

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

### MARCH 2011

**LETTER TO PARENTS:** We hear and read so much these days about teaching children to be lifelong learners. In addition to learning the basics, children today must develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills and adapt to a constantly changing world. How can you support your child in becoming a learner for life? Here are four important points to remember in this regard.

- 1) Skills: Children must gain skills necessary to think through problems and solve them creatively.
- 2) Connections: Try, in as many ways as possible, to connect learning to everyday life. Children often ask: "Why do I need to learn that?" As often as you can, try to help your child understand how a particular learning applies to life. Explain that you use math every day when you cook a meal. Or maybe you can show your child how you solve a problem of setting priorities by using logic. There are countless examples of everyday applications of learning if we simply look for them.
- 3) Habit: Develop a habit of learning with your child. In addition to the formal learning throughout the school day and homework time, seek out community resources that serve both to enrich and entertain children. Take advantage of teachable moments throughout the day, in ordinary places. Encourage your child to be curious. Asking questions, although it may involve a little more time, is an excellent way to draw out what a child is thinking.
- 4) Fun: Encourage a positive attitude toward learning, both formal and informal. We often underestimate the great power of informal learning: just think about how much children learn from their friends!

Developing skills, connections, habits, and a positive attitude toward lifelong learning is important not only for children – it benefits all of us. Happy learning!

Blessings,  
David Smolik, Principal

**BUDGET BITS** – We will be providing a brief explanation of the various line items of the 2010-11 school General Operating Budget in our monthly newsletters. You may call or come by and see Mr. Smolik for further explanations of the entire budget.

Our total General Operating Budget for the 2010-11 school year is \$1,464,049.00.

This month we will focus on Expense line item #5101 – Salaries – Professional Lay. This includes salaries for the professional staff (teachers and administrator), paraprofessional staff (secretary, teacher aides), substitute teachers, custodial, bus driver, and extended care.

A total of \$891,915.00 is budgeted for the 2010-11 school year, from August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011. This is 61% of the total operating budget.

#### **EARLY DISMISSALS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR MARCH:**

Friday, March 4, 2011	2:00 p.m.	Faculty Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2011	12:00 noon	<b><u>(No Extended Care)</u></b> District Band Contest on Campus
Thursday, March 17 and Friday March 18, 2011	NO SCHOOL	Spring Break

**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS** – The Sixth Grade class was the overall Sweepstakes ticket sales winner for grades Pre-K to 8. They sold 1,477 tickets and received a pizza party at Simple Simon's Pizza courtesy of Catholic Life Insurance. The Ninth Grade class was the overall high school winner, selling 675 tickets. They also received a pizza party.

The overall individual winners were 6<sup>th</sup> grader Jacob Janak (598 tickets sold) and 9<sup>th</sup> grader Sabrina Koerth (200 tickets sold). Both will receive a 2GB iPod Shuffle courtesy of Catholic Life Insurance. Other individual winners receiving \$30.00 cash were Peyton Cull (Pre-K), Abigail Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Macy Henke (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Jacob Janak (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Scott Huser (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Sabrina Koerth (9<sup>th</sup> grade), and Cole Bludau (11<sup>th</sup> grade).

Our final count of tickets sold was 10,164 for a net profit of \$50,820.00. We received a donation of \$3,000 from Mr. Victor Roeber toward the Sweepstakes project bringing our grand total to \$53,820.000

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this project. We were the number 1 selling school of all the schools that participated.

**2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION** - February 1 – March 15 will mark the registration period for the 2011-12 school year. Remember that the registration fee is \$100.00 per student if paid by March 15 and \$150.00 per student if paid after March 15. Registration forms were in last month's newsletter or you can come by the office to pick one up.

**KINDERGARTEN VISITATION AND "DAY IN SCHOOL" March 21 – March 25, 2011** - Prospective kindergarten students for the 2011-2012 school year will have the opportunity to visit the Sacred Heart Kindergarten Class during the week of March 21 – March 25. We would appreciate your help in calling or sending us the names of children of kindergarten age who may be interested in attending Sacred Heart Catholic School.

