



# Sacred Heart Catholic School

**SPREADING GOD'S LOVE SINCE 1882**

*The Mission of Sacred Heart Catholic School is to teach Gospel values that will foster the spiritual, moral, academic, social, and physical growth of the students according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament.*

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## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER 2021

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Sacred Heart Catholic School has completed 139 years of Catholic Education. Last year was quite an interesting year. Thanks to great families and an amazing staff, we successfully completed the 2020-2021 school year under COVID 19 restrictions. We had a very eventful year with many great student accomplishments. The Sacred Heart Catholic School graduating Class of 2021 consisted of 19 young adults ready for the next journey in life. We are very proud of the students, staff, and coaches for all that they did to make last year a great year, despite all the challenges and changes due to COVID.

The 2021/22 School year began successfully and we look forward to all that this year has to offer. We started the year with an increase in enrollment to 275 students, including students coming from neighboring communities such as Schulenburg, Weimar, and Victoria. We want to welcome all of our new families to our Sacred Heart Catholic School family.

We had a busy summer including replacing more windows in the high school wing, with plans of replacing the remaining windows in the high school this fall. This will complete our window replacement project for the original school building. Additionally, a sidewalk with handrails was constructed from the band hall to the mini gym to the weight room. We will also be adding new turf flooring in the mini gym. This turf will eliminate many safety concerns for students in all grade levels and provide an extra facility for students to use for football, softball, baseball and offseason workouts.

On the back is a list of the major upcoming events for the school year. We hope to see many of our alumni there!

Be sure to connect with us on Facebook – Sacred Heart Catholic School - and on the school website – [www.shschool.org](http://www.shschool.org) - to see all that is going on at our school. Our booster club and band also have Facebook pages - Sacred Heart Booster Club and Sacred Heart Hallettsville Band Boosters – so check those out as well.

Enclosed is a packet of Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes raffle tickets. We ask for your support with this fundraiser which helps enhance staff salaries and also goes toward general operating expenses. YOU, our alumni, are such an important part of our Sacred Heart family. We appreciate all that our alumni do to support our school, students, and staff.

**THANK YOU!**

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Alumni, Greetings from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Hallettsville. I am happy to say that we are all well and we keep moving forward. Here at Sacred Heart we have a great history and we look forward to a great long future.

We have many returning teachers and staff members along with a number of new members who are very talented and very qualified. We have many returning students and also many new students and families from here and elsewhere. There is a great Catholic atmosphere on campus as we begin this new school year.

Be sure to thank Sacred Heart Catholic School for helping you to get where you are today. Please continue to support Sacred Heart Catholic School for now and in the future. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

I have been here at Sacred Heart for 27 years and have enjoyed every bit of it. Sacred Heart Parish is very blessed to have such a great school. Pray for us as we pray for you.

Msgr. John C. Peters

### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES

Once again, Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring the Catholic School Sweepstakes that will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School. Enclosed is a packet of Sweepstakes tickets. This is an amazing opportunity for our school. Our goal this year is to sell 10,000 tickets for a net profit of \$50,000.00. The past eleven years we have sold 63,601 tickets for a net profit of \$318,005. The Sweepstakes funds have been, and will continue to be used to enhance our staff salaries and support our school general operating expenses. This year's prizes for the Catholic School Sweepstakes are: GRAND PRIZE - CHOICE OF: 2022 Ford F150 Truck or 2022 Ford Focus Sedan or Prepaid \$20,000 Visa Credit Card. Drawing will be held February 14, 2022 at the Catholic Life Insurance office in San Antonio. All prizes are donated by Catholic Life Insurance. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Thank you in advance for your support.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Note:** All events are subject to change or cancellation. Contact the school to find out more about the events listed below. 361-798-5888

**September 27, 2021** – Pork Dinner Fundraiser

**FALLING LEAVES GALA** – Oct. 16, 2021; \$100 per couple - includes dinner, open bar, dance and raffle prizes. For more information or to reserve your ticket, call the KC Hall at 361-798-2311 or email [kchall2006@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kchall2006@sbcglobal.net).

