



# 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 December 2023

### **NOTICES!**

#### **EARLY DISMISSALS:**

Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 2:00 p.m. Faculty meeting  
December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Elementary & Jr. High at 2:00 p.m.  
December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - High School at 12:00  
December 20<sup>th</sup> - All grades at 12:00 p.m.  
NO EXTENDED CARE

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:**

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>; Teacher In-service - Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>; Classes resume Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **CATHOLIC LIFE SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS FIRST TURN IN DATE** - Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **HIGH SCHOOL RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - 10:05 to 11:50

#### **HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAMS**

December 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> Students will be given the exam schedule.

**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> commemorates the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which means Mary was conceived without original sin. To the Roman Catholic, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a significant date, not to be treated lightly. As a holy day of obligation, the Catholic is required to attend Mass.

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

Where has 2023 gone? Here we are in December, and Christmas is just around the corner. This year has flown by with all the great activities going on at SHCS.

Be sure to check out the calendar to see the dates for our Christmas programs and Band Concert. All are welcome to these events which will put you in the Christmas spirit. I want to extend a big thank you to the staff for organizing these festive programs for our students and the audiences. These are amazing opportunities for our students' growth and for them to show off their beautiful voices and skills at playing instruments. We appreciate all the work that the students and staff do to prepare for these performances.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy spring 2024 with many upcoming events. Be sure to always check out our calendars, website, and Facebook page to see what is going on. Our Annual Catholic Life Sweepstakes Raffle Ticket Sales is in full swing. All the sales from the tickets go directly to Sacred Heart Catholic School. We encourage students to do their best to sell as many tickets as possible. Our goal is raise \$30,000 and this can be accomplished if every family sells at least \$200 worth of tickets. Be sure to tell your out of town friends and family about the raffle. Thank you for your help with our Sacred Heart fundraisers!

As we move through 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! Wishing you a blessed and very merry Christmas!

**ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION** - Students at Sacred Heart Catholic School honored the Saints before their school Mass on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Elementary students dressed as their patron saint, favorite saint or classroom saint. The saints were recognized by their distinctive clothing and the symbols they carried. As they processed into Church, the Congregation prayed the Litany of Saints. The saints were portrayed by the following students: Brynadee Etzler - Holy Mary; Dillon Etzler, Tryce Migl - St. Joseph; Audrie Jasek, Ada Meinkowsky - St. Anne; Avery Haas, Zosha Halbrook, Lauren Bludau, Bri Bludau, Molly Rainosek, Landree Henke, Avielle Queen - St. Therese of Lisieux; Kerrigan Brown - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; Emery Kubenka - St. Mark; Emmalee Pastucha - St. Rose of Lima; Ty Henke, Jackson Pustejovsky - St. Christopher; Julia Menikowsky - St. Elizabeth (Mother of John the Baptist); Jarrett Jansky, Lane Steffek - St. Michael the Archangel; Juliana Henke - St. Juliana; Eland Savell - St. Augustine; Nataie Motal, Joryn Haas, Neely Grahmann Hillary Etzler - St. Philomena; Harper Mertz - St. Gianna Molla; Katniss Rother, Blair Kudelka - St. Elizabeth of Hungary; Payton Haas, Addisyn Mozisek - St. Agnes; Sawyer Pustejovsky - St. Maximilian Kolbe; Clarie Steffek, Kolet Olsovsky - St. Kateri Tekakwitha; John Buzek - St. George; Emery Haas - St. Gertrude; Julie Haas - St. Gemma Galgani; Kaylee Whited - St. Lucy; Blake Bludau, Taft Johnson, Karter Haas, Michael Machac, Eli Beach, Asa Murphy - St. Francis of Assisi; Bear Pasak - St. Andrew; Claire Janak - St. Brigid of Ireland; Jack Lucas - St. Rocco; Cavan Mertz - St. Padre Pio; Emarie Trobl - St. Cecilia; Ford Noska - St. Patrick; Casen Wood - St. Sebastian

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**2023 - 2024 SAT TESTS:** December 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>; Check deadlines to register by. 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:** December 9<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>; Check deadlines to register by. To register, go to: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**DUAL CREDIT INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., in the Family Center. This is required by Victoria College for all students interested in taking dual credit next year and a parent. Students already in dual credit classes do not need to attend. Students or parents who miss the meeting will need to attend at another school.

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

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Clare Harper	18 Kayla Immekus
2 Hudson Kutac	Aiden Steffek
4 Eli Broom	Mr. Jacob Heck
6 Lynden Etzler	21 Natalie Motal
7 Kamryn Bujnoch	Layne Steffek
8 Lillieana Bludau	22 William Halata
Lacie Olivarez	26 Jase Taylor
10 James Cesarz	27 Myla Lucas
Everleigh Walton	Emarie Trobl
11 Lily Whited	Kellen Mechura
Mrs. Angie Soto	28 Braxtyn Sitka
Coach Jessica Murphy	Avery Lewis
12 Brianna Clark	29 Pierce Grahmann
14 Kaeden Grahmann	Connor Elstner
15 Mrs. Geralyn Klimitchek	30 Willow Janak
Savannah Seydler	31 Julie Haas
16 Ava Grace Lackey	
Braighlynn Jansky	



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### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS –

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – K & 1<sup>st</sup> grades; 6:00 in the gym  
Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Band Concert; 6:30 in the gym

### SACRED HEART BAND (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

CONCERT – Thursday, Dec. 7<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, December 5<sup>th</sup>; 11:00 – 12:00 by the cafeteria. Proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for needy children.

**2024 EXTRAVAGANZA:** -Saturday, February 3, 2024. Save the date! See enclosed Extravaganza and Sponsorship flyer.

### 2024 - 2025 PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN EARLY NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

We are in the process of planning for the 2024-2025 school year. Please notify the school if you plan to enroll a child in Pre-Kindergarten 3 or 4 and/or Kindergarten next year. Your child must be 3 years old on or before September 1, 2023 for Pre-Kindergarten 3, 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023 for Pre-Kindergarten 4, and 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023 for Kindergarten. No fees are due at this time. Your name will be put on our list for the 2023-2024 school year. We have a limited number of spaces. Please call or come by the school office to give us your child's information. 361-798-4251

### NOTIFICATION OF THE ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), enacted in 1986, all schools, public or private, are required to have an inspection of all buildings, for asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), by accredited asbestos-trained personnel. Sacred Heart Catholic School was inspected in 2018 for their 3 year re-inspection for ACBM by personnel from EFI Global (EFI), an environmental consulting firm located in Houston, Texas. EFI is accredited and licensed by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to perform asbestos condition assessments of all suspect and identified ACBM. Building materials at Sacred Heart were observed to be in undamaged condition and/or present minimal hazards, if any, to building occupants. Periodic surveillance is also conducted by Sacred Heart personnel. AHERA requires that this annual notification be posted or distributed to parents, staff, faculty, HSA, etc. indicating the AHERA asbestos Management Plan will be available for review upon request. The 2018 AHERA Re-inspection report and the AHERA asbestos Management Plan are on file in the administrative offices. Under federal law, the documents are considered permanent "archives" and may not be removed from the premises at any time. However, these records are available for review, upon request, at any time during school hours.

### ADVENT PRAYER

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

