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Family Newsletter ~ December 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Here we are wrapping up the year and preparing for Christmas. Things have been moving very fast and we look forward to an exciting Spring Semester. 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 beautiful events that will put you in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to all our staff for their efforts in organizing these programs.

With the upcoming Christmas holiday, one great adult gift is a ticket to our annual Extravaganza. This year's Mardi Gras theme will be so exciting and the committee is working on a bigger and better event than ever. The money raised at the Extravaganza goes directly to the teacher bonuses. Please show your support to our teachers by enjoying our exciting Extravaganza. Get your tickets early as we have been selling out in the past years!

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.

Many of you may have been hearing of School Choice and yes, it's finally coming down the pipe. The current name of the program is TEFA (Texas Education Freedom Accounts) which was formerly known as the ESA (Educational Saving Accounts). The program has constantly been changing but we are being told that parents will be able to fill out an online application in February. We will continue to update you on the process but one fact that continues to be reoccurring is that ALL families should fill out the application to show the state the need and interest for the program. We hope the funding for the program will increase annually and a majority of our families can benefit from the program to pay for their child's education.

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

News to know.....

Early Dismissals:

Friday, Dec. 5th - 2:00 pm; Faculty meeting
December 16th– Grades K-12 will dismiss at 2:00 pm
December 17th – 18th All grades at 12 pm; EXTENDED CARE
December 19th – All grades at 12 pm; NO EXTENDED CARE

Christmas Holidays:

December 22nd – January 5th
Teacher In-service – January 5th
Classes resume - Jan. 6th

Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tickets

First turn in date – Friday, December 5th

High School Reconciliation Services

To be determined...

High School Semester Exams

December 16th through 18th
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 8th 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. Because it falls on a Monday this year, it will be celebrated on Sunday.

Christmas Programs –

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Kinder & 1st grade @ 6 pm in the gym
Tuesday, Dec. 16 – PreK-3 @ 6 pm in the gym
Tuesday, Dec. 16 – PreK-4 @ 6:30 pm in the gym

Sacred Heart Band Christmas Concert –

Thursday, Dec. 11th at 6:30 in the gym; please bring a non-perishable food item for the LAMB ministry.

Kindergarten Deputy Santa Bake Sale–

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd from 11 am – 12:00 pm by the cafeteria. Proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for needy children.

EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us for the annual Extravaganza which will be held on **Feb. 7, 2026**. Money raised from this event goes to the faculty and staff! It's a fun night – please plan to join us!

2026/2027 Pre-K & Kindergarten

We are in the process of planning for the 26-27 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.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SCHOLARSHIPS – Check the scholarship database for deadlines. Also, it's time to complete the local scholarship application. It is used by 20+ organizations. One application for 20+ scholarships!

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.

Please note the SAT dates offered at HHS are:
Dec. 6th, May 2nd & June 6th.

2025-2026 SAT TESTS: Dec. 6th, March 14th, May 2nd, June 6th
Register at www.sat.org.register For practice tests, go to: <https://www.khanacademy.org/> 2025-2026 ACT TESTS: December 13th, February 7th, April 4th, June 13th, July 18th; To register, go to:
www.actstudent.org

DUAL CREDIT MEETING: There will be a mandatory meeting in the Spring for all students interested in taking dual credit next year and a parent. Students already in dual credit classes don't need to attend. Students or parents who miss the meeting will need to attend at another school.

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination

Seniors who will be attending college in person next year must receive this vaccination. This is a two shot series.

COUNSELOR – Karen.mudd@shschool.org

News to know.....

FAFSA

Seniors, now is the time to complete that FAFSA Application. Let Mrs. Mudd know if you have any 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

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 6th graders** – you must have an updated vaccination record in order to re-enroll for 26-27 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.*

You can also access the payment/donation link through the school website:
<https://www.shschool.org/aivina/>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Clare Harper | 18 Zofia Halbrook |
| Bella Rother | Aiden Steffek |
| Daniel Tufo | 19 Sidonia Hansen |
| 6 Lynden Etzler | 20 Austin Kedziora |
| 8 Lacie Olivarez | 21 Riston Lanik |
| 10 Everleigh Walton | Natalie Motal |
| 11 Lily Whited | Layne Steffek |
| Cora Zidek | Sadie Davis |
| Mrs. Kristi Bludau | 22 Mrs. Janie Spies |
| Mrs. Angie Soto | 27 Myla Lucas |
| Coach Jessica Murphy | Emarie Trobl |
| 14 Kaeden Grahmann | 28 Avery Lewis |
| 15 Mrs. GERALYN Klmitchek | William Patlovany |
| Coach Reid Timm | 29 Pierce Grahmann |
| 16 Braighlynn Jansky | Connor Elstner |
| 17 Kaycee Holub | 30 Willow Janak |
| | 31 Julie Haas |