**SACRED HEART HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STRUDEL BAKE** – October 30<sup>th</sup>

**BAND TAMALES SALE** – The Sacred Heart Band Booster Club annual tamale sale will be held mid-October until mid-November. Regular pork, jalapeno and chicken varieties will be available for purchase from any band member or call the school office at 361-798-4251.

**BOOSTER CLUB FUDGE SALE** – December 12<sup>th</sup> - The Sacred Heart Catholic School Booster Club fudge sale will be November and December. These make great Christmas gifts! Check out the booster club website for more information: [www.shboosters.com](http://www.shboosters.com) Contact Shanna Clark for more information on how to purchase this delicious fudge. Email her at [shanna.clark@shschool.org](mailto:shanna.clark@shschool.org) or Call 361-772-8527 or email the Booster club at: [shboosters@outlook.com](mailto:shboosters@outlook.com)

**January 19, 2022** – HSA Spaghetti Supper

**January 30-Feb. 4, 2022** – Catholic Schools Week

**February 3, 2022** – Open House, Coronation, and soup & sandwiches

**ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA** - Saturday, February 5, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the KC Hall in Hallettsville; includes a social hour, hors d'oeuvres, steak dinner for two, evening dance with live music, raffle, and silent auction. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.

**February 28, 2022** – SHS Junior High Track Meet

**March 3-4-5, 2022** – SHS Baseball Tournament

**March 4, 2022** – KC Fish Fry

**March 25, 2022** – KC Fish Fry

**POLKA FEST** – March 25-27, 2022

**MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
April 29, 2022

**May 4, 2022** – Booster Club Fried Chicken Supper

**2022 GRADUATION** - Sunday, May 22, 2022  
KC Hall, 4:00 p.m.

**SPRING PICNIC** – Sunday, May 29, 2022

## HOME COMING 2021

**Game: Friday, October 9, 2021, 7:30 p.m.** - Brahma Memorial Stadium; Sacred Heart Indians vs. Central Texas Christian  
**Half Time - Introduction of Homecoming Court**  
Crowning of 2021 Homecoming King and Queen  
GRADUATES OF 1951, 1956, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 will be recognized.

**Pep Rally** - Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>; 6:00 p.m.

**Memorial Mass** - Saturday, October 10, 2021, 3:00 p.m.; Mass will be live streamed on the church's Facebook page. All deceased alumni will be recognized. If you have a deceased relative who was an alumni, or know of a classmate who is deceased, please call our office so we can update our alumni information. 361-798-5888;

**Dinner and dance** – Following the mass

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are blessed to have several new, highly experienced staff members joining our Sacred Heart Catholic School family. If you see them around, please welcome them!

**Paul Darilek** – Assistant Principal, Coach; BS in Education from SWTSU; MEd in Education Administration & Supervision from UHV; 31 years in education; “I recently retired from public education and always knew that I would eventually get back into the field. Choosing to work at a Catholic school was really the draw for me. It sure is nice to be able to pray before, during, and after practice. It has already made me a better Catholic.”

**Jacob Heck** – Band Director; BA in Music Education and BA in Music Performance from Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Master's degree in Music - Percussion Performance from Oklahoma City University; 8th year of teaching; “I chose to work at Sacred Heart because I'm passionate about teaching in a family atmosphere and I feel blessed to teach in a faith-based environment. I hope to instill a lifelong love of music in all my students!”

**John Nira** – Theology teacher; BA in Religious Ed. from St. Edward's University; MA & PhD from The Catholic University of America; 39 years teaching in college prep/high schools, university, and Parish Formation. “I was warmly welcomed when I visited the campus earlier this summer, and I began to feel a part of the Sacred Heart family. My goal is for the High School theology program to help students understand, celebrate, share and live their faith in school, in their families and community.”

**Brad Oden** – Athletic Director, Head Football Coach; BS in kinesiology and MEd in Administration, both from Lamar University; He has worked in numerous schools as a coach as well as a principal. Coach Oden began working at Sacred Heart in March of this year and has made improvements to our athletic program. He has exciting new ideas and goals for our school. He was excited to see many students coming early in the mornings to work out in the weight room during the summer.

## SACRED HEART BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club has t-shirts and other spirit items for sale. It's a great way to support our booster club and school! To purchase items, go to: [www.shboosters.com](http://www.shboosters.com)