

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

### MAY 2011

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK** – I hope that all of you had a wonderful Easter, with the hope, joy and peace that comes with the Resurrection of our Lord. As we prepare for the end of the school year, and all the activities and functions we pack into the last few weeks of school, I want to share some quotes from Mary C. Noschang, editor of Today's Catholic Teacher:

*Those who want to leave an impression for one year should plant corn. Those who want to leave an impression for ten years should plant trees. Those who want to leave an impression for a hundred years should educate a human being.* (Ancient Chinese Proverb)

*Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.* Aristotle

It is our goal at Sacred Heart Catholic School to educate the minds AND hearts of our students. When I see all the wonderful things that our students accomplish academically and for our community, church, and school and each other, I know that we are achieving our goal. Thank you to all the parents of our students for supporting us in this goal.

David Smolik, Principal

**NEW DIOCESAN POLICY FOR SEXTING** – The Diocese of Victoria has implemented a new sexting policy, effective immediately for the 2010-11 school year and to be included in the Handbook of Policies and Regulations for Catholic Schools in the diocese. Sexting is defined as: a harmful and dangerous practice that typically occurs when students use cell phones to send others sexually explicit messages or images electronically, primarily between cell phones. The new policy reads: Any behavior (on-campus or off-campus) which is illicit, immoral, or illegal and/or which reflects adversely on the school, subjects the student to disciplinary action, which could result in immediate suspension and/or expulsion. This behavior includes, but is not limited to, sexting, harassment of any kind, or intimidation.

#### **EARLY DISMISSALS**

<b>May 6</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting</b>
<b>May 23-25</b>	<b>High School</b> classes will dismiss at <b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>May 23-24</b>	<b>Grades Pre-K – 8</b> will dismiss at <b>3:15 p.m.</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Grades Pre-K – 8</b> will dismiss at <b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Grades K – 8</b> will dismiss at <b>12:00 noon. No Extended Care</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Grades Pre-K –11</b> will dismiss at <b>9:30 a.m.</b>

**BAD WEATHER MAKE UP DAY** – Thursday, May 26, 2011 will be the make-up day for the bad weather day we took earlier this year. Students in grades K through 8 only will attend school that day and will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. **No Extended Care.**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** – Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> is our last day of school for the 2010-11 school year. There will be a closing liturgy at 8:05 a.m. and dismissal time will be at **9:30 a.m.** **There will be no extended care.**

**MAY CROWNING** – The annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother will be held on Monday, May 2, in the church at 8:05 a.m. Everyone is cordially invited.

**SENIOR APPRECIATION BANQUET MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011** - The Nineteenth Annual Sacred Heart Catholic High School Senior Appreciation Banquet will be held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Family Center. Special guests will be the parents of the senior class. The Seniors of 2011 will honor and give special tribute to their parents for providing them with the opportunity to receive a Catholic education.

The local scholarship recipients will be announced. Representatives from the local scholarship organizations will also be special guests at the banquet and will be recognized.

**SENIOR BACCALAUREATE** – The 2011 Senior Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**SENIOR GRADUATION** – The 2011 Senior Graduation will be held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the Hallettsville Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

**DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD TO BE PRESENTED AT 2011 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES** – The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished Graduate Award will be presented at the SHCHS Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the K.C. Hall. Arlyn Kloesel, a 1957 graduate of Sacred Heart High School will be the recipient of the award.

This award is intended to honor graduates of Catholic schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. Mr. Kloesel received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from The University of Texas College of Pharmacy in 1962. He practiced pharmacy in Austin for 18 years before joining the faculty at UT College of Pharmacy in July 1980.

His honors while teaching at UT College of Pharmacy include: Assistant Dean and Director of Professional Affairs of the College, the Distinguished Senior Lecturer in the College of Pharmacy, 2010 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, 2005 Texas Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005 Texas Pharmacy Association Individual Excellence in Education, and the 2011 Distinguished Service Award, presented by the Texas Society of Health System Pharmacist, the highest honor the Society can bestow on an individual. In 1995 the title of one of the UT College of Pharmacy's most prestigious awards, the Preceptor of the Year Award, was renamed the Arlyn Kloesel Preceptor of the Year Award.

