



# 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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## GOOD NEWS BULLETIN August 2023

### NOTICES!

#### FACULTY INSERVICE

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

#### FIRST DAY OF CLASSES –

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:58

NO SCHOOL MASS; Dismissal will be at regular times: K – 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:15; 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:45

SCHOOL PICTURES – School pictures will be on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information will be sent home with your children.

CAFETERIA PRICES – PK-4th grade \$4.50; 5th - 12th grade \$5.00; Faculty \$6.00; Guests \$7.00

#### HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> -

7:00 p.m. in the Family Center for **all new** high school students and parents. Contact Mrs. Ana Henke with questions: [ana.henke@shschool.org](mailto:ana.henke@shschool.org)

#### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT ORIENTATION - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> -

6:00 p.m. in the school computer lab. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and new junior high students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Fifth grade teachers will be introduced and will give a brief presentation regarding their subject area. Contact Mrs. Doris Fenner at [doris.fenner@shschool.org](mailto:doris.fenner@shschool.org) with any questions.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL MASS, OPEN HOUSE & MEET THE TEACHERS –

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by Home & School Association meeting, meet the teachers, and hot dog meal in the Family Center. Students may bring their school supplies.

Thank you from Willilam Pettus, Holy Trinity Seminarian:

Thank you so much for the generous gifts as support for my spring semester at Holy Trinity Seminary. Thank you also for the support y'all give through your prayers for us seminarians and for vocations in our diocese. Know of my prayers for our school family, and Go Big Blue!

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Back to school and back to success! Summer time is winding down. We've had a very busy summer with our normal summertime activities plus some remodeling. We are in the process of constructing handicap ramps and new steps at the front entrance. Additionally, we are increasing our safety measures with another set of doors in the front foyer. These projects have been a long time coming, and we look forward to their completion.

We are very excited that we will have a lot of new faces as our enrollment has jumped. We are expecting over 50 new students, including over 25 new Pre-K students. This brings our total enrollment to 322 students in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Please welcome our new students and families to Sacred Heart this year.

We have been very blessed to have some amazing new staff members join the Sacred Heart team: Athletic Director Alex Seydler, Music teacher Andrea Aselin, teacher/coach Reid Timm, and new SHINE (Sacred Heart Individual Needs Education) Director, Dr. Christy Gregory. We are very excited about our new staff members.

The SHINE Program: Over the past years, there has been an increase in student needs due to more knowledge of differences in learning styles and disabilities. The SHINE program will provide services for students who we were not able to service in the past and also increase our focus on providing services to our current students who have learning differences. Our director, Dr. Christy Gregory, comes from St. Lawrence Catholic School in Sugar Land and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to better serve our students of all ages.

Mark your calendars for August 6<sup>th</sup> for our Back to School Mass at 5:00 p.m. and Meet the Teacher event. Students will be allowed to bring their school supplies on that day and take them to their classrooms after Mass.

We are looking forward to an AMAZING school year! Don't forget that school begins on Thursday, August 10, 2023.

### HOMEcoming WEEK 2023

#### PEP RALLY – To Be Determined

#### HOMEcoming GAME – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

7:30 P.M. at Hallettsville Brahma Memorial Stadium  
Sacred Heart vs. Louise

#### MASS, DINNER, DANCE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Memorial Mass, 3:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Social 5:00 – 6:00; Dinner 6:00 – 7:30; Knights of Columbus Hall  
Chicken Fried Steak Dinner With All The Trimmings; Meal Ticket \$12.00;  
Purchase tickets at the school; Private Homecoming Dance 7:30 – 11:30

All Sacred Heart students, alumni, family & guests are invited.

#### INTERMISSION - Crowning of the 2023 Homecoming King and Queen

GRADUATES OF '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98,  
2003, 2008, 2013, 2018, 2023 will be recognized

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**2023 - 2024 SAT TESTS:** Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> \*; Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> \*; March 9<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> \*, June 1<sup>st</sup> ; \* Denotes offered at HHS; Deadline to register for Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> test – July 28<sup>th</sup>; Deadline to register for Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> test – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>; To register, go to: [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register) For practice tests, go to <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

**2023 – 2024 ACT TESTS:** Sept.9<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>; Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>; April 13<sup>th</sup>; June 8<sup>th</sup>; July 13<sup>th</sup> Deadline to register for Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> test – Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> ; Deadline to register for Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> test – Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>; To register, go to: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**High School Orientation** for ALL new high school students & parents, Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – for students & parents: Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in the Family Center

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** – for students & parents; Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in the Family Center

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** – for students & parents: Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in the Family Center

**2024 SENIORS:** Some college applications open in July. Check the websites of the colleges that you want to apply to and find out when their applications open. If you submit an application this summer, and need a transcript sent, email Ana Henke.

