



# 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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## NOTICES!

**EARLY DISMISSAL:** Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>; 2:00 p.m. Faculty meeting

**NO SCHOOL:** Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day

**OPEN HOUSE, REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:** Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 dismissal; Open House 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. to pick up your child's report cards in homeroom. You will be able to meet with your child's teachers. Parents of students in grades 5-12 can visit teachers in their classrooms. Please limit your conference to 5 minutes. Please schedule an appointment if more time is needed. If you are unable to attend the Open House, please call the school at 798-4251 to make other arrangements.

### SUPPORT SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL BY SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SWEEPSTAKES!

**Sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance**

Help support our school by purchasing Catholic Schools Sweepstakes raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each. **ALL MONIES FROM THE SALES OF THE TICKETS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR SCHOOL.** The goal this year is to sell 10,000 tickets for a net profit of \$50,000.00. Since we began the Catholic Life Sweepstakes, we have made a net profit of over \$340,000.00. The money raised is used to enhance staff salaries and support our school general operating fund.

#### GRAND PRIZE INCLUDES THE CHOICE OF:

**Roman Holiday Vacation For Four**

**OR Prepaid \$20,000 Visa Card**

**SECOND PRIZE: \$2,500 Prepaid Visa Card**

The official prize drawings will be on February 14, 2024. Every Sacred Heart School family is asked to sell at least 24 tickets. More tickets are available. Please call the school 361-798-4251

**The first turn in date will be Friday, December 1, 2023**

**FINAL TURN IN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024.**

## GOOD NEWS BULLETIN October 2023

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Fall is upon us and October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our classes will be praying the rosary daily. The rosary is a very special devotional to our Blessed Mother. We encourage families to pray the rosary for peace in our world and especially throughout our country. With all of our lives being so busy, it can be a challenge to spend quiet time in prayer. We encourage families to pray together, just as our Sacred Heart family is praying the rosary together daily.

October is another busy month with plenty of activities. Our sports teams are doing very well and our teachers are continuing to challenge the students in the classroom.

Our Sacred Heart Annual Strudel Bake sale is set for October 14th and is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Home and School Association. Be sure to order your homemade strudels and come out and help that day as we make our famous Sacred Heart strudels. This annual event is a fun time to enjoy doing something great for Sacred Heart while visiting with our amazing Sacred Heart families. Thank you to everyone who helps make this event a success!

The Catholic Life Sweepstakes tickets are going out this month. This fundraiser is an easy and very profitable fundraiser that we do. Ask your friends, family, and neighbors for \$5 to support the school. Let's reach our goal this year to collect \$25,000.00. Thank you for your support both in the classroom and in all the extracurricular activities. We appreciate all that you do to make our school so great! Go Blue Go!

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

**SAFETY AT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES** – We want to ensure a safe and pleasant environment at the high school football games and avoid accidents. We ask that young children (those not involved in the actual game) do not play football, or any game involving a ball inside the fenced area of the stadium. Please do not allow your children to bring footballs, etc. to the game. Students are also not allowed to play underneath the bleachers or run up and down the bleachers. All young children are asked to remain in the bleachers unless supervised by an adult. Parents, we need your help in supervising your children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**TRANSPORTATION CODE FOR WHEN APPROACHING A SCHOOL BUS LOADING OR UNLOADING STUDENTS** – Please be reminded that according to Section 545.066 of the Texas Transportation Code, a driver of a vehicle on a road/street/highway, when approaching from either direction a school bus stopped on the road/street/highway to load or unload a student, must stop before reaching the school bus when the bus is operating the red flashing lights. The driver of the vehicle may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion and the red flashing lights are no longer activated. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000, except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the person causes serious bodily injury.

**DIOCESAN SAFETY AND LIABILITY GUIDELINES TRANSPORTING STUDENTS FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** – Students will be transported to and from extra-curricular activities by school-provided vehicles (bus) whenever possible. If a parent wishes to transport a child home after an activity is over, the parent must personally sign the child out with the coach, band director, or sponsor of the activity. **The child may only be released to the parent and not anyone else, such as a relative.** If extraordinary circumstances arise, the principal must be notified by the parent in writing at least two days in advance for approval. (See the Parent/Teacher Handbook – pg. 48)

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**PSAT TESTING:** Students in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades will have PSAT testing in October. 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT 8/9 and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT. The PSAT is designed to measure the ability to understand and process elements of reading, writing, and mathematics. It is a good preparation for the SAT and the ACT. Testing will be digital this year, in the computer lab, one grade per day. Tentative dates are 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>; 11<sup>th</sup> grade – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>; 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Students need to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and be at school on time. Testing will begin after announcements and will be finished by lunch time. There are no make-up dates for the PSAT.

