

AUGUST 27, 2010

The "Sacred" Heart of the Matter

Sacred Heart Grade School

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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TRAFFIC CONTROL!



Again, we would like to welcome our new families and say "welcome back" to those families who are veterans of our arrival and dismissal routines. Though it can seem overwhelming at first...when everyone works together, we are a "well oiled machine"!

A few safety reminders and requests.....

- ♥ Parking in front of the school (along the yellow lined area) on Leon Sullivan Way in the morning or in the afternoon is not allowed. During the morning, the right hand lane next to the school is a "moving lane" into the alley. In the afternoon, though that lane is not a "moving lane", it is reserved for the YMCA van which picks up children at our school.
- ♥ Always cross with one of our two crossing guards. Crossing in the middle of the street is much too dangerous!
- ♥ Walking in the alley during arrival or dismissal is not permitted. With the moving traffic, the risk is too high for you and your children.
- ♥ Last year, in an effort to help eliminate the congestion on Virginia Street, we changed the time that cars could enter our parking lot, and therefore begin to form our drivers line. The time was changed from 2:40 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. By doing so, we now have traffic in our alley at a time when our youngest ones are traveling back from the playground. Should you choose to arrive **before 2:30 p.m.**, please be attentive to their potential presence. They are hard to see and easily startled by car noises and movement. If you are in the alley before **2:30 p.m.** it would be wonderful if your car could be totally turned off...or at the very least solidly in "park."
- ♥ And, finally, it would be greatly appreciated if you would refrain from being on your cell phone as you come through the drivers line. It takes everyone's full attention to get the children safely out the door and on their way home!

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The first lunch statements will be sent home on Friday, September 3, in the "Friday Folder". Your child's statement will reflect the number of lunches and/or milks purchased by your child, and any additional lunches charged by you when volunteering in the cafeteria, or by individuals attending parent/golden friends lunches.

Please return payment to the office in an envelope which has your child's name, homeroom, and lunch number marked clearly on the outside. Separate checks for each child's billing within a family is not necessary as long as all the information for each child is included on both the envelope and the check. Make all checks payable to Sacred Heart Grade School.



SO MUCH TO BE PROUD OF!

In June you received your child’s results from the TerraNova 2 assessment which was administered in March of last year. This was the first year our Catholic schools had used this test with our students, and not surprising...our students have much to be proud of!

Listed below is a snapshot of our performance. Allow me to brag....



	Kindergarten		
	Reading Composite	Language	Math Composite
National Average	50	50	50
Sacred Heart Compared To the Nation	87	87	82

	1st Grade		
	Reading Composite	Language	Math Composite
National Average	50	50	50
Sacred Heart Compared To the Nation	94	92	93

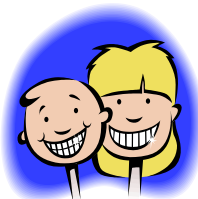
	2nd Grade		
	Reading Composite	Language	Math Composite
National Average	50	50	50
Sacred Heart Compared To the Nation	84	82	85

	3rd Grade		
	Reading Composite	Language	Math Composite
National Average	50	50	50
Sacred Heart Compared To the Nation	83	82	84

	4th Grade		
	Reading Composite	Language	Math Composite
National Average	50	50	50
Sacred Heart Compared To the Nation	84	79	85

	5th Grade		
	Reading Composite	Language	Math Composite
National Average	50	50	50
Sacred Heart Compared	85	86	84

SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, September 14, and Wednesday, September 15**. Exact dates and grades are listed below. The make-up date will be Friday, October 29.

Please follow the guidelines outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook for “out of uniform dress.” Students may choose to wear dress-up **OR** dress-down clothes on this day depending on what you want them to have their picture taken in. Above all...**THEY SHOULD WEAR THEIR SMILE!**

- ♥ Tuesday, September 14
 - 2 Day Preschool (Morning and Afternoon)
 - Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5

- ♥ Wednesday, September 15
 - 3 Day Preschool (Morning and Afternoon)
 - 5 Day Preschool (Morning and Afternoon)
 - Grades K and 1



