

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

APRIL 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK- One of the greatest gifts you can give your child is an understanding of the value of respect. Too often we hear stories of people who do not have self-respect and who do not show respect for others. Certainly, Jesus provides the most powerful model of respect for us. We recall countless stories in the Bible demonstrating Christ's respect both for himself and for all of God's creation. Christ treated everyone with respect, whether the lowliest among us or the greatest. The sinner, the leper, Mary Magdalene, Zacchaeus the tax collector – all were treated with complete respect by Jesus.

The best tool for teaching your child the value of respect is to model it yourself. You may not realize how your every word and action may be observed by your child. Think of it this way: By remaining highly conscious of the things we do and say, we not only model respect for our children but are likely to improve our own adult behavior. Our actions as adults are seldom lost on children. So it is most important that we objectively view our own behavior to ensure it provides the kind of example we wish to set. This includes demonstrating respect for ourselves. Respect for yourself may involve setting limits on the time you allow others, even your children, to take from you.

Children who live in homes where respect is an important value are secure and find a much easier and happier path through life. Make respect for self and others a top priority in your home!

THANK YOU TO DICKSON-ALLEN FOUNDATION – We want to thank the Dickson-Allen Foundation for the two grants recently awarded to Sacred Heart Catholic School. The first grant, in the amount of \$94,245.00, will be used for the purchase of technology equipment, the general operation of the school, furnishings and equipment for classrooms, a playground structure for the Pre-K and elementary classes, and welding equipment for the vocational shop program.

The second grant in the amount of \$125,000.00 is being used for the renovation of the second floor into two classrooms and two restrooms. This grant will also pay for the remodeling of a storage room into a small group reading lab.

We offer again a special thank you to the Dickson-Allen Foundation for your kindness and generosity.

BUDGET BITS – This month's budget expense focus is #5123 Employee Group Health Insurance. The amount budgeted for 21 full-time employees is \$159,516.00. The Diocese of Victoria requires that we provide health insurance for all full-time employees. The projected increase for 2011-2012 is 10% which equals to \$15,952.00 for a total of \$175,468.00. Please see the principal for a complete summary of the 2010-11 budget.

EARLY DISMISSALS:

Friday, April 1	Faculty Meeting	Dismiss at 2:00 p.m.	
Friday, April 15	Marathon	Dismiss at 12:00 noon	NO EXTENDED CARE
Thursday, April 21	HOLY THURSDAY	Dismiss at 12:00 noon	NO EXTENDED CARE
Friday, April 22	GOOD FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL	
Monday, April 25	EASTER MONDAY	NO SCHOOL	

REGISTRATION 2011-2012 – A special thank you to those persons who have already completed their registration for the 2011-2012 school year. The registration fee is now \$150 per student. Please register by April 1st if you plan to enroll your children for the 2011-2012 school year.

TRUCK GIVE-A-WAY TICKETS AVAILABLE - A limited number of truck give-a-way tickets are still available. Please come by the school or the rectory if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. The truck raffle benefits the general operation fund of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Tickets are \$100.00 each and the drawing will be held on May 29, 2011, at the Spring Church Picnic. A limit of 575 tickets will be sold.

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION-First Communion for the second graders will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Practice will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

THANK YOU, POLKA FEST WORKERS - A special thank you to the Sacred Heart students, faculty, staff, and parents of Sacred Heart who worked at the Polka Festival on Saturday, March 26, and Sunday, March 27. Your help and support is greatly appreciated by the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Catholic School.

The funds raised by the Polka Festival benefit the Sacred Heart Catholic School athletic program.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE-A total of \$35,665.00 has been received for the Annual Fund. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to our Annual Fund and encourage others to follow their leadership. Your generosity and participation ensures that a new generation of students has access to a Christian value-based education. Our goal this year is \$50,000.00.

The Annual Fund is still in progress throughout this school year. We ask your prayerful consideration of a tax-deductible donation as a vote of confidence in the quality and mission of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Thank you for your investment and renewed support.



IT'S MARATHON TIME-The Sacred Heart Catholic School family will host its annual Marathon for Catholic Education on Friday, April 15, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on the school grounds. Students who have turned in their pledge money and/or donations will be dismissed at 9:00 a.m. to participate. All students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Cheese pizza and drinks will be available for sale.

