



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

### NOVEMBER 2011

#### CELEBRATING NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

In the past ten years, in spite of the economy and escalating building costs, more than 460 new Catholic schools opened across the nation. Countless others, including Sacred Heart Catholic School, have expanded both their vision and their physical plants to serve the educational needs of youth.

The largest number of schools has been in the Mideast with 117 openings, closely followed by the West with 112 and the Southwest with 95. Yet every region has experienced growth, according to statistics collected by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) beginning in 2000 through the most recent report for the 2010-11 school year.

Too often news coverage today reports on Catholic school closings and consolidations – admittedly there are many – without giving the other side of the story. The missing information is equally as compelling, newsworthy and even a little sensational.

There are a total of 6,980 Catholic elementary or secondary schools in the United States. What sets these Catholic schools apart from other schools in the nation?

Three things, say educators, parents, and community leaders: faith, academics, and service. 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 of good citizenship.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEETSTAKES FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring the Sweepstakes and has donated one grand prize for the entire Sweepstakes and fourteen secondary prizes.**

**Grand Prize includes the choice of:**

**2012 Ford F150 Truck OR 2012 Ford Fusion Sedan OR Prepaid \$20,000 Visa Credit Card**

**Secondary Prizes:**

**(4) Prepaid \$2,500 Visa Credit Cards**

**(10) Prepaid \$1,000 Visa Credit Cards**

#### **INCENTIVE PRIZES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

- ✓ 100% of the tickets sales stay at Sacred Heart Catholic School – Our goal is to sell 10,000 tickets with the possibility of raising \$50,000 for Sacred Heart Catholic School.
- ✓ **Student prizes that Catholic Life Insurance is providing:** One 2-GB iPod Shuffle will be given to the overall top seller at SCHS in Grades Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 1 top seller in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. (Student must sell 100 tickets or more to be eligible.)
- ✓ The Top Selling Class in Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and the Top Selling Class in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade from Sacred Heart Catholic School will receive a pizza party if the school sells 2,500 tickets or more.
- ✓ **Sacred Heart Catholic School Prizes:** The Top Seller in each grade level will receive a \$30.00 pre-paid gift card. The name of each family that sells 50 tickets or more will be placed in a drawing for one month's free tuition. Your name will be added again for each additional 50 tickets sold.

Every Sacred Heart Catholic School family has received 20 tickets to buy and/or sell. More tickets are available from Joyce Smolik in the Elementary Library Media Center or Kathy Haas in the front office.

## **EARLY DISMISSALS**

**Tuesday, November 1 – 2:00 p.m. dismissal for Diocesan Transportation Policy Training**

**Friday, November 4 - 2:00 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2011 – 12:00 noon dismissal for Thanksgiving Holidays**

**Thanksgiving Holidays – November 24 - 25, 2011**

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS** – Tuesday, November 1, 2011, is the Solemnity of All Saints. Throughout the world, Catholics celebrate this day by honoring the saints.

**FEAST OF ALL SOULS** - Wednesday, November 2, 2011, is the Feast of All Souls. The Feast of All Souls is also called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. We express our belief in the communion of saints as we pray that our beloved dead will be received as heaven's holy men and women.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES AND ROSARY** - The high school students will travel to the cemetery to pray the Rosary at 9:00 a.m. and participate in the blessing of the graves on Wednesday, November 2, 2011.

**VETERAN'S CEREMONY** - Sacred Heart Catholic School will observe Veteran's Day on Friday, November 11, beginning with ceremonies in front of the flagpole at 10:15 a.m. Members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and Ladies' Auxiliaries have been invited to attend. Everyone is welcome.

**BAND TAMALE SALE, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** – The Sacred Heart Band Booster Club will hold their tamale sale from October 17<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>. Regular pork and jalapeno tamales are \$8.00 per dozen, and chicken tamales will be sold for \$10.00 per dozen. Tamales can be purchased from any band member or the following Band Booster Club officers: Tim Hines at 798-5554; Becky McElroy at 798-2831; Karen Wysocki at 512-332-6365 or the school office at 798-4251. Delivery will be on November 17, 2011, at the Sacred Heart Parish Family Center from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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**The deadline to purchase a yearbook at the price of \$65.00 is Friday, December 2, 2011.** After this date, the order price will become \$70.00 until March 31, 2012. No extra copies will be ordered. If there are overrun copies from the final shipment by the publishing company, they will be sold at \$75.00 each. You also have the option of printing a name on the cover of your book at the cost of \$5.00. Plastic protective covers are available at \$2.00 each. Thank you to all who placed early yearbook orders!

