

# Sacred Heart Catholic School

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## Family Newsletter ~ December 2024

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

December is already here, and we are wrapping up 2024. This past year has been great, and we have so much to look forward to in the New Year. Springtime is busier than ever, and we are excited about all the activities and events that will occur during the spring months. But in the meantime, let's focus on preparing for Christmas. Check out the calendar for the upcoming Christmas programs and Band Concert. All are welcome to these events, and they will put you in the Christmas spirit—a big thank you to the staff for all their efforts in organizing these programs.

With the upcoming Christmas holiday, one great adult gift is a ticket to our annual Extravaganza. This year, which is the 25th annual Extravaganza, the committee is working on a bigger and better event than ever. The money raised at the Extravaganza goes directly to teacher salaries! Please show your support to our teachers by enjoying our exciting Extravaganza. Get your tickets early!

Remember to share our Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tickets with your family and friends. Individuals can make a tax-deductible donation for a chance to win a \$20,000 prepaid Visa Card. One ticket from the sales sold at Sacred Heart will be drawn for a \$1000.00 prize. 100% of the ticket sales go directly to the Sacred Heart School General Operating Fund. This is a great way to offset actual tuition costs.

As we move through the Advent season and Christmas is right around the corner, I pray that you and your family have a blessed Christmas season and remember the reason for the season. May God continue to bless you and your family! Merry Christmas!

~ Kevin Haas



*Father, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Your Son, fill us with Your perfect love. Teach us to see others as You see them, to reach out in kindness, and to share the gift of Your love with those around us. Help us to live in a way that reflects Your heart for the world. Amen.*

### **2025/2026 Pre-K & Kindergarten**

**We are in the process of planning for the 25-26 school year. Please call the school, 361-798-4251, and notify the school if you plan to enroll a child in PK-3, PK-4, or Kindergarten next year. If we end up having a waiting list, this will secure your spot.**

**We will be moving to an online system in the near future and once that opens you will be able to create an online application which will then serve as your placeholder.**

### News to know.....

#### Early Dismissals:

Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 pm; Faculty meeting  
December 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Grades K-12 will dismiss at 2:00 pm  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – All grades at 12 pm; NO EXTENDED CARE

#### Christmas Holidays:

Monday, Dec. 23 – Sunday, Jan. 5  
Teacher In-service – Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Classes resume Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

#### Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tickets

First turn in date – Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

#### High School Reconciliation Services

To be determined...

#### High School Semester Exams

December 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>  
Schedule to be released soon!

Reminder: All tuition and fees (including band, athletic fees, & lunches) must be current as of December in order for semester exams to be administered to students.

Feast Of The Immaculate Conception December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which means Mary was conceived without original sin. As a holy day of obligation, Catholics are required to attend Mass for this feast day, and this year it falls on a Sunday which is always a requirement.

#### Christmas Programs –

Monday, Dec. 9 – Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> grade @ 6 pm in the gym  
Wednesday, Dec. 11 – PreK-3 @ 6 pm in the gym  
Wednesday, Dec. 11 – PreK-4 @ 6:30 pm in the gym

#### Sacred Heart Band Christmas Concert –

Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the gym; please bring a non-perishable food item for the LAMB ministry.

#### Kindergarten Deputy Santa Bake Sale–

Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am – 12:00 pm by the cafeteria.  
Proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for needy children.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us for the annual Extravaganza which will be held on Feb. 1, 2025. Money raised from this event goes to the faculty and staff! It's a fun night – please plan to join us!

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**TSI Testing at SHCS:** Mrs. Slatter has been working with Victoria College and starting in January she will be able to Administer the TSIA (Texas Success Initiative Assessment) to our students. We will schedule a handful of dates in the spring semester and will also email an information sheet for parents with price and test dates.

### DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION MEETING:

If you have a current sophomore who is interested in taking Dual Credit classes next year, plan to join us on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025 in the Family Center from 6 pm to 7 pm. We would love to have the student join us, but we need at least one parent to attend. If you can't make this meeting you will have to take this orientation elsewhere.

### SAT/ACT Registration:

**Seniors** – if you have not taken an SAT or ACT – please register for one.

**Juniors** – If a 4-year university is something you are considering, you should take an SAT and/or ACT this spring. Check your schedule to see which test better fits your needs.