The University of Texas established the Wm. Arlyn and Mary Carol Kloesel Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Pharmacy in 1995, and in 2010, the College of Pharmacy created the Arlyn Kloesel Endowment for Excellence in Pharmacy. Mr. Kloesel and his wife Mary Carol have been married for 50 years and have two sons. Sacred Heart Catholic School is proud to recognize Mr. Kloesel with the Distinguished Graduate Award.

**TUITION AND FEES DUE** – Reminder to parents: all tuition and fees (including band, athletic, and lunch) are due no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>. High school students' fees and tuition must be paid in full to be allowed to take final exams.

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2011-2012** – A special thank you to those persons who have already completed their pre-registration for the 2011-2012 school year. If you still need to register, please remember that the registration fee is now \$150.00 per child. If you need another pre-registration form, please call the school at 798-4251 or go to the school website-[www.shschool.org](http://www.shschool.org) and you can download one.

**CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR** –The 2011-2012 school calendar is included in this newsletter.

**STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE** – The Sacred Heart Catholic High School Student Council will hold their final blood drive for this school year on **Monday, May 16, 2011**, from 10:00 – 6:00 p.m. in front of the Sacred Heart Day Care. Please consider giving the gift of life.

**SHCS ALL AWARDS BANQUET WEDNESDAY, MAY 18** - The Sacred Heart Catholic School Forty-Second Annual All-Awards Banquet will be held on **Wednesday, May 18**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** at the Hallettsville K.C. Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the school office. Tickets are \$7.00 each. **Please purchase your tickets in advance by Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

**BOOSTER CLUB FRIED CHICKEN SUPPER** - The Sacred Heart Booster Club annual fried chicken supper will be held on Wednesday, May 4, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hallettsville. Ticket price is \$7.00 per plate. Please come by the school office if you need additional tickets.



**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RECOGNITION DAY** - The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Day will be held on Wednesday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is cordially invited. A social will follow in the Family Center for the students and their families.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RELIGION AWARD CEREMONY** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 5, in Victoria at OLV Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer will present certificates to the following students: Olivia Bohuslav, daughter of Donald & Pam Bohuslav; Clint Brewer, son of Patrick & Theresa Brewer; Ashlan Bujnoch, daughter of Kenneth Bujnoch; Kelsey Bujnoch, daughter of Kenneth Bujnoch; Dylan Grahmann, son of Allan & Jamie Grahmann; Nicholas Hadash, son of Phillip & Nanci Hadash; Emily Harper, daughter of Anthony & Joyce Harper; Michael Herndon, son of James & Catherine Herndon; Scott Huser, son of Fred & Debra Huser; Hunter Janak, son of Glen & Becky Janak; Braden Jansky, son of Dennis & Sheila Jansky; Kelton Koehne, son of Steven & Shandlyn Koehne; Taylor Opela, daughter of Keith & Susan Opela; Kristin Popp, daughter of Brian & Lori Popp; and Tristan Smolik, son of Richard & Stephanie Smolik. Congratulations to these students!

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALLY KOLOS RECOGNIZED AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY** – The Dean’s Roundtable in the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University selects 20 educators to honor each year. Sally Kolos, a teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic School, was honored April 1, 2011 at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center for her service in the field of education.

Mrs. Kolos received her Bachelor of Science in Business Education with a minor in English from Southwest Texas State University. She has been in the education field for 36 years and is presently teaching English II and III, Basic Communication Information Systems, and accounting.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kolos on being selected as the 2011 Texas A&M University Dean’s Roundtable Outstanding Educator Award recipient. Sally and her husband Jim have two sons, Kevin and Steven, who both graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School.

**PLEDGE MONEY FOR THE MARATHON IS DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011** – Each student in grades Pre-K thru 12 who collects at least \$50.00 in pledge money is eligible for various prizes and will have his/her name entered in the drawings. Each class that collects at least \$1,000.00 will receive an ice cream social.

