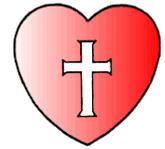


The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

October 2021

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 & Students,

Welcome Fall! Summer was great and now it's time to enjoy our next season. I am thankful for the cool mornings, the changing colors of the leaves on trees, and the new opportunities we have because we are back in full force in school.

The students will all get to eat lunch in the cafeteria for the first time since March 13, 2020. It's been a whirlwind since then and the opportunity to go back into the cafeteria has the same exciting feel as the cool mornings. The noise and chaos of children with trays and conversations between friends is as beautiful as the leaves on the trees. To me, anyway.

Usually we think of spring as being the season of renewed life and new beginnings. I am choosing to see this fall as our opportunity to find the new. The new routines and procedures and the new ways we can enjoy school. There are many new things that are still possible this year. We just have to be patient. God will provide for all that we need in His time.

In Kindness,
Anne Davis



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Josie Herrick on the birth of her new baby sister, Violet Ruth!

To Luca Signorelli on the birth of his new siblings, Sloan and Gavin!

Condolences

To Lisette Bailey in the passing of her father, John Bailey.

To Evren Duterte in the passing of his maternal grandmother

To Lynix Vir in the passing of her paternal grandmother

Crystal Ashcraft in the passing of her husband's grandmother

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





Mass with Bishop Brennan

Bishop Brennan will be here to celebrate Mass with Sacred Heart Grade School on Monday, October 18 at 1:00. This will be a very exciting day for us all. Fifth grade is in charge of Mass on this day and second grade will also attend. It will be live streamed on the Basilica's Facebook page. We are so excited to have the Bishop with us on this day.

HALLOWEEN!

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

SHGS will have a **Halloween Costume Parade** at 9:00 the morning of October 29, weather depending. The parade will be held on the blacktop part of the playground. Parents are welcome to come to the parade and stand along the fence around the playground. Please wear a mask. We will do the parades in small groups. More details will be sent home as we get closer to the day!

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.

After the parade, students will change out of their costumes. Please see the guidelines below for more details about costumes and changing after the parade. The Halloween parties will be held in each classroom. Homeroom parents need to drop off party food and supplies to the teacher before the parade.

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 have our beloved Gym Jam this year. Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 22 for this event for grades K-5. Everyone will wear their gym uniform that day. All students, TH– 5th grade, will have Husson's pizza for lunch. Of course your child can bring a lunch from home that day. It is going to be such a fun day!



CAFETERIA UPDATE



It is so good to have the children back in the cafeteria to eat lunch. We are working hard to make things run smoothly and many thanks go out to Alex and Chris, our cafeteria staff. The teachers have worked hard to make sure the children are able to enjoy lunch and be safe at the same time. Be patient with us as we continue to figure this out again! As was stated in the email from Sept. 23, the cost of a lunch for a student will go up to \$5.00 on Monday, October 4, because of rising food costs. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the school office for more information. One volunteer is needed from 10:50 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. each day we serve lunch.

PVA MEETING

The PVA general Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 6 12:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Please watch your in box for meeting link information from SHGS PVA.

GRADE UPDATES & PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Progress reports for the first nine weeks will be sent home on **Friday, October 1.**

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

Parent Teacher conferences for **grades K-5** will be in person on **Thursday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.** **Fifth grade will also have conference availability on Wednesday, November 3 from 1:00-5:00. Fifth grade ONLY will dismiss at noon this day.**

Grades K-5 will not have in person instruction on Thursday, but TH, ECE, and PreK will meet on the regular schedule.

Conferences for TH, ECE and Pre-K classes will be held in **February.**

Parents, K-5, may begin calling the school office to schedule conferences on

Monday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m.



THANK YOU!

- ♥ To our PVA for funding a Back-to-School breakfast & birthday cake
- ♥ To SHGS faculty and staff for the time, love, and preparation they have devoted to this 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!
- ♥ To the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department for their guidance as we navigate this school year!
 - ♥ To all parents who have volunteered to help at school

Dropoff and Pick up

Drop off and pick up are going very well. Thank you for your patience and cooperation through the beginning of the school year. We will continue to work to make these two processes as safe and expedient and possible.

Please do not drop off your child in the line of cars waiting to go in the alley in the morning. Please park somewhere around the building and walk your child to the front steps. Additionally, please do not allow students to cross the street alone. The crossing guard is at the corner to make sure traffic is stopped at the intersection so you can safely cross the street. It is unsafe for children to be crossing Leon Sullivan Way in the middle of the street. Thank you for your help in this matter.

FLU SHOTS

We have been informed that Kanawha County will not be giving flu shots in school this

Clay County Dress Down

Our annual Clay County Food Drive takes place next month. Charleston Catholic and Sacred Heart provide food boxes, Christmas presents, and treats for approximately 250 needy families in Clay County. This holiday service project has been going on for over 30 years. Through your support and generosity Sacred Heart provides the majority of food boxes for this project. This year our goal is to collect at least 125 boxes.

We need to start this project a little earlier this year. There will be a \$5.00 dress down day on Thursday, Oct. 21. All money collected will be used to purchase the boxes that are used for this project.

October 2021



Thursday, September 30	Lunch bills emailed
Wednesday, October 6	PVA General Meeting 12:00 p.m. via Zoom
Thursday, October 7	October Dress Down Day– Note the change in day for this month
Friday, October 8	Lunch bills due
Monday, October 18	Mass with Bishop Brennan– 1:00p.m. Parents (K-5) may call the school office to schedule Parent/Teacher conference Appointments
Thursday, October 21	\$5.00 Dress Down Day for Clay Co. boxes
Friday, October 22	No Mass today Gym Jam– wear gym uniforms End of 1st Nine Weeks
Thursday, October 28	Halloween party day
Friday, October 29	Report Cards sent home Last day for shorts
Monday, November 1	All Saint’s Day Mass– 8:15
Thursday, November 4	K-5 Parent Teacher Conference Day– No school for grades K-5, regular school day for TH-PreK