Rainosek's True Value, Lavaca County Farm Bureau, and Wal-Mart have donated the top prizes, which will be awarded to the three participants collecting the most pledge money. Sacred Heart Catholic School extends special thanks to these businesses for their kind and generous support of the marathon.

Participation in the 28 previous marathons has netted over \$315,000.00 in support of Catholic education. Chairperson for this year's event is Lisa Baker.

Donations may be pledged to any SHCS student or special guest by completing the enclosed pledge form and mailing it to: Marathon for Catholic Education, c/o Sacred Heart Catholic School, 313 S. Texana St., Hallettsville, Texas 77964. Please call the school office at 798-4251 for more information in regards to the Marathon for Catholic Education.

TAPPS DISTRICT ART CONTEST WINNERS -Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart Catholic High School students who placed in the TAPPS District Art Contest held on February 22, 2011, hosted by Brentwood Christian School of Austin.

Hannah Smith - *4th Printmaking; 5th Photography Creative & Experimental; 5th Senior Portfolio

Jamie Vanek - 5th Pottery and Honorable Mention;

Katie Blaschke - * 2nd Computer Rendered Art

Margaret Alvarado - *3rd Mixed Media 2D

Calen Janak - *4th Sculpture

Also participating were Kristen Henke, Kaitlen Byars, Michael Behnsch, Isabel Hughey, Trent Malaer, Jaycie Orsak, Scott Stoner, Stephanie Sykora, Andrew Watson, Evan Wick, and Michael Zaruba.

***The top four places will advance to the State Art competition to be held at Concordia Lutheran University in Austin on March 25-26.**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST-

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Educational Contest:

ART:

Division I: 1. Savana Koerth 2. Adam Pavlicek 3. Kelsey Bohuslav

Division II: 1. Abigail Ross 2. Tabitha DeLaRosa 3. William Watson

ESSAY:

Division I: 1. Hailey Steffek 2. Delaney Etzler

Division II: 1. Arik Shimek 2. Caleb Krischke

POETRY:

Division I: 1. Cullen Mikes 2. Delaney Etzler 3. Reid Timm

Division II: 1. Jacob Janak 2. Kyle Pettus 3. Madison Etzler

Division III: 1. Morgan Meyer

COMPUTER ART:

Division I: 1. Macy Henke 2. Briana Haas 3. Jordan Janak

Division II: 1. Ryan Hadash 2. Emilie Mudd 3. Madison Etzler

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Division II: 1. Blake Hermes 2. Jami Shimek 3. Dustin Woytek

Division III: 1. Megan Jurica 2. Lauren Huser 3. Megan Harper

** All first place winners will advance to the State Competition.

SACRED HEART BAND ADVANCES TO STATE CONTEST - On Thursday, March 10, 2011, Sacred Heart Catholic School hosted the TAPPS District band competition. For the seventh consecutive year, the Sacred Heart Catholic School Band received a 1st Division in the Concert competition and a 1st Division in the Sight Reading competition. The Band now qualifies to compete at the State TAPPS competition to be held at Mary-Hardin Baylor University in Belton, Texas on April 9, 2011.

Sacred Heart Band students also competed in solos and ensemble competition on the same day. The band students won a total of 44 medals for their solos and ensembles.

The Sacred Heart Jazz Combo received a 1st division rating and also qualifies to advance to the State contest. Members of the combo were Emily Kossa (11) - Electric Keyboard Bass, Amber Smolik (11) - Piano, Shelby Rivers (11) – Trap Set, Hannah Hines (11) – Trumpet, Ariane Kubena (10) – Trumpet, Ariel Fojt (12) – Alto Saxophone, and Jamie Vanek (12)- Alto Saxophone.