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ♥ **Diocesan Tuition Assistance Forms** are available by request from the school office. This aid is available for needy, Catholic students through the Diocese. The final application deadline for the 2010-2011 school year is **September 1**.
- ♥ **Emergency Cards and Other Forms:** If you have not done so, please complete all required forms and return to the school office. We need these forms to ensure your child's safety and wellbeing.
- ♥ **Family Name/Car Pool Signs** need to be clearly displayed on the dashboard of your car for the drive-through dismissal line. If you have not done so, please create a sign approximately 4" x 12" with your family name, or name of your carpool, IN LARGE, DARK, BLOCK LETTERS. This helps us keep the line moving along quickly during dismissal.
- ♥ **Liturgy Note:** On Fridays, students need to be in their classrooms by **7:50 a.m.** so that they will be on time for the parish/school liturgy.
- ♥ **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 in early September.
- ♥ **Tardies:** Class starts promptly at **8:00 a.m.** Students who are not in their classrooms at 8:00 a.m. are tardy. **Our tardy policy goes into effect on Monday, August 30.**
- ♥ **Virtus Training** will be held at St. Francis of Assisi School in St. Albans on **Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.** ALL volunteers are required to complete the Virtus Training before they can volunteer at the school. Please pre-register at www.virtusonline.org. One reminder...once you receive the Virtus training, you **DO NOT** have to take it again.
- ♥ **YMCA Van:** Students who ride the YMCA Van after school **MUST** have written permission on file at the school indicating the days they will be riding. Any changes during the course of the year to a child's van dismissal schedule should be **submitted in writing** to the school office.

PVA NEWS

- ♥ **Gift Wrap/Cookie Order News:** Remember that gift wrap and cookie orders are due on **Wednesday, September 16**, along with payment. If we reach our goal of \$12,500, the children will enjoy an inflatable during the school Halloween parties!
- ♥ **Parent Packs** are due on **Monday, August 30**. PLEASE volunteer...WE NEED YOU!
- ♥ **PVA General Meeting:** The first "General Meeting" is planned for **Wednesday, September 1, at 8:05 a.m.** in the school cafeteria.
- ♥ **Quick Start Prize:** Those students who sold five items by today, August 27, need to take their coupon to the school office. Prizes will then be delivered to individual classrooms.



RECYCLE...REUSE...REDUCE



Volunteer for the SHGS Recycle Committee! We...

- ♥ pick up plastic bottles/cans and cardboard from the cafeteria and take to the recycle center daily,
- ♥ ensure that each classroom and office at the school have recycle bins for papers, and
- ♥ we look for ways to help make SHGS more earth friendly!

You can help by...

- ♥ signing up to volunteer on the Recycle Committee sheet in your PVA packet, or
- ♥ send suggestions on the "recycle form" or e-mail to lissa.bolles@suddenlink.net.

SHARE YOUR HEART GALA NEWS



In just over one month, families and friends of Sacred Heart Grade School will come together to enjoy the “Share Your Heart” Gala. Hosted at **Berry Hills Country Club on October 2**, the event is designed to raise funds for SMARTBoards to enrich the classrooms of our first through fifth grade students.

Please join us for this delightful evening of great music, live and silent auctions, and delicious food. Watch backpack mail for details, checkout the event’s website at www.shareyourheartgala.org, and watch your mailboxes for invitations.

In addition to attending this wonderful event, your help is encouraged. Anyone wishing to become a volunteer, a sponsor, or to provide an auction item...please contact **Angela Stone (304-881-2936)** or **Mary Green (304-932-7673)**.

See you there!

CHANGES...

After 40 years of dedicated and loving service to the children and families of Sacred Heart Grade School, Mrs. Connie Larck has decided to retire and “relax”. Our “hearts” are full of appreciation, love, and best wishes!

At the same time, we would like to welcome with open arms and hearts Ms. Erin Casey. Ms. Casey is a graduate of Sacred Heart Grade School and Charleston Catholic High School. She comes to us, already part of the family, with her joyful spirit and strong literature background. Ms. Casey will arrive in the Reading Center after Labor Day.

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of

upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “**filler**” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web **publication**. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a



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Web site and post it.

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can

also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”



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INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey.

Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.

September Calendar



- Wednesday, September 1** PVA General Meeting—8:05 am. in Cafeteria
August and September Birthday Lunch
- Friday, September 3** Liturgy—4B
Lunch Bills Sent Home
- Monday, September 6** NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY
- Friday, September 10** Liturgy—5A
Lunch Payments Due
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Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Wednesday, September 15** School Pictures for:
3 Day Preschool (Morning and Afternoon)
5 Day Preschool (Morning and Afternoon)
Kindergarten and 1st Grade
- Thursday, September 16** 2nd Grade Parent Lunch—12:20 p.m.
(Grades 4 and 5 bring lunch and drink from home.)
- Friday, September 17** Liturgy—4C
- Thursday, September 23** 4th Grade Outdoor Classroom—Camp Virgil Tate
- Friday, September 24** Liturgy—5B
Popcorn Sale—\$0.25
Progress Reports Go Home!

Welcome Back!