SAT Test Date	SAT Registration Deadline	SAT Late-Registration Deadline
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

ACT Test Date	ACT Registration Deadline	ACT Late-Registration Deadline
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

**Scholarships:** A fall newsletter was emailed to all seniors and their parents on 10/10. Please read it! You can access scholarship information from the [website](#): Academics → Counselor's Corner → Slatter's Scholarship Database → Google link → Request access

*Access to the scholarship database will be granted to students and parents with a child in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Clinic** – Seniors who will be attending college in person next year must receive this vaccination. This is a two shot series. We are partnering with Your Hometown Pharmacy to bring this to our students in **February**. More details to come!

## News to know.....

### FAFSA NIGHT – Dec. 5, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

A representative from Victoria College will be at our school from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm to help parents complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Senior parents – don't miss this event. The FAFSA has changed and the representatives will help you through this process, no matter where your still will eventually go for college. Anyone who will have a student in dual credit at some point in 25-26 should also plan to attend. It is a come and go event. Please bring your 2023 tax return information with you! Contact Ann Slatter with questions.

### Exciting Changes Coming!

Sacred Heart Catholic School will be transitioning to an online application and enrollment process through FACTS SIS. Our current families will also use this process to re-enroll. We will also be transitioning to a payment plan system through FACTS SIS. You will be able to pay your tuition, lunches, and more through the system. We are in the process of gearing up for this, so please be patient. We don't have it all in place yet and will be working with a transition team from FACTS to help us get it all set up. More information to come...

### Substitutes needed!

We are looking for individuals who are interested in stepping into a classroom when a teacher is out. This could be a half-day or full-day opportunity. You do have to be safe environment trained and complete safety steps including having your fingerprints done and a background check completed. All of this is required by the Diocese of Victoria to keep our children safe. If you are interested, please email Mr. Haas with a letter of interest and/or a resume OR drop off at the front office.

[kevin.haas@shschool.org](mailto:kevin.haas@shschool.org)

### Vaccination records

When you take your child to the doctor for a well child check-up, and they get a new shot, please provide a copy of that to the school. We are mandated by the state to update these records and we must turn them in yearly. We can also be audited by the state. You are required to have your child vaccinated and the Council of Bishops in Texas does not allow for exemptions based on conscience. **\*\*Current PreK-4 and 6<sup>th</sup> graders** – you must have an updated vaccination record in order to re-enroll for 25-26 school year. Any medical exemptions must be signed by a MD or DO with their license number included.

### Ice Cream Buckets

If you purchase ice cream in gallon plastic buckets, can you please send the cleaned bucket to school after use? The Strudel Bake committee needs 30 new buckets. These hold the apple/sugar/crumb mixture. Thank you for your assistance!

## Want to Pay Your Tuition Online?

You can now pay your tuition online with a debit or credit card. Visit the Diocese of Victoria website site: <https://victoriadiocese.org/donate-sacred-heart-hallettsville>

**In the donor acknowledgment box, you MUST include the month of tuition you are paying.**

If this goes well, we may add more payment options!

**You can also donate to the Annual Fund & Marathon through this link!**

*\*Donations can also be made through this portal! Mark the donor box with the donation's purpose.*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Clare Harper         | 16 Braighlynn Jansky |
| 2 Hudson Kutac         | 18 Zofia Halbrook    |
| 4 Eli Broom            | Aiden Steffek        |
| 6 Lynden Etzler        | Mr. Jacob Heck       |
| 7 Kamryn Bujnoch       | 21 Riston Lanik      |
| 8 Lacie Olivarez       | Natalie Motal        |
| 10 Everleigh Walton    | Layne Steffek        |
| 11 Lily Whited         | 22 Mrs. Janie Spies  |
| Mrs. Kristi Bludau     | 27 Myla Lucas        |
| Mrs. Angie Soto        | Emarie Trobl         |
| Coach Jessica Murphy   | Kellen Mechura       |
| 12 Brianna Clark       | 28 Avery Lewis       |
| 14 Kaeden Grahmann     | William Patlovany    |
| 15 Savannah Seydler    | 29 Pierce Grahmann   |
| Mrs. GERALYN Klmitchek | Connor Elstner       |
| Coach Reid Timm        | 30 Willow Janak      |
|                        | 31 Julie Haas        |