Those students receiving a 1st Division and a medal for their solo and qualifying for the State contest were: Haylee Grahmann (12) – Flute Solo; Marianne Herndon (10) – Flute Solo; Olivia Raphael (12) – Clarinet Solo; Hannah Hines (11) – Trumpet Solo; Hailey Smith (10) – Tympani Solo

Ensemble members winning a medal and qualifying for the state contest were:

Flute Trio – Sandra Adams (10), Jenna Brown (10), and Marianne Herndon (10)

Flute Trio – Haylee Grahmann (12), Emily Kossa (11), and Amber Smolik (11)

Flute Trio – Kelsie Buchanan (11), Shelby McElroy (11), and Amber Smolik (11)

Flute Trio – Hannah Fogle (9), Calen Janak (9), and Elizabeth Wysocki (9)

Two Flutes and Two Clarinet Quartet – Haylee Grahmann (12), Emily Kossa (11), Robyn Pavlicek (10), and Olivia Raphael (12)

Clarinet Quartet – Makensie Bell (10), Mary Kossa (10), Amber Labay (10), and Robyn Pavlicek (10)

Saxophone Trio – Jacob Barton (9), Adrienne Klimitchek (10), and Rachel Saulnier (9)

Brass Quartet– Christopher Kunz (10), Lauren Huser (10), Matthew Mason (10), and Haley Nidey (9)

Percussion Quintet – Mackenzie Kennedy (10), Joshua King (9), Shelby Rivers (11), Hailey Smith (10), and Jonathan Vanek (9)

FEBRUARY HEARTS OF GOLD STUDENTS – **Kindergarten:** Cade Steffek, Melea Henke, and Ann Estelle Brown – These students were chosen for their kindness to others. They are always helping others and are always sweet and caring to their peers and teachers.

First Grade: Dawson Belicek and Jacob Spann – They were chosen as “Heart of Gold” students for showing concern for others and their work. Dawson is always concerned that he is treating others nicely, and Jacob is always concerned that he is doing his work correctly.

Second Grade: Jordan Bludau – Jordan has a Heart of Gold for his “great attitude for learning.” Jordan works very hard each day to make good grades and do his best. His attitude is really shining in the classroom.

Third Grade: Savannah Mullen and Nolan Steffek – They are always willing to help out around the classroom and never complain when asked to give others a hand. They truly have a “helpful” heart.

Fourth Grade: Delaney Etzler and Maddie Boone – These two students were chosen because of their caring attitude and patience in the classroom. They never say an unkind word to others, but are sweet and gentle, placing others above themselves. If a student needs extra help, they are the first to offer patient assistance. They truly have a “heart of gold” for others.

CONGRATULATIONS, TAPPS 2A ALL DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAMS-Congratulations to the following Indianettes and Indians who were selected to the 2011 TAPPS 2A All District and All State Basketball Teams:

ALL DISTRICT INDIANETTES: 1st Team – Kirsten Heger; 2nd Team – Adrienne Klimitchek and Haylee Grahmann; Honorable Mention – Emily Kossa

ALL DISTRICT INDIANS: 1st Team – Cole Wick; 2nd Team – Cameron Heger; Honorable Mention – Daniel Halata

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS - The cover over the batting cages on the school campus has been completed. The cover was paid for by a combination of Booster Club funds and donations. We'd like to thank Mr. Victor Roeber and Randy and Noreen Fojt for their donations which helped make this happen.

As we near the end of our school year it is time to look forward to the coming year. We have quite a number of officer and event chairmen positions that need to be filled now to provide a base for a smooth transition into next year. This is not just another friendly reminder that we need volunteers. This is a notice that we must have people step up and take responsibility for one or more of the many things that the Booster Club does to support a strong athletics program at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

The annual Officer Elections will be held this May and we have three officer positions that will be open. They are President, Vice-President, and Secretary. If you would like to be an officer and take one of these positions, please step up and let us know.

We have an immediate need for a new Fried Chicken PTG meal chairman. Ronnie and Shirley Hollas and Allen and Janice Rother will be chairing the event for their final year. We need volunteers to take these spots and work alongside them this year so that you will be ready to manage this event next year.

Some other positions and responsibilities that are needed are: Membership Director, Hot Dog Supper Chairman, Concession Stand Chairman, Hamburger Chairman, Spirit Item Chairman, and Post Game Social Chairman to name a few. These positions need to be filled before the fall sports season begins.

Please contact me or Shirley Hollas as soon as possible if you would like to serve in any of these positions.