**DUAL CREDIT CLASSES** – Students who are taking dual credit classes need to check their Victoria College Pirate Portal for messages or updates. To set up their Pirate Portal, students need to go to: <https://victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/Registration> Click on “Pirate Portal” which takes them to a link where they can set up their Pirate Portal.

**COUNSELOR** – Ana Henke  
[ana.henke@shschool.org](mailto:ana.henke@shschool.org)

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Bryce Chovanetz	18 Ainsley Grahmann
2 Mrs. Sally Kolos	Mrs. Dorothy Jansky
8 Landon Chovanetz	Everett Kubenka
Audrey Dvorak	19 James Bludau
Vail Krischke	20 Emma Beach
9 Taylor Sobotik	Kaylee Whited
11 Easton Olivarez	21 Kaycee Schindler
12 Brennon Ralston	Kutter Hollas
14 Brody Etzler	22 David Brown
Karley Kostelnik	27 Baye Shimek
Tryce Migl	28 Ty Lewis
15 Amryn Etzler	Phoenix Richter-Trejo
Landry Absher	Mrs. Sarah Hawkins
16 Alyssa Zbranek	30 Lynlie Janak

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Nathan & Jill Etzler (10 years)
- 16 – Charles & Kathy Haas (47 years)
- 20 – Mike & Barbara Tankersley (45 years)

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**ANNUAL INDIAN OPEN GOLF CLASSIC** Saturday, September 2, 2023 at the Hallettsville Municipal Golf Course. This benefits Sacred Heart Catholic School teachers. Call Pete Murphy 832-817-8147 for more information or go to <https://www.facebook.com/sacredhearttexas> Flyers available at the school.

**2023-2024 SCHOOL FEES** - According to School Advisory Council policy, for a student to be officially enrolled at Sacred Heart Catholic School and participate in extra-curricular activities, as well as for liability insurance reasons, the first month's tuition and all school fees must be paid by registration. Students will not be allowed to begin football or volleyball practice until these fees have been paid. Please call the school at 361-798-4251 if you have any questions.

**TUITION PAYMENT ENVELOPES** – will be sent home with your oldest child with their school packets at the start of school

**MORNING JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC PRACTICES** – Junior High athletic practice will begin at 7:45 a.m. Monday through Thursday and continue on into first period physical education. Students may arrive at 7:30. This practice time is for all students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades who will participate in athletics. Students in those grades who are not participating in athletics will report to the gym at 7:58 a.m. for first period P.E.. On Mass Days all students in grades 6 - 8 will report to their homeroom at 7:58 a.m. If there are any changes to this schedule, we will inform students & parents.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION** – New employees or volunteers, go to:

<https://victoriadiocese.org/required-online-applicationbackground-check>

For renewing safe environment training, go to:

<https://victoriadiocese.org/online-renewal-recertification-training>

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB MEETING** – Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 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!

**MEET THE INDIANS AND INDIANETTES, AND HOT DOG SUPPER** – Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the gym

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL BAR-B-QUE PORK DINNER** - Sacred Heart Catholic School is sponsoring a Bar-B-Que Pork Dinner on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Plates-to-go will be served from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$12.00 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.

**STRUDEL BAKE** – October 14<sup>th</sup>; Order forms will be in the Sept. newsletter. Pecans are needed! They can be dropped off at the school.

**2024 YEARBOOK** – The 2024 Phoenix yearbook can be ordered through August 25<sup>th</sup> for \$70.00. After August 25<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$80.00.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** An easy way to support our school! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your Box Tops earnings to our school online. Visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> for more information.

**SHS TRAFFIC PATROL** – We need volunteers to help direct traffic at 7:30 in the morning in front of school on Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday and in front of PRE K 3 on Monday Tuesday, & Friday. Please consider volunteering or find someone to alternate with you monthly. Contact Karen Janak 798-6898 or [mkjanak2018@gmail.com](mailto:mkjanak2018@gmail.com)