**2012-13 PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN EARLY NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION** - We are in the process of planning for the 2012-13 school year. Please notify the school now if you are planning on enrolling a child in Pre-Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten for the 2011-12 school year.

Please be reminded that your child must be 4 years old on/or before Sept. 1, 2012 for Pre-Kindergarten and 5 years old on/or before Sept. 1, 2011 for Kindergarten.

There is no registration fee due at this time and your name will be put on our list for the 2012-13 school year. We can enroll only a limited number of students so please call or come by the school office as soon as possible.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VENERABLE JEANNE CHEZARD DE MATEL** – We will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Jeanne Chezard de Matel on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Jeanne was born in France in 1596. As a young girl, she had a strong faith and a deep desire to be closer to Jesus. As she grew, she prayed and discovered that God was calling her to begin a religious order devoted to making Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved by all people around her. The order that she founded is called the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. In 1882, these sisters opened Sacred Heart Catholic School, and Incarnate Word sisters have continued to minister here for all of the school's 129 year history.

Since this is the month of the Poor Souls in purgatory, let us reflect on some words from Jeanne de Matel's Prayer for the Dead from her writings:

Prayer for the Dead

Divine Wisdom,  
how much You are glorified in Your chosen ones  
who have lived holy lives!  
Oh, how true it is  
that the torments of death do not touch them.  
Their angels present them to You  
in the evening of their lives.  
Then You take them,  
crown them with your mercy, and adorn them with majesty.

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS** - Although the Diocese of Victoria endeavors to establish a harmonious Christian atmosphere within its schools, it recognizes that misunderstandings or differences of opinion sometimes occur. Ideally, such matters can be resolved informally by a parent or guardian meeting with the immediate authoritative person to discuss the matter. If, however, the matter is not then settled to the parent or guardian's satisfaction, and the parent or guardian believes the dispute to be a misapplication or misinterpretation of a school related policy, only then may the parent or guardian institute a formal grievance. A formal grievance must be in writing and must be received in five (5) working days following the occurrence of the event on which the grievance is based. Please contact the principal for a copy of the Diocese's current appeals/grievance procedure for further details. Also, please note that current policy supersedes and replaces all previous policy and statements regarding institution and processing of formal grievances within the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Victoria.

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**THANK YOU, FRIENDS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION-** The Sacred Heart Catholic School Family would like to thank the Friends For Catholic Education (FFCE) organization for their recent grant of \$4,710.00. The grant included \$1,350.00 for bus transportation for 21 students from the Schulenburg area to Hallettsville and \$3,360.00 for quarterly subsidy payments for students from the Schulenburg Deanery.

Friends For Catholic Education is a tax-exempt, non-profit, publicly supported organization dedicated to the promotion of Catholic education and the preservation of Catholic schools. Since its beginning in 1989, Friends For Catholic Education has contributed in excess of \$746,000.00 to area Catholic schools. All donations, bequests, gifts or legacies are tax deductible. Persons interested in making a contribution should contact Friends For Catholic Education, P.O. Box 215, Schulenburg, TX 78956.

A total of 90 students from Schulenburg and the surrounding areas have graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic High School since 1989. We want to commend the members of the FFCE for providing these young people with the opportunity to receive a Catholic high school education.

**CONGRATULATIONS, LIONS CLUB PUNT, PASS, AND KICK WINNERS** -The annual Hallettsville Lions Club Punt, Pass and Kick contest was held recently at the Hallettsville Brahma Stadium. A total of 80 young people, ages 6 – 12, participated.

Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart students who placed in the contest. The first place winners advanced to the District Punt, Pass, & Kick Contest.