Thank you for your continued support of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Go Big Blue!
Richard Klimitchek

COUNSELOR'S CORNER- Texas colleges and universities will be featured during Texas Day, May 12th, on the website College Week Live, www.CollegeWeekLive.com. This is a one day on line event offering booths and presentations for students interested in attending college in Texas. It is the world's largest college fair, on - line, and free. You can "visit" colleges live, chat with admissions reps, watch video presentations on key admissions topics, and get answers to questions. You can also sign up for scholarships and promotions.

Go to the following link for more information: http://www.collegeweeklive.com/en_CA/Guest/TEXAS_DAY

Dual Credit – All juniors who plan to take dual credit classes next year must have their Victoria College paperwork completed and turned in.

Important Dates

April 8 – deadline to register for May 7th SAT

April 9 – ACT test date

May 6 – deadline to register for June 4th SAT

May 6 - deadline to register for June 11th ACT

May 7 – SAT test date

Remaining ACT test dates: April 9th, June 11th

Remaining SAT test dates: May 7th, June 4th

Practice tests for both the SAT and ACT tests are available in my office.

MOTHER ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD- Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hemmi will be honored at the Victoria Diocesan Home and School Association Eighth Annual Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards Ceremony and Dinner on April, 14, 2011. At this ceremony the diocesan community recognizes the Mother Seton honorees selected from each school in the Diocese of Victoria.

The Mother Seton honorees are individuals who emulate the qualities of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton by volunteering their gifts and talents and by demonstrating outstanding service and unselfish dedication in their home, school and church community. This year's honorees from Sacred Heart are Phillip and Rosemary Hemmi. The Hemmis are committed to the value of Catholic education as instilled in them by their parents and grandparents. Rosemary attended Catholic schools and graduated from the University of Dayton. Phillip received his Catholic education from Sacred Heart Catholic School, Hallettsville, St. John and Assumption Seminaries, and St. Mary's University. He also attended Oblate School of Theology and the Lay Ministry Institute of San Antonio working on a M.T.S.

While Phillip and Rosemary lived in San Antonio, they belonged to St. John Newman Church where Rosemary was a catechist for the handicapped and Phillip attended his first A.C.T.S. retreat in 1987. They moved to Hallettsville 21 years ago so their children could attend Sacred Heart Catholic School where Abby is a 6th grader and James is a senior. Gretchen '03, Christian '05, and Anna '09, all graduated with honors.

Phillip has served twice on the Sacred Heart Church Pastoral Council, and has been an officer in the Home and School Association. They have both been involved in Marriage Encounter, the Serra Club and serve as Eucharistic Ministers in church and at the nursing homes. Both have played a part in bringing the A.C.T.S. retreat to the surrounding areas, by directing retreats and sitting on the local A.C.T.S. Core. Rosemary is a member of Christian Mothers and Phillip is a member of Knights of Columbus.

This couple can be found at many school functions, from making strudels to selling game ball tickets or taking tickets at the church picnic kiddy rides. They recently placed in the Family Division of the Catholic Knowledge Bowl.

When you ask them what they enjoy in life, they respond, "We enjoy being engaged in the different service aspects of Sacred Heart Catholic School and Church and promoting the Catholic faith. We do not look at the time and energy for the church and school as a sacrifice but as a privilege. We feel blessed to have gained such a great education for our five children and to be able to raise them in such a concerned community family."

Phillip and Rosemary beautifully emulate the qualities of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton by their volunteering of time and talents to their home, school, and church community. Sacred Heart Catholic School is blessed to have Phillip and Rosemary as part of the Sacred Heart Catholic School family!