**ANNUAL FUND UPDATE** - A total of \$32,235.00 has been received from 120 donors. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to our Annual Fund and encourage others to follow their leadership. Your generosity and participation ensures a new generation of students have access to a Christian value-based education. Our goal this year is \$50,000.00.

The Annual Fund will remain in progress through May 31, 2011. 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.

**LAGUNA ISLE EXTRAVAGANZA – WONDERFUL EVENING!** - The Laguna Isle Extravaganza held on February 5, 2011, was a wonderful success with everyone having a great time. We want to commend the committee members for their hard work and dedication in the planning, preparing, and follow-up of this wonderful project. A special thank you also to the Sacred Heart Catholic School students, faculty and staff, and everyone else who helped make it a wonderful evening.

We want to thank especially those in attendance, silent auction donors and buyers, and others who donated their time, talent, and treasures. It was a true community-building experience.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is indeed blessed to have such wonderful support from our parents and friends and the entire community. May the good Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care. Mark your calendar for February 4, 2012, for our next Extravaganza.

The committee members for the extravaganza were: Charlene Bradbury, Kathy Haas, Nanci Hadash, Shirley Hollas, Frances Kallus, Julie Kubena, Amy Machicek, Becky McElroy, Debi and Ronnie Sevcik, Tanya Sitka, Bruce and Gayle Wesson.

**IT'S MARATHON TIME-FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011** - The 2011 Sacred Heart Catholic School Marathon for Catholic Education will be held on Friday, April 15, 2011, here on the school grounds. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. Hamburgers and refreshments will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be no cafeteria service that day and school will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. There will also be NO EXTENDED CARE. We also will be asking for help from parents. More information will be in the April newsletter.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** - The book fair was cut short this year because of the bad weather days; however, we were able to receive \$600.00 worth of books. Thank you to everyone who purchased books this year from the fair. Thank you also to the following volunteers who assisted with the book fair this year: Nanci Hadash, Angela McConnell, Sandra Mullen, Misti Ridgeway, Marie Ridgeway, and Sharon Timm. Thank you once again for all your support.

**ORDER YOUR MAGAZINES ON-LINE** – You may continue to help Sacred Heart by ordering your magazines on-line at [www.qsp.com](http://www.qsp.com). Our account number is 425000939 and our school will continue to get credit for your on-line orders. We receive 40% from all sales. Thank you for your continued support.

**THANK YOU, K.C. DOMINO TOURNAMENT WORKERS** – We want to thank the Sacred Heart Catholic High School students and parents who assisted with serving the noon meal at the annual K.C. Domino Tournament. We appreciate your time, effort, and service.

**CONGRATULATIONS, INDIANETTE BASKETBALL TEAM** - Congratulations to the Sacred Heart Indianette Basketball team for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in District in TAPPS 2A and qualifying for the playoffs. Congratulations to Coach Pat Henke, Coach Amy Klimitchek and the Indianettes.

**CONGRATULATIONS, INDIAN BASKETBALL TEAM**-We want to congratulate the Indian Basketball Team on placing 4<sup>th</sup> in District and qualifying for the TAPPS Playoffs. Congratulations also to coaches Kevin Dworsky and Derrick Janak on an outstanding season.

**CONGRATULATIONS JANUARY HEARTS OF GOLD STUDENTS** – **Kindergarten:** Braxton Ranly and Jake Mullen were chosen because of their creativity. These boys are constantly inventing and thinking, and creating new projects and take pride in their creations. They help and teach others how to make new things.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Elizabeth Grahmann, Kenna Kubenka, and Victoria Kraatz for their outstanding drive. They are always reading and taking Reading Counts tests whenever they can.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Graci Shimek and Trey Ridgeway for being very good listeners in class and always following directions. They do super work in class and always have a great attitude for learning.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Karlye Bujnoch and Blake Shimek have wonderful study habits. They are excellent students and do their best in all their work. They truly have a heart of gold.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kristopher Dworsky, Clayton Schindler, and Kellen Opela were chosen because they are very helpful in the classroom and also out of the classroom. They are willing to help out in any job that needs doing. They are truly “heart of gold” students.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE** – Social Studies teacher Trey Kraatz recently held the geography bee for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The students had to answer questions about state, national, and world geography. Congratulations to the following winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Michael Herndon; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Scott Huser; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Caleb Krischke  
Michael was awarded a certificate and medal; Scott and Caleb were awarded ribbons.

