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 academic program for students three years old through fifth grade, the school welcomes students from diverse religious, ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our After School Program is available daily from 2:30—5:30 p.m. for all students ECE through 5th grade.

The Program follows our school calendar and offers a variety of age appropriate indoor and outdoor activities including a monitored homework time for our older students.

Allowing the children time to enjoy their friends in a less structured environment, the After School Program is both a benefit to our parents and a gift to our students!

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire!”

~William Butler Yeats
CURRICULUM NOTES

- A strong curriculum in language arts (reading, phonics, spelling, English/grammar), math, social studies, and science provides a solid foundation in basic skills and general knowledge. Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum. Students visit the SHGS computer lab frequently during the week and utilize the mobile iPad lab to enhance their studies.

- Daily religion classes emphasize developing moral and ethical standards and encourage respect and concern for self and others. Students in grades first through fifth assist in liturgy preparation and attend Mass weekly.

- Weekly specials include Art, Music, Physical Education, Reading Center and French. Fourth and fifth graders also have the opportunity to register for our afterschool Strings Program.

- Field trips and academic competitions are an exciting part of the learning process. All classes take advantage of community cultural opportunities and field trips. Fifth grade students enjoy two educational field trips annually taking them to points of interest both inside and outside of our local area; while fourth grade students participate in a day long outdoor classroom event at Camp Virgil Tate. Our fourth and fifth grade classes also participate in county spelling and math competitions.

- Serving our neighbors is a way of life at SHGS. School wide service projects throughout the year allow students to answer the call to service by reaching out to our neighbors in need.

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. Our faculty, parents, and students work together to develop a community of shared values based on the respect and concern for self and others while at the same time encouraging students to use their gifts and values to better the world in which they live.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Recognizing that the Catholic School is an extension of a child’s education that begins in the home, parental involvement in school activities can connect home and school and actively support the creation of a true learning community.

- Our Parent Volunteer Association (PVA) is comprised of all parents whose child is enrolled at Sacred Heart Grade School. PVA members provide an invaluable service to our school community as they volunteer to help in the cafeteria, on the playground, in our Reading Center, and assist with the many activities they sponsor such as Gym Jam, Mardi Gras, classroom parties, and Family Fun Events. Additionally, our parents support their children as they participate in our school-wide community service projects such as Pennies for People, the Clay County Christmas Project, and the Lenten Holy Childhood Association collection.

- Our school could not exist without the involvement of our parents who so graciously share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.