6 Year Olds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Myles Machicek	106 feet
8 Year Olds	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Luke Bludau	132 feet
9 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Josh Steffek	178.5 feet
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Nolan Steffek	164.5 feet
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Dalton Grahmann	148 feet
10 Year Olds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Lane Leopold	193 feet
11 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Logan Holik	234 feet
12 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Jacob Janak	244 feet
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Jordan Janak	221 feet

**JR. HIGH STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM**

- Nine Sacred Heart Junior High students qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) for the 2011-2012 school year. The nine students are: McKenzie Bludau, daughter of Brian and Janice Bludau; Sarah Bludau, daughter of Thomas and Gayle Bludau; Ryan Hadash, son of Phillip and Nanci Hadash; Angela Ivey, daughter of Mark and Geraldine Ivey; Kolby Janak daughter of Glen and Becky Janak; Kailyn Malaer, daughter of Brian and Balinda Malaer; Samuel Machicek, son of Anthony and Sherry Machicek; Aimee Rivers, daughter of Randal and Angela Rivers; Brock Sitka, son of Russell and Tanya Sitka.

This program recognizes high-achieving seventh graders and gives them the opportunity to measure their verbal and mathematics abilities by qualifying them to take the SAT or the ACT college entrance exam. In order to become eligible for this honor, students must score exceptionally high (within the top 5%) on their sixth grade achievement tests.

The students, along with other TIP participants, have the option of taking either the ACT or the SAT exam in December or January. Both of these exams are designed for college-bound high school juniors and seniors. The results of the exam will give the students the opportunity to determine how well they are academically prepared at this stage of their education. The data received is also a means of comparison with other TIP participants and with junior and senior students. TIP recognition enables the participants to receive educational materials and programs for advanced students throughout their high school careers. High-scoring individuals will receive an invitation to a special Duke University Talent Identification Program state recognition ceremony.

Congratulations to these students!

**QUALITY KIDS RECOGNIZED FOR SEPTEMBER** – The Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers recognized the following students in September for showing the quality of “Respect”.

Kindergarten – Lillieana Bludau and Maryn Machac; First Grade – Emma Baucom and Kylie Grahmann; Second Grade – Will Harper and Matthew Roznovsky; Third Grade – Emma Nieto and Trey Ridgeway; Fourth Grade – Blake Shimek and Carley Haas

Congratulations to these respectful students!

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 14** – The Sacred Heart Catholic High School Student Council will be having a blood drive on Monday, November 14, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the school. We encourage everyone who is able and willing to give blood to come out and donate. Tell a friend.

**COUNSELOR’S CORNER** - **Senior info:** Seniors who plan to apply to college or technical school need to be completing those applications now.

**Junior info:** Juniors who plan to take either the SAT or ACT in the spring need to register now. To register for the ACT, go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). To register for the SAT, go to [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com). Students may also get applications from Mrs. Henke.

**Important Dates:**

Nov. 4 – deadline to register for December 10<sup>th</sup> ACT

Nov. 5 – SAT test date

Nov. 8 – deadline to register for December 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT

Dec 1 – College Fair, Victoria College Sports Center, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 3 – SAT test date; Jan. 28, 2012 – SAT test; March 10, 2012 – SAT test

Dec. 10 – ACT test date; Feb. 11, 2012 – ACT test; April 14, 2012 – ACT test

## **BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

1 Cole Mullen	6 Kelsie Buchanan	22 Braden Bludau
2 Allyshia Grahmann	7 Mrs. Kim Henke	Sister Colette Kouba
Haley Nidey	8 Shelby McElroy	23 Braxton Ranly
3 Garrett Ridgeway	Shyanne Schlauch	Clay Rother
Connor Popp	14 Henri Vincik	Angel Soto
Cadie Perez	Mike Tankersley	24 Nickolas Patalik
Dustin Woytek	16 Karlye Bujnoch	26 Dallas Layton
Mr. Virgil Gutierrez	17 Emma Baucom	Sarah Bludau
4 Carley Haas	18 Trenton Kraatz	29 Macy Henke
6 Jami Shimek	20 Tyler Wagner	30 Cole Wick

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov. 17 Charles & GERALYN Klimitchek

Nov. 22 David & Joyce Smolik

Nov. 29 Robert & Kim Henke

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## Thanksgiving

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson



May God Bless you and your family abundantly.

***From The Sacred Heart Catholic School Faculty and Staff***