A student must either collect pledge money and/or donate money to the marathon in order to participate in the ice cream party. A minimum of \$10.00 is required for all students in grades Pre-K-12.

**ANNUAL FUND UPDATE**-A total of \$40,665.00 has been received from 126 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 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.

**LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS PERFORMED BY JUNIOR CLASS** – We want to commend the Sacred Heart Catholic School Junior Class for their outstanding performance of the Live Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday and Good Friday for the entire student body and the parishioners. They were exceptionally reverent and sincere about expressing the message of Christ’s suffering and death.

We also want to commend Mrs. Ruth Barton & Mr. Mike Tankersley, theology teachers, for directing the performance. We all appreciate your extra time and effort.

**CONGRATULATIONS, P.S.I.A DISTRICT WINNERS-** Sacred Heart Catholic School participated in the Private Schools Interscholastic Association District 6A Academic meet held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at St. James Catholic School in Seguin. Forty one students participated in seventy events at the meet. Sacred Heart Catholic School had 20 students win 29 events at the district meet. Among the winners were 7 students who qualified for state in 8 events and 4 more students who qualified as the state alternate in 5 events.

Congratulations to all the District winners on their success. The District winners were as follows:  
**Grade 8:** Olivia Bohuslav – 4<sup>th</sup> in Science; Ashlan Bujnoch – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Science (state alternate); Kelsey Bujnoch – 4<sup>th</sup> in Ready Writing; Dylan Grahmann – 5<sup>th</sup> in Science; Emily Harper – 4<sup>th</sup> in Maps, Graphs and Charts; Taylor Opela\* – 1<sup>st</sup> in Maps, Graphs and Charts and 6<sup>th</sup> in Dictionary Skills; Kristin Popp\* – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ready Writing, 3<sup>rd</sup> in On-Site-Drawing (state alternate), and 5<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics.

**Grade 7:** Madison Etzler – 5<sup>th</sup> in On-Site-Drawing; Luke Harper – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Maps, Graphs, and Charts (state alternate) and 5<sup>th</sup> in Number Sense; Ellen Machicek\* – 1<sup>st</sup> in On-Site-Drawing and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ready Writing.

**Grade 6:** McKenzie Bludau\* – 1<sup>st</sup> in Ready Writing; Braden Popp – 4<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics.

**Grade 5:** John Bludau – 5<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics and 4<sup>th</sup> in Number Sense; Jordan Janak – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Mathematics (state alternate) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Number Sense.

**Grade 4:** Sadie Bludau\* – 1<sup>st</sup> in Ready Writing; Delaney Etzler – 6<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics and 6<sup>th</sup> in Number Sense; Macy Henke\* – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Spelling and 6<sup>th</sup> in Maps, Graphs and Charts; Madison Kutac\* – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ready Writing; Stacie Sykora – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ready Writing (state alternate).

**Grade 1:** Morgan Machac – 6<sup>th</sup> in Storytelling.

#### **\*STATE QUALIFIER**

Other students who participated from Sacred Heart Catholic School were: Callie Bludau, Jami Shimek, Kelsey Bohuslav, Miranda Shimek, Tori Dornak, Austin Kraatz, Savannah Mullins, Shelby Haas, Heidi Smith, Carley Haas, Savannah Baker, Derick Janak, Ella Harper, Trey Ridgeway, Addison Belicek, Graci Shimek, Abigail Clark, Cole Bohuslav, Victoria Kraatz and Cole Jansky. The faculty at Sacred Heart Catholic School would like to commend all the students who competed in the district contest. The events the students entered were as follows: Grade 1 Storytelling and Creative Writing; Grade 2 and 3 Storytelling, Creative Writing and Spelling; Grade 4 Dictionary Skills, Maps, Graphs and Charts, Mathematics, Number Sense, Ready Writing and Spelling; Grade 5 Mathematics, Number Sense, Ready Writing, and Spelling; Grade 6 Mathematics, Number Sense, On-Site-Drawing and Ready Writing; Grade 7 Maps, Graphs and Charts, Mathematics, Number Sense, On-Site-Drawing, Ready Writing, Science, and Spelling and Grade 8 Dictionary Skills, Maps, Graphs and Charts, Mathematics, On-Site-Drawing, Ready Writing and Science.

