunch during this challenging time, Sacred Heart Grade School will be implementing a new lunch payment method. **Beginning on October 15<sup>th</sup>**, each family must prepay for your child's school lunches. This will be the only option available for your student(s) to participate in the SHGS lunch program.

Parents can deposit funds in advance by sending in money (check written to SHGS or cash) to the school office that will be credited to your family account through RenWeb, and your child may eat lunches against that deposit. Each child's account will be updated in real time, so account balance information will be current weekly. Parents may contact Mrs. Jarrell by email at [cjarrell@sacredheartgradeschool.org](mailto:cjarrell@sacredheartgradeschool.org) with balance questions and updates.

We urge you to take full advantage of this system by making deposits into your child's accounts on a weekly, monthly, or yearly basis. You are free to choose the amount of each deposit. Just simply send in cash or check to the school office to be credited to your account.

It is recommended that you make your deposit before October 15<sup>th</sup>, including any outstanding balance, so that there is no interruption in your child's hot lunch. Be sure to include the lunches that your child has charged from October 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE: If you have an outstanding balance on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the money you deposit will first go towards that outstanding balance. Please make sure you are depositing enough funds to cover the outstanding balance and lunches your child may order so that they may continue to receive a hot lunch.**

Any money that is not spent by the end of the school year will be available the following school year. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office.

## PVA MEETING

The first PVA general Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 14 12:15 p.m.** via Zoom. Please watch your in box for meeting link information from SHGS PVA.

## SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures will be taken on October 14 and 15. Students may dress up or dress down on this day.

Wednesday, October 14 ECE, K, first grade, 5th grade  
Thursday, October 15 TH, Pre-K, grades 2-4

## HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS



Please communicate any possible COVID exposure scenarios 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 in order for us to communicate with KCHD when determining plans of action.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## PRE-K SPEECH SCREENINGS

As they do each year, Kanawha County will be offering speech screenings for our pre-k students. If you do not want your child to participate in this screening please notify the office.



## **ALLEY PICK-UP & DROP-OFF**

Please remember to enter the alley for pick-up up and drop-off **during your child's assigned time** only. CPD has asked that we not block the intersections during these times. All SHGS students will arrive and be dismissed from the alley driver's line. If you enter the alley prior to your child's assigned drop off time we might have to ask you to circle until the assigned time in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines in the gymnasium. Thank you for helping arrival and dismissal to run smoothly and safely.

### **Arrival**

7:30-7:45 grades 3-5  
7:45-8:00 grades K-2  
8:00-8:15 ECE, PRE-K  
8:15-8:30 TH

### **Dismissal**

2:10-2:30 TH, ECE, Pre-K  
2:30-2:45 K-2  
2:45-3:00 3-5

## **THANK YOU!**

- ♥ To our PVA for funding a Back-to-School luncheon for our faculty and staff!
- ♥ To SHGS faculty and staff for the extra time, love, and preparation they have devoted and continue to devote to this very unique school year!
  - ♥ To Father Higgs for his ongoing support of SHGS!
- ♥ To SHGS parents for their amazing and ongoing support of their children's learning, no matter where we are!
- ♥ To CPD for their presence in extra patrols throughout our area during the day and to Mayor Goodwin for her support of these practices!
- ♥ To Dr. Sherry Young, executive director of KCHD, for her time and expertise in helping SHGS navigate the school year!

## **CONDOLENCES**

To Greyson and Prescott Lord in the death of their paternal grandfather.

To the family of Mrs. Connie Larck, former longtime SHGS teacher who passed away earlier this week.

To the family of Paul Smith, our longtime tour guide and bus driver for SHGS 5th grade trips who passed away earlier this week.

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



# October 2020



<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>	<b>Lunch bills emailed</b>
<b>Friday, October 9</b>	<b>Lunch bills due</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	<b>PVA General Meeting 12:15 p.m. via Zoom</b>
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>	<b>Pre-paid lunch program begins (Deposit funds prior to this day to participate in SHGS hot lunch program.)</b>
<b>Friday, October 16</b>	<b>Last day for uniform shorts 1st nine weeks progress report day</b>
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>	<b>Halloween parties day</b>
<b>Monday, November 2</b>	<b>Parents (K-5) may call the school office to schedule Parent/Teacher conference appointments</b>

## **UNIFORM SALE**

Although we cannot hold our monthly used uniform sale this year, please feel free to email or call the office if you have a specific used uniform need. We will do our best to let you know what is available for purchase. Requests may be emailed to [smalinoski@sacredheartgradeschool.org](mailto:smalinoski@sacredheartgradeschool.org). Please allow 1-2 weeks for the request to be addressed.



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