**LAVACA COUNTY SPELLING BEE** – The following students represented Sacred Heart Catholic School at the Lavaca County Spelling Bee which was held on February 17<sup>th</sup> : 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Mallorie Layton and Miranda Shimek; 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Kyle Pettus; 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Caleb Krischke. The Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Hallettsville STARZ, Regional III Education Service Center, and *The Victoria Advocate*.

**CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS** - The cheerleader tryouts for the 2011-12 school year is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 3, 2011 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

**A STUDENT MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR AND ALL TUITION AND FEES MUST BE CURRENT FOR A STUDENT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TRY OUT. PLEASE SEE THE TUITION AND FEES POLICY ON PAGE 34, SECTION 6C, IN THE STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK. THIS MUST BE PAID BY 12:00 NOON MARCH 15, 2011.**

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AWARDS**

**Spirit Contest** - A Spirit Contest was held in Grades Pre-K thru 8. Grades Pre-K thru 4 selected two students who most exemplified the qualities of a spirited member of the Sacred Heart Catholic School student body. The questions dealt with character, service, dedication to both church and school, and genuine respect for life and others. The following students were selected by their classmates for this award:

<b><u>PRE-K</u></b>	Madilyn Camarillo Braxtyn Sitka	<b><u>Kindergarten</u></b>	Jules Janak Seth Migura
<b><u>First Grade</u></b>	William Harper Rebecca Steffek	<b><u>Second Grade</u></b>	Sydney Migura Hayden Grahmann
<b><u>Third Grade</u></b>	Ella Harper Connor Popp	<b><u>Fourth Grade</u></b>	Macy Henke Jared Brown

**Junior High Positive Characteristics Winners** - The week before Catholic Schools Week, students in Grade 5 thru 8 were asked to vote for a student whom they thought exhibited the following characteristics:

Monday: Being responsible

Tuesday: Having good study habits

Wednesday: Being optimistic

Thursday: Being courteous

Overall Winner: The student who lives out the SPIRIT OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL by exhibiting all of the above characteristics.

The following students were selected by their classmates for these awards:

### **GRADE 5**

Being responsible

Jordan Janak

Having good study habits

Adam Pavlicek

Being optimistic

Hailey Steffek

Being courteous

Briana Haas

Overall Winner

Jordan Janak

### **GRADE 6**

Being responsible

Kaylin Dworsky

Having good study habits

Ryan Hadash

Being optimistic

Emilie Mudd

Being courteous

Carson Brewer

Overall Winner

Kaylin Dworsky

### **GRADE 7**

Being responsible

Lee Koerth

Having good study habits

Jami Shimek

Being optimistic

Cadie Perez

Being courteous

Bailey Grahmann

Overall Winner

Julie Brown

### **GRADE 8**

Being responsible

Taylor Opela

Having good study habits

Kelsey Bujnoch

Being optimistic

Nicholas Hadash

Being courteous

Ashlan Bujnoch

Overall Winner

Scott Huser

We would like to thank parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, benefactors, faculty, staff, and students for supporting the various activities during our recent Catholic Schools Week celebration. It was a very exciting and action-packed week. We especially express our appreciation to those who had any part in the week-long celebration. Your presence, service, and commitment are to be commended. We especially want to thank Erin Schott for the wonderful presentation she gave at all of the weekend liturgies.

