



# 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 2025**

### **NOTICES!**

#### **FACULTY INSERVICE**

August 1st, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES** –

Thursday, August 14th – K-4th starts at 7:53 a.m. and 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> starts at 7:58 a.m.

**NO SCHOOL MASS;** Dismissal will be at regular times: K – 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.

**SCHOOL PICTURES** – School pictures will be on Wednesday, September 3rd. Information will be sent home with your children.

**CAFETERIA PRICES** – PK-4th grade \$4.50; 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade \$5.00; Faculty \$6.00; Guests \$7.00

#### **HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION - Thursday,**

**AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center for **all new** high school students and parents. Contact Mrs. Karen Mudd with questions: [karen.mudd@shschool.org](mailto:karen.mudd@shschool.org)

#### **JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT ORIENTATION –**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00 p.m. in the school library. 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 10th – PreK 3 & 4 thru 12<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher at 3:30p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. then Home and School Association Meal in the Family Center. Students may bring their school supplies.

**HOMECOMING PEP RALLY – Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**HOMECOMING GAME – FRIDAY, October 24, 2025** - Sacred Heart vs. Tomball Rosehill  
**MASS, DINNER, DANCE - SATURDAY,**

**October 25, 2025** - Memorial Mass, 2:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Chicken Fried Steak Dinner Meal Ticket \$13.00; Purchase tickets at the school; Private Homecoming Dance - All SH students, alumni, family & guests are invited. **INTERMISSION** – Crowning of the 2025 Homecoming King and Queen

GRADUATES OF '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025 will be recognized

#### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Summer has come and gone way too fast, but here we are, about to kick off another great year! We have been very busy this summer. There has been a lot going on this summer to prepare for this upcoming school year!

We have been very blessed to hire some amazing staff this summer. Sacred Heart is excited to announce a new 4th grade teacher, Kaley Zidek, HS Theology teacher, Jacob Pyatt, JH & HS English teacher, Lynn Cook, HS Spanish, Marty Willits, JH & HS Teacher and Coach Joe Bill, JH & HS Coach, Wayne Condra, JH & HS Coach Jackson Taylor, and Band Director, Julius Castillo. Additionally, we have some staff members who are moving around to other areas such as Counselor, Karen Mudd, and JH & HS English and Science Misti Ridgeway. We are very excited about these changes and our new staff members. There are also many new students and families that we welcome to Sacred Heart Catholic School.

This year the Diocese of Victoria Superintendent and the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department has allowed schools the option to have a school year of 180 days or a minimum of 76,500 minutes. The administration and the School Advisory Council analyzed our past 180 day calendar and decided to use the minute breakdown for the upcoming school year. Transitioning to the minute guidelines would allow for us to attend roughly 173 days of school and still have a few built in days for bad weather or other catastrophic events. The Elementary day will be lengthened to allow for the minutes. Grades K-4th will start the day at 7:53 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m, and grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> will start the day at 7:58 a.m. and end at 3:45 p.m. The school year would continue to allow for 2:00 dismissals every 1st Friday of the month along with 12:00 dismissals before Christmas and end of the year finals. There will also be built in 1:30 dismissals for days of Open House, JH Academic and Track Meet. A full 2025/26 schedule is attached for your convenience along with being posted on the school website. Thank you for your cooperation with these changes.

Be sure to mark your calendars for August 10th for our Back to School Mass Open House/Meet the Teacher starting at 3:30 and Mass at 5:00.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**2025 - 2026 SAT TESTS:** Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The following tests are offered at HHS; Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>

To register, go to: [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register) For practice tests, go to <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

**2025-2026 ACT TESTS:** Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>

To register, go to: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

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

**10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Meetings** -coming in September

**2026 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 Karen Mudd.

**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** – Karen Mudd  
[karen.mudd@shschool.org](mailto:karen.mudd@shschool.org)

**Blood Drive** – August 20<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m in the Family Center

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Bryce Chovanetz	16 Ilyanna Puntos
4 Levi Haas	18 Shaye Johnson
8 Landon Chovanetz	Ainsley Grahmann
Kender Zidek	Everett Kubenka
9 Taylor Sobotik	19 Henry Dreitner
10 Catherine Lemonds	James Bludau
11 Easton Olivarez	20 Kaylee Whited
Mrs. Kaley Zidek	Emma Beach
12 Brennon Ralston	23 Carson Grahmann
14 Karsyn McCoy	Katelynn McCoy
Korbin McCoy	Ellie Kedziora
27 Baye Shimek	Tryce Migl
28 Ty Lewis	Brody Etzler
Mrs. Sarah Hawkins	15 Landry Absher
Amryn Etzler	

### AUGUST Anniversaries

- 4 – Nathan & Jill Etzler (13 years)  
16 – Charles & Kathy Haas (50 years)

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**ANNUAL INDIAN OPEN GOLF CLASSIC** Saturday, August 31, 2025 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.

**2025-2026 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 child with their school packets at the start of school

**MORNING JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC PRACTICES** – Junior High FB practice will begin at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. on Thursday. JH Volleyball starts at 7:45 a.m. and the gym opens at 7:30 a.m. 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** – The meeting is Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. 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** – Wednesday, August 20<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 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Plates-to-go will be served from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$13.00 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 11<sup>th</sup>; Order forms will be in the Sept. newsletter. Pecans are needed! They can be dropped off at the school.

**2026 YEARBOOK** – The 2026 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.bxxtops4education.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)