

Sacred Heart Catholic School

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Family Newsletter ~ October 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

October brings new leadership to our parish and school. We officially welcome Fr. Michael Rother as the new Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Catholic School. We look forward to Fr. Michael's leadership and thank Msgr. John Peters for his 30 years of service to Sacred Heart School. His support of Catholic Education has been vital to the success of Sacred Heart over the past three decades. May God continue to bless Msgr. in his retirement!

As we fall into October, we focus this month on the Holy Rosary. Classes will be praying the rosary daily, as it is a very special devotional to our Blessed Mother. We encourage families to pray the rosary for peace in our world, especially during this election year. Pray time is extremely important in our busy lives. We encourage families to pray together, just as our Sacred Heart family is praying the rosary together daily.

Our Sacred Heart Annual Strudel Bake sale, scheduled for October 12th and sponsored by the Sacred Heart Home and School Association, is a testament to our community spirit. We invite you to order your homemade strudels and join us on the day to make our famous Sacred Heart strudels. This event is not just a fundraiser, but a time to bond with our amazing Sacred Heart families. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of this event!

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 \$50,000.00. 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!

~ Kevin Haas

Do you want to turn \$5 into \$20,000?

It could happen to YOU!

One ticket = one chance at 20K!



Catholic Life Insurance sponsors this fundraiser and NO MONEY goes to them. 100% of the money raised when you sell a ticket comes straight to our school!

Help us reach our goal of raising \$50,000! The money raised is used to enhance staff salaries and support our school general operating fund. To reach this goal, each family needs to sell 52 tickets or \$260 in sales. Please try to meet this goal!

Use social media to your advantage. Sell to your family and friends. Go door to door with your kids and sell tickets.

Again, all money goes straight to the school!

GRAND PRIZE: \$20,000 Visa Card

SECOND PRIZE: \$2,500 Prepaid Visa Card

For each ticket you sell, your name will be entered into a drawing.

Each school will have a \$1000 winner drawn as well!

*The official prize drawings will be on **February 14, 2024**. 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

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.**

GUIDELINES FOR 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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

PSAT TESTING: Students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades will have PSAT testing this month. The **9th graders** will take their PSAT the morning of **Wednesday, Oct. 16th**. The **10th and 11th graders** will take their PSAT on **Wednesday, Oct. 23rd**. Testing is digital and the students will test in the computer lab.

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. Students need to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and be at school on time.

DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION MEETING:

If you have a current sophomore who is interested in taking Dual Credit classes next year, this meeting is for YOU! Mark your calendars for Monday, Jan. 13, 2025 in the Family Center from 6pm to 7pm. More details to come.

[Want to Pay Online?](#)

You can now pay your tuition, lunches, and other items online!

Visit the Diocese of Victoria website site:

<https://victoriadiocese.org/donate-sacred-heart-hallettsville>

In the donor acknowledgement box, you MUST include what the payment is for. Questions?

Contact the rectory and ask for Jackie Pettus.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Brennan Kaiser | 17 Asa Murphy |
| 2 Mr. Jonathan Myers | Emily Bludau |
| 3 Landrie Haas | Clayton Haas |
| 4 Lane Henke | 18 Eland Savell |
| 5 Lauren Beran | 19 Hallie Taylor |
| Taft Johnson | 21 Tulip Jahn |
| Bralen Heger | 22 Kennedy Zappe |
| Mrs. Shadra Pastucha | Bransen Miranda |
| 7 Landon Rother | 24 Mr. Rick Masek |
| Destini Brown | 28 Jaxson Haas |
| Layne Sevcik | Lara Hermes |
| 9 Charlotte Koerth | Brentley Jahn |
| Mrs. Ruth Barton | Edward Kubenka |
| 10 Cameron Cull | Riley Haas |
| 11 Audrey Motal | 29 Blakely Malinovsky |
| Karlie Hotz | Isabella Halbrook |
| Kaylie Hotz | 30 Paige Ausmus |
| 12 Mary Beth Krischke | Riley Ausmus |
| 13 Wyatt Hermes | 31 Grace Harvey |
| Jacob Motal | Ethan Tumamao |
| 16 Jackson Pustejovsky | |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

21 – Allan & Jamie Grahmann (35 years)

News to know.....

Friday, October 4, 2024 - Blessing of the Animals:

October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Parents, you may bring animals to be blessed at a prayer service in front of the school between 1:30 pm – 2 pm. If it is not possible to bring your child's animal up to school, you can send a picture for your child can hold during the blessing. **We will dismiss from school after the prayer service.**

October- Respect Life Month: The annual Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 6th**, 2:30-3:30 pm on US Hwy 77 South in front of the KC Hall. The Life Chain is not political or confrontational event, but is a visible, silent prayer vigil seeking changed hearts and healing for our nation. Bring your whole family! For more information, call 361-798-6227.

HSA Strudel Bake – This annual event will take place on **Saturday, October 12th**, in the Family Center; Come out to help and be sure to order your strudels! Prices are \$20 unbaked and \$25 baked. You can order online or sign up to work by going to: [2024 Strudel Bake](#)

School Holiday: Monday, October 14th

Tamale Sale – The Sacred Heart Band Booster Club annual tamale sale begins **October 15th** and will go through November 11th. Pick up will be Thursday, November 21st at the KC Hall. More details and pricing to come!

Falling Leaves Gala – October 19, 2024; Featuring Shiner's 2nd Wind; \$125 per couple, or \$62.50 single; includes dinner, drinks, music, and chance for prizes. Tickets available at the KC Hall and the school. Money raised goes to KC Charity Fund. Our KC's donate money to our school on a regular basis so please consider supporting this event. It is a fun night out!

Report Card Distribution: Monday, Oct. 21st

2:00 dismissal; Pick up times are 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Pick up your child's report cards in their 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, please call the school at 361-798-4251 to make other arrangements.

Scholastic Book Fair – October 21st – 25th 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.

[Homecoming 2024](#)

Friday, Nov. 8: Pep Rally @ 6pm

Saturday, Nov. 9: Mass, Dinner, & Dance

Mass – 11:30am

Dinner – 6:30 to 8pm (doors open at 6pm for social)

Dance – 8:30 to 11:30pm (Private dance)

Dress Up Days: Pajama Day (Monday, 11/4) Class Color Day (Tuesday, 11/5) Patriotic Day (Wednesday, 11/6) Fancy Western Day (Thursday 11/7) Spirit Day (11/8)