## CSW POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

<p><b><u>KINDERGARTEN</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Melea Henke            2<sup>nd</sup> Bailey Haas            3<sup>rd</sup> Cole Bujnoch            HM Garrett Ridgeway</p> <p><b><u>FIRST GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Austin Kutac            2<sup>nd</sup> Allie Bludau            3<sup>rd</sup> Victoria Kraatz            HM Elizabeth Grahmann</p> <p><b><u>SECOND GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Abigail Clark            2<sup>nd</sup> Addison Belicek            3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Migura            HM Trey Ridgeway</p>	<p><b><u>THIRD GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Dalton Grahmann            2<sup>nd</sup> Shelby Haas            3<sup>rd</sup> Carly Haas            HM Karlye Bujnoch</p> <p><b><u>FOURTH GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Sabrina Bludau            2<sup>nd</sup> Delaney Etzler            3<sup>rd</sup> Stacie Sykora            HM Macy Henke</p> <p><b><u>FIFTH GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Briana Haas            1<sup>st</sup> Login Holik            3<sup>rd</sup> John Bludau            HM Slade Hagan</p>	<p><b><u>SIXTH GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> McKenzie Bludau            2<sup>nd</sup> Emilie Mudd            3<sup>rd</sup> Jyllian Hicks            HM Tabitha DeLaRosa</p> <p><b><u>ESSAY WINNERS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>SEVENTH GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Tyler Kraatz            2<sup>nd</sup> Blake Hermes            3<sup>rd</sup> Callie Bludau            HM Cullen Wick</p> <p><b><u>EIGHTH GRADE</u></b>            1<sup>st</sup> Scott Huser            2<sup>nd</sup> Ashlan Bujnoch            3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Grahmann            HM Taylor Opela</p>
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**COUNSELOR'S CORNER-** While the seniors are looking ahead to graduation, they are finishing up scholarship applications. It is important that they are aware of all deadlines so that the applications are turned in on time. Late applications are usually automatically disqualified for consideration.

Juniors - I will be meeting with them to discuss taking the ACT or SAT and their plans for dual credit classes next year.

**AP Exams** – Juniors and seniors were given information about AP exams. The exams that will be offered are: For seniors - U.S. Government & Politics, May 10<sup>th</sup>; Calculus AB, May 4<sup>th</sup>; Biology, May 9<sup>th</sup>; English Literature & Composition, May 5<sup>th</sup>; For juniors - English Language & Composition, May 11<sup>th</sup>. All exams will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Dates and times are set by The College Board and cannot be changed. Exams cost \$87 each. The deadline to sign up for these exams and pay the fees is March 1<sup>st</sup>. These exams are completely optional.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**March 1** – deadline to turn in forms and payment for AP exams

**March 4** – deadline to register for April 9<sup>th</sup> ACT

**March 12** – SAT test date

**April 8** – deadline to register for May 7<sup>th</sup> SAT

**April 9** – ACT test date

**Remaining ACT test dates:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Remaining SAT test dates:** March 12<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>

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

**HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC MEET WINNERS** – Twenty five high school students participated in the district academic meet held in Austin on February 10, 2011. Sacred Heart placed 5<sup>th</sup> in yearbook. Students who placed were: Emily Kossa, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Literary Criticism and 4<sup>th</sup> in Number Sense; Emily Seyl, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Spelling; Mary Kossa, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Calculator and 5<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics; Hannah Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Social Studies and 5<sup>th</sup> in Science; Haylee Grahmann, Top Biology Score; and Hannah Fogle, 1<sup>st</sup> in Prose Interpretation. Congratulations to these students. We appreciate all the students who participated in the academic meet.

**SACRED HEART JUNIOR HIGH ACADEMIC MEET**-Several area schools met at Sacred Heart on Thursday, February 17, 2011, for a Junior High Academic Meet. The schools included St. Rose (Schulenburg), St. Michael (Weimar), St. Anthony (Columbus), St. Ludmila (Shiner) and Sacred Heart (Hallettsville). A total of 189 students participated in the meet.

The meet began with an assembly in the cafeteria/family center. MacKenzie Bludau, junior high student council chaplain, led the assembly with an opening prayer. Scott Huser, junior high student council president, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Students in grades 5-8 participated in the following events: religion, spelling, written math, number sense, ready writing, social studies, science, and dictionary skills. Five places in each event were recognized. The top winner in each event was awarded a medal and the remaining places a ribbon. All other students received a participant's ribbon.

