



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Our Mission

Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

January 2020

Dear parents and students,

Over Christmas Break, I took my children and nephews ice skating. I love to watch them laugh and have fun together on the ice. Though their ages range from 20 to 12, during those two hours together they all fall, goof off, talk, dance, do tricks, hold hands, and laugh. None of them are great skaters by a long shot, but they always enjoy skating together.

This year, I noticed that it wasn't only my family who was having a blast on the ice. As I looked around, I saw that almost everyone skating was smiling and, more often than not, laughing! I'm sure you know that most of the people at a skating rink aren't master skaters. Many are trying for the first time. Some are clinging to the side of the rink. Others hang on to each other for dear life. And people are falling down constantly! However, despite the constant falling, everyone is laughing and having fun. No one is concerned about being the best skater. No one is worried about looking silly when they fall. It's as though everyone comes to the rink and regardless of their age or skill level has agreed, "Let's try this and have fun together."

As the session went on, there were fewer falls and more people braving the ice without having a death grip on the railing. Everyone's skating improved noticeably, and the skaters continued around and around, doing their best to stay on their feet and enjoy their time together before the session came to a close. I took away some life lessons from the skaters at the rink that day:

- Don't let a fear of falling keep you from trying.
- Be present in moments with loved ones.
- Remember that with practice, you will improve in anything you do.
- Hang on tight to one another.
- Offer support gladly to those around you.
- Laugh, smile, and enjoy your session! It always goes faster than you think it will.

As we begin 2020 with new goals and resolutions, I hope that you too might find a little inspiration, as I did, in these life lessons from the rink.

In peace,

Susan Malinoski

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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information.

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2020-2021 SHGS REGISTRATION DATES

Mark your calendars! Registration forms will be **emailed** to our current families (Tiny Hearts through fourth grade) on **Friday, January 10**. Please turn in your application to the SHGS office by **Friday, January 17** to ensure a spot for your child/children next school year. Applications not submitted within the window of opportunity will lose their first consideration status.

January 13—January 17 Application window opens for students currently enrolled at SHGS (and their siblings) who will be entering our Tiny Hearts through grade 5, along with those children enrolled at Sacred Heart Early Learning Center. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at SHGS whom you wish to be considered for admissions for the next academic year, please call the office to request a **sibling application**.

January 21—January 24 Application window opens for Sacred Heart parishioners who **do not** currently have children enrolled at SHGS.

January 27 Admissions to SHGS is opened to the general public.

January 28 Open House for parents of prospective SHGS students

CONGRATULATIONS!

To SHGS Math Field Day winners 4th grader Teddy Passmore and 5th grader Ethan Settle!

To Harrison, Bennett, and William Balenovich on the birth of their new baby brother, Matthew!

To Greyson and Prescott Lord on the birth of their new baby brother, Chapman!

To Lincoln Ettehadieh on the birth of his new baby sister, Eleanor!

CAFETERIA NEWS

To address increasing food costs, effective January 6, 2020, the cost of a student lunch at SHGS will be \$4.00.

TINY HEARTS, ECE AND PRE-K PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Tiny Hearts, ECE and Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, February 5**

From 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m..

Appointments can be made by calling the school office beginning **Monday, January 13.**

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL or ASC FOR OUR Tiny Hearts, ECE AND PRE-K CLASSES (ONLY)
ON THIS DAY.**

SHGS DAY OF GIVING

Mark your calendars now for the 3rd annual SHGS Day of Giving!

Wednesday, January 29

7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Donations to the Funding Our Future Campaign will fund
new LED classroom lighting.

SAVE THE DATE!

SHGS Day of Giving Red Bag Lunch Concert

12:30-1:00 p.m. in the SHGS cafeteria

Featuring:

Music by 4th & 5th grade Strings and the 4th & 5th grade Choir,
a delicious bag lunch

(pepperoni roll, fruit, veggies, a drink, and a special desert),

and the opportunity to make your donation in person before or after the concert!

Invitation to follow.

THANK YOU!

-To our music teacher, Mrs. Haas; accompanist, Mrs. Becher; our teachers, Mrs. McKown, Mrs. Haden, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Dever, Ms. Adkins, and Ms. Dailey; musicians, Mark Haas, David Haas, and Mathew Malinoski; and our first, second, and third grade students for a beautiful Christmas Program!

-To our Homeroom Coordinators for organizing fun Christmas parties for the children!

-To Marisa Skaff and Kip Wilcox for organizing, and to all parents who sent in food and cookies for the teachers' Christmas luncheon!

-To SHGS families for filling 180 food boxes during our Clay County Food Drive!

-To ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program and One Stop for its \$500.00 donation to SHGS!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

Sacred Heart Grade School will join hundreds of schools across the nation the week of **January 27-January 31** to celebrate the achievements of Catholic Schools. Below is an outline of our week-long celebration:

Monday, January 27 **We celebrate our nation.**

- *Red, White, and Blue Dress Down Day
- *Community service projects begin. Pennies for People (school wide to benefit Sojourners Shelter and Children's Infusion Center at CAMC; Donation Drives: KCHA Animal Shelter collection (Tiny Hearts-2nd grade,) Trinity's Table birthday bags (grades 3-5)
- *Classroom door decoration judging

Tuesday, January 28 **We appreciate our faculty and staff.**

- *Teacher luncheon from PVA in lounge
- *Teachers will share personal stories with students related to service projects.
- *Open House for parents of prospective students 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29 **We celebrate our community.**

- *SHGS Day of Giving, Day of Giving T-shirt Dress Down Day
- *Day of Giving Red Bag Lunch Concert featuring 4th & 5th grade Choir and Strings and a pepperoni roll bag lunch!
- *Donations may be sent in Day of Giving envelope provided or brought to the Red Bag Lunch Concert. Thank you!
- *Students will be giving their time and talent during Share Time with a partner class.
- *Students will give their time by sorting and collecting items from donation drives.
- *Living Rosary

Thursday, January 30 **We celebrate our students.**

- *Dress Down Day-"Sock Hop" Wear a Pair/Share a Pair of fun socks! (Benefitting Sojourners Shelter for Women and Families)
- *Classroom Board Game time (no electronic games)
- *Ice Cream, pizza and music during lunch time & Sock Hop during recess
- *Sock Hop (song /dance to be determined) at dismissal for the teachers of the classes meeting their Day of Giving goal.