The students should be commended for the extra time and effort they spent preparing for this meet. Mrs. Doris Fenner, school coordinator for the event, would like to thank all the parents for working with their children as they prepared for this event. She would also like to give a special thank you to the 16 adults who volunteered to help at the district event in 23 different positions. Your extra time and dedication is always greatly appreciated. Once again, congratulations and thank you for your dedication to your children's education. May God bless you in your efforts.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS, 2011-12 CHEERLEADERS**

##### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Head Cheerleader: Kelsie Buchanan

Cheerleaders: Kirsten Heger, Adrienne Klimitchek, Haley Sharp, Katelyn Snider, Ashley Zimmerman, Megan Janak, Rachel Saulnier, Emily Harper, Elizabeth Hefner

##### **JUNIOR HIGH**

Cheerleaders: Callie Bludau, Ellen Machicek, Alyssa Tobola, Madison Etzler, Allison Janak, McKenzie Bludau, Emilie Mudd, Jyllian Hicks

**TRUCK GIVE-AWAY TICKETS AVAILABLE** - A limited number of truck give-away 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 8:00 p.m. at the Spring Church Picnic.

**MARCH HEARTS OF GOLD STUDENTS** – Congratulations to the March Hearts of Gold Students!

**Kindergarten** – Braden Bludau, Kylie Grahmann, and Savannah Filip were selected because they each take such pride in their work. They also color and draw beautifully and really take their time doing a neat job.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – Emilie Griffin and Cole Kubicek are the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Hearts of Gold students because they are very loving and always give hugs to their teacher. When someone is hurt, they want to help and care for them.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – Adam Steffek was chosen because he takes his time to do his work neatly all the time. He asks questions to make sure he is doing things right so he can do a good job in class!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Heidi Smith, Brett Hermes, and Teagan Steffek: these three young ladies are very enthusiastic in the classroom as well as on the playground. They are very energetic and always eager to learn.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Derrick Labay and Tess Horan were chosen because of their generosity. These two students are always ready to share anything they have. They truly have generous “hearts of gold” for others.

**REMINDER**-Anyone working with children and/or youth needs to be safe environment compliant. This includes all chaperones, drivers, riders in a bus or vehicle in route with a school/parish function, CCD teachers, CCD aides, Catholic School faculty and staff, field trip chaperones, GOF teachers working with children, Youth Core Leaders, Life Teen Core, Edge Core, Gabriel Project employees/volunteers, dance teachers, dance chaperones, project chaperones, Teen ACTS adult leaders, and young adult leaders if they are 18 years of age or older, mission chaperones, retreat chaperones, individuals who use any church owned facility or vehicle for the purpose of working with children, individuals who work with organizations which carry the title of the parish/school and meet off-site with children/youth such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior Catholic Daughters, etc. Everyone must receive clearance **before** working with our children and youth. Please check the website at victoriadiocese.org for upcoming classes.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS RAISE \$829.75 THROUGH ST. JUDE MATH-A-THON TO HELP KIDS BATTLING CANCER** - Students in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at Sacred Heart Catholic School

recently participated in the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Math-A-Thon program and raised \$829.75 to help kids battling cancer and other deadly diseases at St. Jude, one of the world’s premier pediatric cancer research centers. The Hallettsville community supported Sacred Heart Catholic School students by making donations in honor of their participation in the program.

“We are very proud of our students for working so hard to raise money for St. Jude through Math-A-Thon,” said Doris Fenner, coordinator of the event and Mr. David Smolik, principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School. “Our school, students and community have helped St. Jude in its work to find cures and save children.”

Math-A-Thon allows students to build and practice essential math skills while they raise funds for kids battling cancer at St. Jude. The program works in the following way: The teacher serves as volunteer coordinator for Math-A-Thon at their school. Participating students solve math problems in a printed Funbook. Students ask family and friends for donations in support of their participation in the Math-A-Thon. All donations are sent to St. Jude, where no child is ever turned away because of the family’s inability to pay.

