

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GOOD NEWS BULLETIN
AUGUST 2011
WELCOME BACK

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: FAITH. ACADEMICS. SERVICE – The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.” The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which will be January 29 through February 5, 2012.

This year’s theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish which make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity – but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one’s time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is pleased to welcome back our students for the 2011-2012 academic year, with a special welcome to all new students. The theme for Catholics Schools Week reinforces our long-standing traditions to focus on faith, challenge students academically, and serve our community. We look forward to a wonderful year with all of our students.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES - Classes will begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 7:58 a.m. Dismissal will be at the regular times: 3:15 for K through 4th grades and 3:45 for 5th through 12th grades.

FACULTY AND STAFF INSERVICE BEGINS AUGUST 10 - The Sacred Heart Catholic School faculty and staff will report back for the 2011-12 school year on Wednesday, August 10th. The inservice days will consist of prayer, staff development, faculty meetings, lesson planning, and classroom preparation.

WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY AND STAFF AND FAREWELL TO THOSE LEAVING -We would like to say thank you and farewell to Frances Franta, Sharon Timm, and Christie Steffek of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Family. We sincerely appreciate their dedicated time and service to Sacred Heart Catholic School and wish them well in their new endeavors and ministries. We would also like to welcome the following new part-time faculty members: Debbie Klesel (6th & 7th Language Arts), Rick Masek (Jr. High/High School P.E. & coach, 6th social studies), Troy Spring (7th & 8th religion), and Kasey Phelps (Jr. High/High School Assistant volleyball coach).

MORNING JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC PRACTICES - In order to allow more quality time for practice and less interference with the academic schedule time, junior high athletic practice will begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday and continue on into first period physical education. This new practice time is for all students in grades 6-8 who will participate in athletics.

Students in grades 6-8 not participating in athletics will report to the gym at 7:58 a.m. for first period physical education. On Mass Days all students in grades 6-8 will report to their homeroom at 7:58 a.m.

SCHOOL PICTURES - The photographer will be here to take pictures on Wednesday, August 24, and Thursday, August 25. Grades Pre-K - 5 will take their pictures on Wednesday, August 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with Pre-K. Grades 6 - 12 will take their pictures on Thursday, August 25, beginning with Senior pictures at 8:00 a.m.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS –All volunteers, including chaperones for field trips, clergy, and employees in the Diocese of Victoria are now required to complete the two training sessions: “Code of Pastoral Conduct” and “Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors.” All school employees and clergy have been trained.

Any volunteer planning to chaperone a field trip or any school related trip must first complete the volunteer application and criminal background check. They must then attend the Safe Environment Training sessions. The workshop must be attended within 90 days of the online application/background check completion.

Please go to the Victoria Diocese website at www.victoriadiocese.org for applications, dates and locations. Also watch the local church and school bulletins for dates, times and places.

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION – TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd AT 7:00 P.M. - We would like to invite all incoming freshmen and their parents to a special Freshmen Orientation Night to be held on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Cafeteria. Topics to be discussed will include the high school curriculum, honors program, academic eligibility, planning for college or career, counseling resources and services, National Honor Society guidelines. The orientation will include a tour of the campus.

We have several new freshmen who will be attending Sacred Heart Catholic School for the first time, so please come out and welcome them and their parents. **We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Cafeteria. Your attendance is very important.**

5TH GRADE ORIENTATION – THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th AT 7:00 P.M. – There will be a 5th grade orientation held on Thursday, August 4th in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. All 5th grade students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. The agenda will include presentation of information regarding procedures and expectations of students entering junior high. Fifth grade teachers will be introduced and will give a brief presentation regarding their subject area.

SACRED HEART BAND BOOSTER CLUB NEWS – ATTENTION BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF SHS BAND! The Band Booster Club is scheduled to sponsor the Market Day Breakfast on August 20th. We need your HELP! We will have a sign-up sheet at the Hot Dog Supper or you can call Tim Hines at 361-798-5554 or Becky McElroy at 361-798-2831 (Beauty Boutique.)

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB MEETING - The Booster Club will hold their first meeting for the 2011-12 school year on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Booster Club supports all boys’ and girls’ athletics and is a vital component of the continued success of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Everyone is welcome! The 2nd booster club meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room at the K.C. Hall.

Please remember that all parents/guardians of high school athletes must be paid members of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Booster Club in order for their child/children to participate in athletics. The family membership is \$10.00 and may be paid at registration.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB KICKOFF HOT DOG SUPPER - The Booster Club kickoff hot dog supper will be held Wednesday, August 17, 2011, in the Sacred Heart Family Center at 7:00 p.m. All athletes in grades 6-12 and their parents are cordially invited. Contact Terry Bludau at 798-5243 or 798-6672 with food donations.

2012 YEARBOOK - The 2012 Phoenix yearbook can be ordered through August 22, 2011 ONLY. The cost is \$55.00. Any orders placed after August 22nd will be \$65.00.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL BAR-B-QUE PORK DINNER - Sacred Heart Catholic School is sponsoring a Bar-B-Que Pork Dinner on Sunday, September 25, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Plates-to-go will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tickets will be \$7.00 and will be available to purchase in September. The Knights of Columbus will prepare the meal and the students & parents of Sacred Heart Catholic School will sell the meal tickets & serve the meal. All profits will benefit the Sacred Heart Catholic School operating fund.

COUNSELOR’S CORNER – Welcome back to all our students! There will be meetings scheduled early Fall for Juniors and Seniors, and their parents. Information will be sent home with the students once the dates are set. Any juniors or seniors interested in taking the ACT or SAT during the fall need to register. Don’t put off getting registered!

ACT test dates are: September 10th (**deadline: August 12th**); October 22nd (**deadline: September 16th**); December 10th (**deadline: November 4th**); February 11th, April 14th, and June 9th. To register for a test or to find out more about the ACT, go to: www.actstudent.org.

SAT test dates are: October 1st (**deadline: September 9th**); November 5th (**deadline: October 7th**); December 3rd (**deadline: November 8th**); January 28th, March 10th, May 5th, and June 2nd. To register for a test or to find out more about the SAT, go to: www.collegeboard.com.

Students can access practice tests at these websites, get practice tests from my office, and can also go to www.testprepreview.com for more practice.

TUITION PAYMENT ENVELOPES – Please remember to send in your monthly tuition payments in your **tuition payment envelopes** by the 10th of each month. If you have not received a payment booklet, please contact Jackie Pettus at the rectory. 798-5888

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

2 Robyn Pavlicek Mrs. Sally Kolos	14 Garrett Appelt Elizabeth Wysocki	24 Adison Bujnoch Avery Bujnoch
5 Walker Leopold	15 Joshua Blaschke	25 Braden Jansky
7 Brianna Noska	16 Andrew Shimek	28 Raegan Koncaba Nolan Steffek
10 Korbin Koehne	18 Emma Nieto Mrs. Dorothy Jansky	Scott Stoner
11 Derrick Labay Logan Holik	Mr. David Smolik	29 Kristen Henke Mrs. Dolores Renger
13 John Wysocki Nathan Hollas	22 Kaylie Olivarez Arabella Arellano	30 Olivia Weiser Caleb Krischke
	23 Colton Bludau Katie Blaschke	31 Sterling Hrcncir

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

7 Jack & Sandy Zaruba
16 Charles & Kathy Haas
17 Tim & Candace Hines

20 Mike & Barbara Tankersley
21 Charles “Snow” & Irene Matula

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psalm 32:8