NEW PLAYGROUND INSTALLED – Thanks to the generosity of the Dickson-Allen Foundation and a group of dads, Sacred Heart Catholic School children have a brand new playground structure to enjoy. Located behind the gym, the play area has a new monkey bar structure built by Bludau Manufacturing, a double seesaw, and a large play structure with several slides, a bridge, climbing area, and more. We are grateful to Glenn Steffek who headed up the crew of dads who helped put the structure together: Ray Steffek, Mark Janak, Brian Bludau, Ronnie Steffek, Brian Leopold, Joe Henke, Steven Steffek, Bobby Machicek, and Brian Haas. Also thanks to the following students who helped as well: Myles Machicek, Nolan Steffek, Lane Leopold, Josh Steffek, Cade Steffek, Cade Brewer, Collin Brewer, Carson Brewer, Adam Steffek, and Haley Steffek.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Luke Steffek | 11 Michael Zaruba | 22 Lance Bludau |
| 2 Ella Harper | 16 Emilie Griffin | Brock Sitka |
| Evan Wick | 17 Cody Dornak | 23 Jacob Janak |
| 3 Brian Bennett | Lane Leopold | 25 Erin Fawbush |
| 4 Kirsten Heger | Reagan Hicks | Delaney Etzler |
| Alexandra Bludau | 20 Mrs. Sandi Koerth | 28 Jacob Rivers |
| Joshua Griffin | Mrs. Agnes Huser | 29 Cole Bludau |
| 5 Mrs. Irene Matula | 21 Cole Bujnoch | 30 Luke Parker |
| Mrs. Christie Steffek | | |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 11 Betty & Virgil Gutierrez | 29 Brenda & Kevin Etzler |
| 26 Rev. John C. Peters | 29 David & Shadra Pastucha |



THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

5th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL – Jordan Janak

HONOR ROLL – John Bludau, Mallorie Layton, Cullen Mikes, Cole Mullen, Adam Pavlicek, Jacob Rivers, Miranda Shimek, Hailey Steffek, Reid Timm

6th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL – McKenzie Bludau, Ryan Hadash, Kyle Pettus, William Pettus, Ameer Rivers

HONOR ROLL – Kaylin Dworsky, Abby Hemmi, Jyllian Hicks, Angela Ivey, Jacob Janak, Joseph McConnell, Braden Popp, Abigail Ross, Arik Shimek, Brock Sitka, William Watson

7th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL – Bailey Grahmann, Caleb Kruschke, Ellen Machicek

HONOR ROLL – Callie Bludau, Julie Brown, Luke Harper, Drayton Henneke, Lee Koerth, Jami Shimek

8th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL – Ashlan Bujnoch, Dylan Grahmann, Emily Harper, Scott Huser, Taylor Opela

HONOR ROLL – Olivia Bohuslav, Kelsey Bujnoch, Nicholas Hadash, Ashley Hefner, Michael Herndon, Hunter Janak, Braden Jansky, Kelton Koehne, Kristin Popp, Tristan Smolik

9th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL – Colton Bludau, Danson Bludau, Trent Janak, Meagan Jurica, Sabrina Koerth, Stephanie Sykora, Elizabeth Wysocki

HONOR ROLL – Jacob Barton, Joshua Blaschke, Hannah Fogle, Megan Harper, Isabel Hughey, Megan Janak, Joshua King, Haley Nidey, Jaycie Orsak, Rachel Saulnier, Jonathan Vanek, Michael Zaruba

10th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL – Kristen Henke, Mary Kossa, Ariane Kubena, Brady Sitka

HONOR ROLL – Sandra Adams, Grace Bell, Jenna Brown, Marianne Herndon, Lauren Huser, MacKenzie Kennedy, Adrienne Klimitchek, Christopher Kunz, Amber Labay, Matthew Mason, Robyn Pavlicek, Katelyn Snider

11th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL – Emily Kossa

HONOR ROLL – Jordyn Hicks, Hannah Hines, Casey Mueller, Caitlin Orsak, Nickolas Patalik, Shelby Rivers

12th GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL- Alexandra Bludau, Collin Brewer, Ariel Fojt, Haylee Grahmann, Daniel Halata, Landon Hatfield, James Hemmi, Colby Mikes, Kyle Rother, Hannah Smith, Jeffery Tuttle, Jamie Vanek

HONOR ROLL – Katelynd Allen, Cody Dornak, Makayla Geistman, Ryan Kubena, Morgan Meyer, Jordan Pettus, Sarah Romine, Jacklyn Saulnier, Charles Steffek

OMITTED FROM SECOND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL – 12th Grade Honor Roll – Morgan Meyer