Friday, January 31 **We celebrate vocations.**

- *All Schools Mass
- *School wide writing project throughout the week "How is God calling me?"
- *We will close our day and week by singing our school song, *Beacons of Hope*, at dismissal.

PVA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It will soon again be time for our annual Scholastic Book Fair! The fair will be held during Catholic Schools Week (**January 27-January 31**)

Your children (K-5) will visit the Book Fair on **Friday, January 24** to do a little browsing and will create a wish list of books they would like to have. The following week, they will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their Reading Center time to make their purchases. Tiny Hearts, ECE, and Pre-K parents should plan to visit the fair with their children before (7:30-8:00) or after school (2:45-3:15) as they will not go with their class. Students who wish to shop before or after school **must be accompanied by a parent.**

Our teachers will have also created classroom wish lists. Please help add books to our classroom shelves by donating a book in your child's name. Thank you for your support!

The Book Fair is a HUGE favorite with our children. Thank you for your support!

WV HEALTH RIGHT DONATIONS

After taking November and December off from our WV Health Right drive to focus on the Clay County Christmas Project, we will begin 2020 with a new request.

During the month of January, SHGS will be accepting donations of **washcloths, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.**

Donations may be left in the collection box in front of the main office. Thank you in advance for your support!

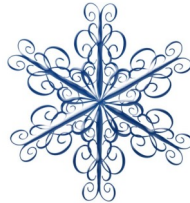
SNOW DAY/DELAY NOTIFICATION

Notification of snow days or delays will be :

-sent via text through RenWeb Parent Alert

-posted on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and the school website, www.shgs.us

-available on local radio and television stations



CONDOLENCES

To Nicholas Feola in the loss of his uncle.

To Ella Green in the loss of her maternal grandmother.

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



2020-2021 CCHS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Applications for all grade levels will be available online (www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org) **after January 1, 2020.** Beginning this year, applications will be completed and submitted online. Detailed instructions will be available on the CCHS website.

Tuesday, February 25 – information meetings for parents of prospective students (grades 6-10). We have planned two options: 1) **at 8:15 a.m.** -- Following the information session in the gathering space, parents will have the opportunity to tour the school as a group while classes are in session. 2) **at 6:00 p.m.** – information session in the CCHS gathering space followed by a tour of the school.

Thursday, February 27 – prospective 6th graders visit CCHS (5th graders not currently enrolled at a local Catholic elementary school must call CCHS office to make reservations.)

Saturday, February 29 – admissions test for prospective students from 10:00 a.m. – noon - CCHS Commons

Monday, March 2 – deadline for receipt of applications of students currently attending Catholic schools who wish to be given first consideration. Applications from area Catholic schools received after this date lose “first consideration” status and are placed in the general pool of applicants.

Tuesday, March 3 - first day applications will be processed from students in non-Catholic schools

Friday, March 6 – deadline for all non-Catholic school students to submit applications who want to be considered in the first round of acceptances

Friday, March 13 – first round of acceptance letters mailed (for applicants whose files are completed by Friday, March 6.)

Applications received after March 6 will be reviewed periodically by the Admissions Committee and notification as to enrollment status will be mailed at that time)

DAY OF GIVING T-Shirt Dress Down Days

Mark your calendars now for SHGS Day of Giving Dress Down days when students can wear their 2020 Day of Giving dress down t-shirt with their gym pants.

Wednesday, February 19

Wednesday, March 25

Wednesday, April 22

Wednesday, May 27

JANUARY DRESS DOWN DAYS

Wednesday, January 8	January dress down day
Monday, January 27	Red, White, & Blue dress down day (Catholic Schools Week)
Wednesday, January 29	Day of Giving T-shirt dress down day (Catholic Schools Week)
Thursday, January 30	Dress Down Day & “Wear a Pair/Share a Pair” of fun socks to be donated to Sojourners Shelter for Women and Families (Catholic Schools Week)



January 2020 Calendar



Monday, January 6	Classes resume
Wednesday, January 8	January Dress Down Day January Birthday Lunch PVA Uniform Sale 7:30 a.m. PVA General Meeting 8:05 a.m., cafeteria
Thursday, January 9	First grade Parent Lunch 12:20 (4th & 5th graders bring lunch and drink from home.)
Friday, January 10	Liturgy 5C Returning student applications emailed to families (If needed, please request sibling application from the office) Winter Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m. cafeteria & gymnasium
Monday, January 13	Preschool parents may begin calling for conference appointments (conferences 2/5/)
Monday, January 13- Friday, January 17	2020-2021 Returning student, sibling, & ELC application window for first consideration
Friday, January 17	Liturgy 3B
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no school
Tuesday, January 21	Parishioner application window opens
Friday, January 24	Report card day Book Fair browsing day
Monday, January 27- Friday, January 31	Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday, January 28	Open House for parents of prospective students 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 29	SHGS Day of Giving! Red Bag Lunch Concert 12:30, SHGS cafeteria
Friday, January 31	All School Liturgy Popcorn Sale

Please note:

MAP Testing Window II will be **February 3-21**.
Thank you for making sure your child is present
daily during the testing window.