### DUAL CREDIT INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the Family Center. Any students who are interested in taking dual credit classes are required to attend this meeting. Students or parents who miss this meeting will need to attend the informational meeting held at another school. Students currently taking dual credit classes do not need to attend.

**10<sup>th</sup> GRADE MEETING** – Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. For all sophomores and parents. Mrs. Henke will go over information about what students need to be doing this year as they prepare for junior and senior years.

### COUNSELOR –

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

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Landrie Haas	18 Eland Savell
Kateri Olsovsky	19 Hallie Taylor
4 Lane Henke	21 Tulip Jahn
5 Lauren Beran	22 Bransen Miranda
Brady Haas	Kennedy Zappe
Taft Johnson	24 Mr. Rick Masek
Mrs. Shadra Pastucha	26 Addison Ferry
7 Landon Rother	Father John Affum Anniversary
Layne Sevcik	28 Jaxson Haas
9 Mrs. Ruth Barton	Riley Haas
Charlotte Koerth	Lara Hermes
10 Cameron Cull	Brentley Jahn
11 Karlie Hotz	Edward Kubenka
Kaylie Hotz	29 Isabella Halbrook
12 Mary Beth Krischke	30 Paige Ausmus
13 Wyatt Hermes	Riley Ausmus
14 Msgr. John Peters	Natalie Osina
16 Jackson Pustejovsky	31 Grace Harvey
17 Emily Bludau	Ethan Tumamao
Clayton Haas	
Asa Murphy	
Wade Shimek	

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

21 – Allan & Jamie Grahmann (34 years)

## NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS..

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 - BLESSING OF ANIMALS:

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. He preached peace and unity. He believed all things God created are like our brothers and sisters. He often addressed the sun, moon, stars, and animals as brothers or sisters. Parents, you may bring animals to be blessed at a prayer service in front of the school between 2:45 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. No pets will be allowed in the classroom during the day. If it is not possible to bring your child's animal, send a picture that your child can hold during the blessing.

**OCTOBER- Respect life Month:** The annual Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30-3:30 pm on US Hwy 77 South in front of the KC Hall. Since 1987, Life Chains form across the United States, Canada, and around the world, to make a public, prayerful, and peaceful witness against legalized abortion. Life Chain is not political or confrontational, but is a visible, silent prayer vigil seeking changed hearts and healing for our nation. Participants will stand along both sides of Hwy. 77S with signs that are handed out at the event. Bring your whole family! Children are a sign of life! You may bring your umbrellas and lawn chairs if you cannot stand for an hour. For more information, call 361-798-6227.

### RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Sacred Heart Catholic School will participate in the Red Ribbon Campaign from October 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>. This red ribbon is more than just a ribbon. It is a symbol of awareness and a sign that we will continue to strive for a drug-free state and nation. The red ribbon is a powerful educational tool that will be utilized not only 1 week in October, but also throughout the year.

**TAMALE SALE** – The Sacred Heart Band Booster Club annual tamale sale begins October 16<sup>th</sup> and will go through November 6<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the KC Hall. For more information call the school at 361-798-4251 or email [sacredhearttamales@gmail.com](mailto:sacredhearttamales@gmail.com). \$14. 00 per dozen – regular, jalapeño, and southwest bean and veggie.

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STRUDEL BAKE** - Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Family Center; Come out to help and be sure to order your strudels! Prices are \$18 unbaked and \$22 baked. You can order online or sign up to work by going to: <https://strudel.shsfundraiser.org>

**FALLING LEAVES GALA** – October 21, 2023; Featuring Shiner's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind; \$125 per couple, or \$62.50 single; Includes dinner, drinks, music, and chance for prizes. Time: 5:30 - 11:30; Tickets available at the KC Hall and the school.

**OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY** –The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and we will honor Mary by praying the mysteries of the rosary in school every day during October. Each academic class will pray a part of the Rosary so by the end of the day all students and teachers will have said the entire Rosary. When we pray the rosary, we say ten "Hail Mary's" while we think about a different mystery in the life of Jesus: Joyful (Monday and Saturday), Sorrowful (Tuesday and Friday), Glorious (Sunday and Wednesday) or Luminous (Thursday). Perhaps you can find a time to unite with us by praying the Rosary some time during the day or at least one decade. Even better, you might pray the family rosary at night, which was a custom of many families years ago. How about reviving that custom? Oft repeated words of Father Patrick Payton, the Rosary Crusader, "The family that prays together, stays together."

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** – October 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> in the library. Book Fair times: Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Parents are welcome to come by the fair. However, if you are not able to attend and do not want to send cash with your child, you will be able to create a student online e-Wallet account. More information will be sent home with your children.