We want to extend a special thank you to the Sacred Heart Home and School Association for sponsoring the concession stand and Doris Fenner, junior high teacher, for coordinating the event and to the faculty, staff, and students who helped with the meet.

**ACADEMIC MEET WINNERS**-Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart students who placed in the top five of the following events at the Sacred Heart Catholic School Academic meet.

**GRADE 5 – Religion** - Hailey Steffek 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Reid Timm 5<sup>th</sup> place; **Social Studies** – Jordan Janak 1<sup>st</sup> place; **Written Math** – Jordan Janak 4<sup>th</sup> place; **Number Sense** – Jordan Janak 4<sup>th</sup> place

**GRADE 6 - Religion** – Brianna Jirkovsky 3<sup>rd</sup> place; **Number Sense** - Ryan Hadash 2<sup>nd</sup> place (tie); Braden Popp 5<sup>th</sup> place; **Written Math** - Ryan Hadash 3<sup>rd</sup> place; **Ready Writing** - Emilie Mudd 2<sup>nd</sup> place; McKenzie Bludau 3<sup>rd</sup> place; **Spelling** - Angela Ivey 2<sup>nd</sup> place; **Science** – Allison Janak 5<sup>th</sup> place

**GRADE 7 - Religion** – Tyler Kraatz 1<sup>st</sup> place; Blake Hermes 5<sup>th</sup> place; **Written Math** - Ellen Machicek 1<sup>st</sup> place; **Ready Writing** - Jami Shimek 1<sup>st</sup> place; Ellen Machicek 3<sup>rd</sup> place; **Social Studies** - Caleb Krischke 1<sup>st</sup> place; Tyler Kraatz 5<sup>th</sup> place; **Spelling** – Caleb Krischke 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Tyler Kraatz 5<sup>th</sup> place

**GRADE 8 - Religion** – Scott Huser 3<sup>rd</sup> place; **Number Sense** - Taylor Opela 4<sup>th</sup> place; **Spelling** - Olivia Bohuslav 4<sup>th</sup> place; **Social Studies** – Olivia Bohuslav 4<sup>th</sup> place; **Ready Writing** – Kelsey Bujnoch 4<sup>th</sup> place

Other participants from Sacred Heart were John Bludau, Kelsey Bohuslav, Slade Hagan, Mallorie Layton, Adam Pavlicek, Miranda Shimek, Abby Hemmi, Jyllian Hicks, Joseph McConnell, Abigail Ross, Clay Rother, Michael Wysocki, Callie Bludau, Madison Etzler, Luke Harper, Ashlan Bujnoch, Dylan Grahmann, Emily Harper, Michael Herndon, and Kristin Popp. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the meet. You are all winners.

**SACRED HEART BAND STUDENTS RECOGNIZED** – On Saturday, December 11, 2010, Sacred Heart Catholic School band students participated in the Association of Texas Small School Bands High School All Region Band tryouts held at Edna High School. The students prepared scales and two exercises and then competed individually against students from schools as far away as Edna, West Columbia, and Stafford. Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's from Victoria were the only parochial schools participating, against schools that were either Class 1A, 2A, or 3A.

Sacred Heart Students who made All Region Band were: Olivia Raphael, placing 10<sup>th</sup> chair Clarinet in the Symphonic Band, Emily Kossa, placing 9<sup>th</sup> chair in the Symphonic Band, and Emily Seyl, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> chair in the Concert Band. Hannah Hines, placed as a trumpet alternate.

Band Director Bill Harrison expressed pride in the success of these students. Congratulations to these talented students!

**KNOWLEDGE BOWL RESULTS** – Three teams from Sacred Heart participated in the Knowledge Bowl sponsored by the Victoria Adult Literacy Council. Sacred Heart's Blue Albatrosses Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of a total of ten teams participating. Congratulations to Hannah Hines, Emily Kossa, Mary Kossa, and Emily Seyl who made up the Blue Albatrosses.