Now in its 31<sup>st</sup> year, Math-A-Thon is one of America’s largest education-based fundraisers. More than 10,000 schools across the country participate in the program. Math-A-Thon is also one of the most successful fundraising campaigns for St. Jude, having raised nearly \$400 million since its inception.

The future 5<sup>th</sup> graders hope they can participate in the program when they get into the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The present 5<sup>th</sup> graders of Sacred Heart Catholic School would like to thank everyone who donated to this very important charity.

**TAPPS STATE ACADEMIC CONTEST** - The following students attended the TAPPS State Academic meet

at Condordia Lutheran University in Austin on April 1-2, 2011: Haylee Grahmann – Science; Hannah Smith – Social Studies; Emily Kossa – Number Sense & Literary Criticism; Emily Seyl – Spelling; Mary Kossa – Calculator; Hannah Fogle – Prose Interpretation. Congratulations to Emily Seyl who placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Written Spelling. Ruth Barton, Fine Arts Director, attended as sponsor and Jamie Grahmann accompanied the group as chaperone.

**TAPPS STATE ART CONTEST WINNERS AND PARTICIPANTS** - Congratulations to the following students who placed in the TAPPS State Art Contest on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, held at Concordia University in Austin: Hannah Smith, E-Z Cut - 4<sup>th</sup> place and Jamie Vanek, Clay - 4<sup>th</sup> place

Also participating were Calen Janak, Katie Blaschke and Margaret Alvarado. We want to thank Ms. Dorothy Treptow, art teacher for her extra time and effort in preparing these students for the state competition.

**SACRED HEART STUDENTS JOIN HISD STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL YOUTH**

**SERVICE DAY**- High School students Kaitlin Byars, Kristen Henke, Mackenzie Kennedy, Mary Kossa, Ariane Kubena, and Amber Labay, along with Joe and Ana Henke, and Jane Labay, joined over 2 dozen Hallettsville ISD students and staff on April 16, 2011, Global Youth Service Day, to clean up yards around Hallettsville. The students spent the day gathering and loading trash, mowing, cutting branches and shrubs, clearing brush, and sprucing up yards of families who needed this assistance. The joint project between Sacred Heart Catholic School students and Hallettsville ISD students is one of several projects planned for the year, through a Service Learning grant that HISD received this year. Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy integrating meaningful community service with academic study and reflective practice to enrich learning, build civic engagement, and strengthen communities.

**LAVACA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT POSTER/ESSAY WINNERS** – Sacred

Heart Catholic School students were recognized at the Lavaca Soil and Water Conservation District Poster/Essay Awards Presentation held on April 7, 2011. Students who placed in the Poster division were:

Grade 5 - Miranda Shimek, 1<sup>st</sup>; Cullen Mikes, 2<sup>nd</sup>; John Bludau, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 6 – Abigail Ross, 1<sup>st</sup>; Braden Popp, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Nolan Orsak, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 7 – Bailey Grahmann, 1<sup>st</sup>; Lee Koerth, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Madison Etzler, 3<sup>rd</sup>

In the Essay division, 13 and under: Callie Bludau, 1<sup>st</sup>; Dustin Woytek, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ellen Machicek, 3<sup>rd</sup>

In the Essay division, 14 and older: Emily Seyl, 1<sup>st</sup>, Emily Kossa, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jared Krischke, 3<sup>rd</sup>

District Winner in the Essay division 14 and older: Nickolas Patalik, 1<sup>st</sup> place

Congratulations to these students!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Sacred Heart Catholic School would like to thank all the parents and students who provided their time and talents to make this year's marathon a huge success. Sincere thanks to each and every person who supported this event by pledging donations to its participants and especially to the chairperson Lisa Baker. All pledge money and donations need to be turned in as soon as possible.

**SHCHS MENS GOLF TEAM** – Cameron Heger, Casey Jirkovsky, Matt Holub, and Cody Greer participated in the district golf tournament in Lake Jackson on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Other members of the mens' golf team were Ryan Kubena and Nick Patalik.

