

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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The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV ~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~ September 2018

Dear parents and students,

After only ten days, the students and teachers at SHGS are back into the school groove! The beginning of school is a busy time for everyone, but it is also very exciting. I love being able to see children becoming comfortable with new routines and procedures, to see new friendships being formed, and to witness new discoveries being made every day.

When you come to Back-to-School night on Wednesday, you will notice many classrooms have "All About Me" activities displayed. It is always so fun to learn about each child's interests and life. "All About Me" activities are the perfect beginning to the school year because they not only allow the children to share themselves with others, but they signal to the children that the faculty and staff at SHGS care about each of them, as individuals. These early connections between students and teachers lay the groundwork for a successful school year and make SHGS feel like the home away from home it is for so many of us.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Wednesday evening!

In peace.
Susan Malinoski



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



SHGS Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5. We will begin in the Basilica at 6:30 p.m. and will then move to the school for classroom sessions with your child's teacher. There will be two parent sessions for each class.

Please note: All 5th grade classes will meet in 5A, room 322, in the West Wing. Fourth grade classes will meet together in room 223.

Please keep in mind that this evening is designed for adults. Sessions are planned for parents to meet with teachers. Unfortunately, this year SHGS will not be able to provide childcare.



GABRIEL PROJECT



This year SHGS will partner with the Gabriel Project, an interfaith, non-profit group that offers assistance to women who are pregnant and families with small children. Throughout the month of September we will be collecting **Rice cereal for infants and Similac Sensitive formula.**

Please place items in the donation box by the office.
Thank you in advance for your support!

TRAFFIC! TRAFFIC! TRAFFIC!

Thank you for your understanding and support with our drop-off and pick-up procedures. Please remember:

- ♥ During the morning and afternoon, the right hand lane on Leon Sullivan is a moving lane. There is no parking allowed in this lane.
- ♥ 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.



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The first lunch statements will be emailed on Friday, August 31. Your child's statement will reflect the number of lunches and/or milks and waters purchased by your child, as well as any additional lunches charged when volunteering in the cafeteria, or by family and friends attending parent or golden friends lunches.

Please return payment to the office or your child's teacher in an envelope with your child's name and homeroom written on the front. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Grade School.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE DRILL

On **Friday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m.**, SHGS will hold a Shelter-in-Place drill. The drill will last approximately 15 minutes. Signs will be posted on our doors indicating that we are sheltered. Entry into the school during the drill will not be allowed. **In the case of a real emergency**, you will be alerted via text through our Twitter feed and kept informed throughout the process.



SHGS STRINGS



The 4th and 5th grade SHGS Strings Program will begin in September. Registration forms and instrument information were sent home this week. Registration and payment for students who would like to participate will be \$320 per student for the year: two 30 minute sessions a week for 32 weeks/\$10 per week. Mr. Bernard DiGregorio of the WV Symphony will be returning as the instructor for the sessions which will meet on Monday and Wednesdays from 3:00-3:30 p.m. for 4th grade beginners and 3:30-4:00 for 5th grade intermediate players at the school. A study hall will be provided for 5th grade intermediate players from 3:00-3:30 in the Reading Center. We are excited to begin year two of this exciting musical opportunity for our 4th and 5th graders!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Family Name/Car Pool Signs need to be clearly displayed on the dashboard of your car for the drive through dismissal line. Please create a sign approximately 4"x12" with your family name or the name of your carpool in large, dark, block letters. **Please remain in your car during the drive through process and allow the teachers to help those students who need assistance.** Both of these steps will help us to keep the line moving quickly during dismissal.

Liturgy Note: On Fridays, students need to be in their classrooms by 7:45 a.m. so they will be on time for the parish/school liturgy. Please remember that there is **no flash photography during Mass**. Though the children are involved, this is a religious service, not a performance. There is time to take pictures with the class after Mass at the front of the church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Non-Custodial Parents who wish to receive copies of their children's progress reports and report cards should send 10 self-addressed stamped envelopes to the school office by September 15.

PVA General Meeting: The first General Meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 5 at 8:05 a.m. in the school cafeteria. There will be coffee and refreshments. Please join us!

Virtus Training must be completed by all volunteers before they can volunteer at the school. Online training is available at www.virtusonline.org. Details can be found on this website. Once you receive this training, you do not have to take it again.

CCHS sibling pick up: Students who are picked up by a sibling at CCHS must have written permission on file at the school.

Ren Web online forms should have been completed by August 24. Please contact the office with questions or problems.

SCHOOL PICTURES



It's school picture time! School pictures will be taken on :
Monday, September 10— Tiny Hearts & grades 2,3,4, and 5
Tuesday, September 11 — Tiny Hearts, ECE, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade
Please follow the guidelines outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook for out of uniform dress.
Students may choose to dress up or dress down.

As always, thank you to Mike Hall, for always making SHGS school pictures so wonderful!

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

The Health Department is now requiring all cafeteria volunteers to take an online course that results in receiving a food service card that is valid for two years. PVA will be contacting our cafeteria volunteers by email to forward class registration information and procedures. Moving forward, to be scheduled to volunteer in the cafeteria you must have a food service card on file at the school. Thank you to our PVA for supporting this new cafeteria requirement and to our volunteers for your help with this new task!



GYM UNIFORM UPDATE



Lands End informed us last week that they have discontinued the red track pants and shorts that we were using for our gym uniform. They added red mesh shorts and two styles of red sweat pants as options. The former track shorts and pants as well as the new mesh shorts and sweatpants will all be acceptable as the SHGS gym uniform.

THANK YOU !

- ♥ To our custodial, maintenance, and cafeteria staffs for our clean building, shiny floors, and delicious hot lunches!
- ♥ To Heather Olcott for organizing our Back-to-School uniform sale benefitting the PVA!
- ♥ To the PVA Hospitality Committee for hosting a delicious teacher luncheon!
- ♥ To PVA for supporting our parents with a first day of school reception after drop-off!
- ♥ To the PVA Family Fun Committee for planning our Back to School pool party!
- ♥ To Christie Staun and Danielle Wade for providing delicious and healthy treats for our faculty and staff in the teachers' lounge!

CONDOLENCES

To Mrs. Tammy O'Reilly in the loss of her mother.
To Mrs. Gina McKown in the loss of her father-in-law.

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



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| Monday, September 3 | Labor Day-No School |
| Tuesday, September 4 | September dress down day |
| Wednesday, September 5 | PVA General Meeting 8:05 a.m., cafeteria Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m., Basilica August/September birthday lunch |
| Thursday, September 6 | 4th grade Parent Lunch, 12:20, cafeteria |
| Friday, September 7 | Liturgy 5A Lunch payments due to school |
| Monday September 10 | School Pictures: Tiny Hearts & grades 2,3,4,5 |
| Tuesday, September 11 | School Pictures: Tiny Hearts, ECE, PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade |
| Friday, September 14 | Liturgy 4A |
| Wednesday, September 19 | 4th grade Outdoor Classroom Camp Virgil Tate |
| Friday, September 21 | Liturgy 5B Progress report day |
| Friday, September 28 | Liturgy 4B Popcorn sale- \$0.25 Shelter-in-Place Drill 9:30 a.m. |

