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Family Newsletter ~ January 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we reflect on our past year, we thank God for all the amazing blessings. As we look forward to the New Year, we ask for God's guidance and wisdom as we support each other in all that we do. May we celebrate each of our students and families' unique talents that God has provided to us as we grow closer to God!

A new year brings more exciting activities. January is packed full. We will wrap up the Catholic Life Sweepstakes Raffle at the end of the month. The funds from the Sweepstakes go directly to the general operating fund. Remember that fundraising goes directly to your student's tuition. As of December 11, we have sold slightly over \$5,000 worth of tickets. We ask each family member to share the tickets with their friends and neighbors. Please help keep our tuition as low as possible by supporting our many fundraisers. Thank you to those who have been working hard selling tickets. The final deadline is January 24th.

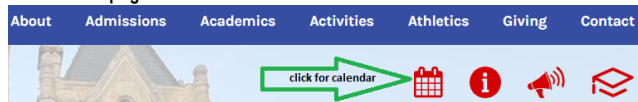
The 2025 Annual Fund materials were mailed out in December. The 2024 Annual Fund was a great success, netting \$114,455.00. Thank you to all the alumni, parents, faculty, parishioners, businesses, and loyal friends for their past support. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the annual fund this year.

Catholic School Week is just around the corner and packed with many exciting events. Please check the calendar for the different activities. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance for the 25th Annual Extravaganza, which takes place on February 1st to wrap up Catholic Schools Week. It will be an exciting evening.

Prayers for a prosperous and healthy New Year to our families and supporters! ~ Kevin Haas

Did You Know?

The school website has an updated calendar! We update it frequently. Check it out. www.shschool.org Click the red calendar icon on the top right of the homepage.



2025/2026 Pre-K & Kindergarten

We are in the process of planning for the 25-26 school year. Please call 361-798-4251 and notify the school if you plan to enroll a child in PK-3, PK-4, or Kindergarten next year.

We will soon be moving to an online system, and once that opens, you will be able to create an online application.

News to know.....

CLASSES RESUME: Monday, January 6, 2025

EARLY DISMISSALS:

Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 – 2pm; all grades; Faculty Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025 – 1pm; all grades
Friday, Jan. 31, 2025 – 12pm; all grades

NO SCHOOL:

Friday, Jan. 17th – Faculty Inservice in Victoria / Student Holiday

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: Wednesday, January 8th

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

– Wednesday, Jan. 15th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the K.C. Hall. Plates to go only. NO inside dining. Tickets are available from any SHCS student, Hoffer's Drive In, Sacred Heart Credit Union, and the school. \$12.00

2ND GRADERS – FIRST PENANCE SERVICE – Jan. 15th @ 6pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

HALLETTSVILLE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW - Jan. 24th – 26th

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Jan. 26th – Jan. 31st

OPEN HOUSE & CORONATION - January 30th

- Open House & Soup and Sandwiches – 5:30pm to 7pm
- SH Coronation – 7:30pm in the gym

EXTRAVAGANZA – The 25th annual Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025 from at the KC Hall in Hallettsville. Tickets - \$150 for two; \$75 for one person. Evening includes social, open bar all evening, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, steak dinner, dance to the music of Shiner 2nd Wind Band, in-house raffle, and amazing silent auction items. *All proceeds benefit SHCS teachers!* Tickets are available at the school, Sacred Heart Rectory, People's State Bank, Sacred Heart Credit Union, Hoffer's Drive-In, Morton's Drive-In, and David Smolik 361-772-5463.

SHS Prom - February 8, 2025. – More information will be sent in early January. Prom dress code is on the school website under activities – very last selection.

Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tickets

The final turn in date is Friday, January 24th.

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 are going to offer it three times this spring, if possible. We will release the dates and price when we return from the holidays.

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 talk to Mrs. Slatter to determine whether you need to take one or not.

Juniors—If you are considering a four-year university, you should take the SAT and/or ACT this spring. Check your schedule to see

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: You can access scholarship information from the [website](#): Academics Counselor's Corner → Scholarships → Slatter's → database → Google link → Request access

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

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Clinic – Seniors who will be attending college in person next year must receive this vaccination. Your Hometown Pharmacy will be on campus on **Feb. 18th** to administer vaccinations to those seniors who have signed up. Mrs. Slatter emailed the information to seniors and their parents on Dec. 10th. If you misplaced the information, please email her. If you have questions about the vaccinations, please contact the pharmacy.

!!! Attendance !!!

In the fall semester, we experienced an increased number of students missing full days and/or individual classes. It is reasonable that students will miss from time to time for illness and doctor's appointments. In the spring semester, we will be strictly enforcing attendance expectations. Consistent attendance is vital to your student's learning experience (and success) at Sacred Heart. However, please remember that Texas Education Agency state rules allow no more than 10% of instructional time to be missed. For our students that equates to **nine (9) non-school-related absences per semester, excused or not**. These state rules are consistent with Victoria Diocesan expectations and will be strictly enforced next semester. Students who miss nine (9) classes this semester will likely not receive credit for that class and will likely have to make up hours missed during the summer; this means that seniors are at risk of not graduating at the same time as their classmates. **Students who exhibit a pattern of missing too many individual classes or full days may be blocked from enrolling at Sacred Heart for the next school year.**

News to Know.....

Senior Cap & Gown Orders

A representative from Balfour will be on campus Jan. 9 @ 1:15pm to meet with the seniors to discuss cap and gown orders. They will return on Jan. 16 to collect orders.

SHS Annual Fund

All of our families should have received an envelope with information on the Annual Giving Fund. If you did not receive one, please email Ann Slatter. Ann.slatter@shschool.org You can also donate to the Annual Fund through this link! Visit the Diocese of Victoria website site: <https://victoriadiocese.org/donate-sacred-heart-hallettsville>

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

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...

Spring Blood Drive Dates

Please mark your calendar for Feb. 11th and May 7th.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ford Noska | 18 Luke Broom |
| 2 Crockett Bludau | Cullen Machicek |
| 3 Nash Forney | Zoe Machicek |
| Kameryn McCoy | 22 Mrs. Leah Rother |
| Kayden Wood | Layne Besetzny |
| 5 Phillip Broussard | 23 Levi Murphy |
| Paelyn Etzler | Laura Varela |
| 6 Hillary Etzler | 24 Samuel Henke |
| 8 Jake Jahn | 25 Mr. Trey Kraatz |
| 10 Mrs. Karen Mudd | Mrs. Jackie Pettus |
| 11 Mrs. Pam Bohuslav | Kolton McCoy |
| Harper Mertz | Zuriel Robles |
| 13 Daniela Varela | Rafael Varela |
| 14 Mrs. Rita Chase | 26 Mrs. Andrea Aselin |
| Westlyn Hrcir | 29 John Buzek |
| 15 Emma Schmidt | Kolby Haas |
| 16 Mrs. Jill Brown | 30 Cavan Mertz |
| Ryan Beran | |
| Piper Hawkins | |
| Ellyson Ralston | |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 – Jim & Sally Kolos (53 years)
15 – John & Ruth Barton (42 years)
29 – Dale & Lynette Sykora (31 years)