



Sacred Heart Grade School (SHGS) is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, is accredited by AdvancEd and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), and is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

SHGS operates under the auspices of Sacred Heart Parish and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston while also being approved by the West Virginia State Board of Education.

Offering a high quality educational program for students two years old through fifth grade, the school welcomes students from diverse religious, ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds.

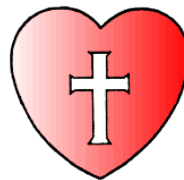
Academic excellence, a Christian atmosphere, and a community of devoted faculty, staff, parents, and students form the basis of our program.



After School Care

After School Care is available daily from 2:30–5:30 p.m.

The program follows our school calendar and offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities.



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SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL

Early Childhood Education Programs



For children, play is serious learning.
Play is really the work of childhood.

-Fred Rogers



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Learn more. Serve many. Love all.

SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Our Tiny Hearts Program is a flexible attendance preschool program for children who are two years old by July 1. This program follows our school calendar with hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Children may attend full days, five days a week, or may choose one of several part time attendance options. The students explore the outdoors and enjoy indoor gym time, participate in child initiated and teacher directed activities, eat lunch family style in the classroom, and have nap time in the afternoon.

Our ECE Program is a full day, five day a week program for children who are three years old by July 1. This program follows our school calendar with hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. The students enjoy lunch in the preschool cafeteria area, have recess and snack times, take an age appropriate nap, and visit the Minds in Motion maze, daily. This full day program provides our little ones the opportunity to learn and grow in an academic setting rich in exploration, discovery, and play.

Our Pre-K Program is a full day, five day a week program for children who are four years old by July 1. This program also follows our school calendar with hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. They too enjoy lunch in the preschool cafeteria area, have recess and snack times, take an age appropriate nap, and visit the Minds in Motion maze, daily. The Pre-K program focuses on the development of early readiness skills in reading, math, and handwriting. A full curriculum augmented with activities to develop both gross and fine motor skills as well as creative play allows our 4 year-old students to grow, create, and learn as they prepare for Kindergarten.



The early education programs at Sacred Heart are aimed at developing the whole child intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually. Stories, songs, games, learning centers, field trips, and other creative, developmentally appropriate activities are geared to the needs of our young children.

Children are provided with opportunities to become familiar with the alphabet, concepts about print, and numeration. Coordination and development of motor skills are enhanced through arts and crafts, music, gym, and a variety of other activities. Opportunities to develop an awareness of calendars, seasons, and holidays are incorporated into the program. Developing good manners, expressing thoughts and emotions, playing to learn, and getting along well with others are skills emphasized in our early education programs.

Prerequisite for Attendance

Children attending SHGS ECE & Pre-K programs must have established, mature, and independent toilet habits. Teachers in our Tiny Hearts program work with parents to support independent toileting habits as each child is developmentally prepared to do so.

READ ALOUD

This program involves parent volunteers who join the class once a week to share a variety of engaging books with the children.

GYM

Utilizing the fully equipped SHGS gym, our students have the opportunity to develop a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship while having fun together. Safety is emphasized at all times.

MUSIC

Lively songs, classic tunes, childhood favorites, and contemporary early childhood songs enrich the lives of our children daily. They learn about rhythm and have the opportunity to experiment with different musical instruments.

TECHNOLOGY

Through our mobile iPad lab and computer lab, children in the ECE and Pre-K programs discover how to use technological tools to learn and have fun!

READING CENTER

Our reading center teacher helps to bring literature to life with stories and many age-appropriate literacy activities. Students also have the opportunity to borrow a book of their choice.

MINDS IN MOTION

Minds-in-Motion is a revolutionary way to accelerate a child's potential for academic, social, and athletic success. This research-validated program is designed to stimulate a child's visual processing, auditory processing, and motor skills. The outcome is a well-balanced child who will perform better in school and at home. ECE & Pre-K students visit the Mind in Motion maze daily.