**CONGRATULATIONS SHCHS INDIANETTES GOLF TEAM**– Congratulations to the Indianettes golf team for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district tournament, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regional tournament and 4<sup>th</sup> in the state tournament in Killeen on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Jacklyn Saulnier, Sarah Romine, Meagan Jurica, Shelby Rivers, and Haley Nidey competed in the district, regional, and state tournaments. Also competing in the district tournament were Shelby McElroy, Shyanne Schlauch, Mary Dru Wagner, Emily Seyl, and Mary Kossa. Other members of the golf team were Megan Janak, Sabrina Koerth, Olivia Raphael, Amber Smolik, and Hannah Fogle.

Congratulations and thank you to our volunteer golf coach Virgil Gutierrez. We appreciate your extra time and effort.

**PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE** – Tom Scott, yearbook advisor, and his yearbook staff have taken many photos of students and school events during the year. These photos are available for purchase, with all proceeds going to the school yearbook fund. To view photos, go to the Sacred Heart Catholic School website, [www.shschool.org](http://www.shschool.org) and there will be a link to complete a form requesting to view photos.

**SACRED HEART BAND COMPETES IN TAPPS STATE COMPETITION**- The Sacred Heart Catholic High School Band participated in the TAPPS State Instrumental Music Contest held on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton, TX. The Band received a 2<sup>nd</sup> Division in the concert competition and a 1<sup>st</sup> Division in the sight reading competition.

The Sacred Heart Jazz combo also received a 1<sup>st</sup> Division rating at the state contest. Members of the combo were: Emily Kossa (11) – Electric Keyboard Bass, Amber Smolik (11) – Piano, Shelby Rivers (11) – Trap Set, Ariane Kubena (10) – Trumpet, Hannah Hines (11), Ariel Fojt (12) – Alto Saxophone, and Jamie Vanek (12) – Alto Saxophone. At the state competition points are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings on solos and ensembles, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings in concert and sight reading and jazz band. The points are totaled, and the school with the most points is awarded Overall State Champion in their classification. The Sacred Heart Indian Band placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Overall for Class 3A.

Sacred Heart Band students also competed in solos and ensemble competition on the same day. The band students won a total of 25 medals for their solos and ensembles.

Those students receiving a 1<sup>st</sup> Division rating and a medal for their solo were: Marianne Herndon (10) – Flute Solo; Olivia Raphael (12) – Clarinet Solo; Haylee Grahmann (12) – Flute Solo; Hannah Hines (11) – Trumpet Solo

Ensemble members winning a 1<sup>st</sup> Division rating and a medal were: Flute trio- Haylee Grahmann (12), Emily Kossa (11), and Amber Smolik (11); Flute trio- Kelsie Buchanan (11), Shelby McElroy (11), and Amber Smolik (11); Clarinet Quartet – Amber Labay (10), Kirsten Heger (10), Robyn Pavlicek (10), and Olivia Raphael (12); Brass Quartet – Lauren Huser (10), Ariane Kubena (10), Christopher Kunz (10), and Brady Sitka (10).

Congratulations to the Sacred Heart Band students for their outstanding performances and to Mr. William Harrison, our band director. We also want to thank the Band Parents Club for their support and a special thank you to the chaperones who accompanied the band to Belton.

**COUNSELOR’S CORNER:** This is an exciting time of year as seniors are receiving notification of scholarships that they have been awarded and many more scholarships will be announced at the upcoming scholarship banquet. The seniors have worked hard on their scholarship applications and now will begin to see their efforts pay off. Congratulations Seniors!

**Texas Day on College Week Live** - Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is Texas Day on the College Week Live website: [www.CollegeWeekLive.com](http://www.CollegeWeekLive.com). For all juniors, and even freshmen and sophomores, and parents, you can “visit” Texas colleges on line and “talk” with admissions representatives. Register for free. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about Texas colleges. You can interact live with students currently enrolled at the colleges and watch live keynote presentations from admissions representatives.

**Summer Opportunities**-There will be a Health Careers Week at Lavaca Medical Center June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> for students who are interested in a health professions career. The students will tour different departments, observe clinical and non-clinical presentations, and go to Houston to observe open heart surgery. There is a \$50 fee for the week. To find out more, call Jennifer Hagan at 798-3671 or students can pick up an application from Mrs. Henke.

### **Important Dates**

**May 7** – SAT test date

**May 6-** deadline to register for June 11<sup>th</sup> ACT and June 4<sup>th</sup> SAT

**June 4-** SAT test date (this is the final SAT test this academic year; the next one is in October)

**June 11** – ACT test date (this is the final ACT test this academic year; the next one is in September)

Practice tests for both exams are available in my office.

Students can also go to [www.testprepreview.com](http://www.testprepreview.com) for practice.

**ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS:** We are in the busiest time of year for school sports. Our Girls softball team has won the District Championship and are preparing for another playoff run and hopefully a 5th straight State Championship. The Baseball team is in a tie for first place and will be playing a tiebreaker game against Austin Regents to determine the District Champion, and then they too will be on their playoff run. Other than that we also have golf, tennis and track in progress. Check the schedules and get out and support our student athletes.

The Fried Chicken Plate to Go meal is on Wednesday May 4. As you read this I hope that your student has already sold and turned in all their tickets. If you can sell more, please do so. Additional tickets can be picked up at the school office. Please come out and lend a hand at the KC hall that day. As always it will be a real good time and some real good fried chicken.

Please make a note that since our Fried Chicken PTG meal is on the first Wednesday in May, our May meeting will be on Tuesday May 24th, at 7:30 PM in the Hall of Fame room at the KC Hall. We will be electing officers that night. We still need some volunteers who would like to serve as a booster club officer. If you are interested please give me a call at 361-772-0019.

Thanks,  
Richard Klmitchek

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-**

Five Sacred Heart Catholic High School students will receive the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (the Pre-ACT) Assessment, which was administered in October. These students met or exceeded the ACT's College Readiness Benchmark scores in English, mathematics, reading and science.

The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are: Adrienne Klmitchek, daughter of Richard & Sheila Klmitchek; Mary Kossa, daughter of Michael & Linda Kossa; Ariane Kubena, daughter of Chris & Julie Kubena; Christopher Kunz, son of Darren & Donna Kunz; and Amber Labay, daughter of Duane & Jane Labay. Congratulations to these students!

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Sacred Heart Catholic High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN MAY!

1 Ava Grace Tankersley Sabrina Bludau Mrs. Charlene Pillow	19 Cade Steffek Payton Webb
2 Kaylin Dworsky	21 Victoria Kraatz
3 Stephanie Sykora	23 Luke Scherer Kaitlen Byars Mrs. Debi Bludau
5 Jacob Barton	24 Jordyn Hicks
7 Karley Pilat	25 Casey Jirkovsky
10 Trent Janak Casey Mueller Mr. Robert Svetlik	26 Amber Labay
11 Austin Kraatz	29 John Bludau
13 Adam Steffek	30 Cole Bohuslav Julie Brown
16 Drayton Henneke	31 Mary Dru Wagner
17 Mr. Joe Cash	

## Happy Anniversary!

May 2 Randy & Kay Jones  
May 5 Clarence & Diane Wenske  
May 21 Tom & Sharon Wick

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**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
ATHLETICS 2011-2012**

S.H.C.S. athletes will be requesting your support by purchasing a Sacred Heart Booster Club membership and/or an ad for the 2011-2012 football program. These are being solicited at this time so as to avoid the problem of contacting the student athletes during the summer. The Booster Club membership and the football ad can be a business, family or individual. The ad is one line in the football program. The cost of each is \$10.00. Please return the completed form below with payment to the school by Friday, May 13. All checks are to be made payable to the Sacred Heart Athletic Fund.

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**Return by Friday, May 13**

I am interested in purchasing a

\_\_\_\_\_ 2011-2012 Booster Club membership for \$10.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2011-2012 Football Program ad for \$10.00.

Please print how you want your line ad to appear in the football program.

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I have enclosed my payment for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Print name

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Signature

**\*ALL PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE SPORTS MUST BE A  
PAID MEMBER OF THE BOOSTER CLUB.**