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Family Newsletter ~ September 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Classes are back in session, and we are in full swing. August was a great start to the year, and we continue with greatness. We welcome our new students and their families to Sacred Heart School. With all that is going on, be sure to check your calendar for all the SH events.

This year's IOWA standardized testing will not take place in the fall. Instead, it will be in the spring from March 31st to April 6th. The changes have come from the Office of Catholic School, and we will be testing for grades K-8 only.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, SH Cafeteria will no longer be part of the Federal Lunch Program. This will give our cafeteria more freedom regarding what and how to prepare. Therefore, we will use local beef for many of the meals purchased from Janak Packing. We want to support our local businesses, which, in turn, support the school. We are also taking monetary donations or beef donations. Please call the school if you would like to learn more about helping the cafeteria.

Our school community is in need of your help. We are currently short of volunteers for our morning traffic duty and are looking for two more individuals to fill this important role. No prior experience is necessary. If you are able to assist, please contact the school for more information.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Sacred Heart Church Picnic on September 1st. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.

-Kevin Haas

News to Know.....

2024 Fall Parish Picnic The picnic is on Sunday, September 1st. We need YOUR help! Students and parents – please donate your time and help out. The Church donates so much money to the school to help keep tuition as low as possible. We want to make sure we do our part, so please, show up and help out. “For it is in giving that we receive...” ~ St. Francis of Assisi

NO SCHOOL – Monday, September 2nd, Labor Day holiday

School Pictures – School pictures will be on **Wednesday, September 4th**.

SHS Booster Club Meeting – Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone is welcome, and we highly encourage new families to join us!


Early Dismissal – Friday, September 6th @ 2pm. Faculty Meeting

24/25 Yearbook – The 24/25 Phoenix yearbook can still be ordered. The cost is \$80.00.

23/24 Yearbook – There are a few extra copies available for purchase. Contact the front office to purchase.

Schedules? Events? Lunch Menu? Check the School Website

Need the athletic schedules? Need order forms? What about the school year calendar or lunch menu? Check out the website! www.shschool.org

Want to see it all? Click this icon on the top right  and then scroll to the bottom to see the big monthly calendar!

Click on ACTIVITIES —► and then select calendars, lunch menu, or monthly newsletter for those specific items.

Click on ATHLETICS —► and then either “Junior High Sports” or “High School Sports” and then select the sport you want and you will see a link to the schedule.

Progress Reports – September 13th is the end of the 4 ½ week grade period for the first nine weeks. Progress reports will be distributed on September 16th.

Kindergarten Grandparent's Day – The Kindergarten class would like to invite their grandparents to attend Mass with them on Friday, September 6th at 8:05am followed by a reception afterwards in the Family Center. Grandparents may also visit the classroom.

Don't Miss The News – Remind is the texting system used to notify and remind parents of upcoming events or school emergencies; Messages are sent via text, enter this number to text to: 81010, then text this message: @869fkk

Notes From The Counselor's Office

Ann Slatter, SHS Counselor | ann.slatter@shschool.org

24/25 SAT - TEST DATES

SAT Test Date	SAT Registration Deadline	SAT Late-Registration Deadline	SAT
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 12, 2024	SAT
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024	SAT
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024	SAT
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024	SAT
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025	SAT
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	SAT
June 7, 2025	May 23, 2025	May 27, 2025	SAT

24/25 ACT - TEST DATES

ACT Test Date	ACT Registration Deadline	ACT Late-Registration Deadline	ACT
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024	ACT
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024	ACT
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024	ACT
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	ACT
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025	ACT
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	ACT
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	ACT

To register, go to: www.sat.org/register

To register, go to: www.actstudent.org

AREA SUPPORT AGENCIES

The following agencies provide support and/or counseling services for students and families.

The Emmaus Center – Victoria; Provides Catholic-based professional counseling for the faithful of the Diocese of Victoria and others seeking Christian-based counseling. Services are available for individuals, couples, and adolescents. 361-212-0830

Gulf Bend Center, Victoria; improve the quality of life of persons and their families who are challenged with problems related to mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities. 361-575-0611 or use the 24 Hour Crisis Hotline 877-723-3422 in an emergency.

Mid-Coast Family Services, Victoria; works to empower individuals to live a life free of family violence, homelessness, sexual assault, and substance abuse. 24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 361-573-HELP or 800-870-0368

Norma's House, Hallettsville; Helps children who are victims of physical, emotional, sexual abuse, and neglect; To report suspected child abuse, call 800-252-5400 or 911

Turtle Wing Foundation, Schulenburg; Mission: to help children in rural areas with learning challenges achieve their full potential. 979-505-5090

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First Penance Workshop – 2nd graders and parent(s) will meet on Wednesday, September 25th, in the school cafeteria, from 6-7pm.

Assigned Class Activities – In an effort to spread out the duties that come with all of our events, we have assigned each grade ONE event that is mandatory to work. We need your help at as many events as you can, but the events below are required for parents and students. If you have a grandparent or other close family friend/relative who wants to participate, bring them along!

September 2024 – Assigned Class Event to Work

- 9/20 – 8th Grade Class – Football Concession/Food Stands
- 9/23 – 10th Grade AND 12th Grade Classes – SHS Pork Dinner

Check the website for the list of all assigned activities for the year.

Click on ACTIVITIES → and then select calendars this specific item.

Tuition Payment Envelopes – Please send in your monthly tuition by the 10th of the month. If you have not received your payment booklet, please contact Jackie Pettus at the Church rectory: 361-798-5888.

SHS Traffic Patrol – ***PK-3 Help Needed*** We need a volunteer to help direct traffic at 7:30 in front of PRE K 3 on Monday. Please consider volunteering or find someone to alternate with you monthly. Contact Karen Janak 798-6898 or mkjanak2018@gmail.com

Student Safe Environment Training – The annual Diocese of Victoria training will be done with all SH students, Pre-K to 12th grade. The training sessions will take place during the month of September during religion class. This year the lesson is: *Protecting God's Children: Teaching Safety- Empowering God's Children.*

Strudel Bake – Saturday, October 12, 2024. We are looking forward to another successful strudel bake. As always, we will need a lot of help to make it success. Pecan donations are needed by October 1st. You may bring them to the school. Contacts: Angela Harper 512-940-7202, Barbara Grahmann 361-798-0659, or Annette Henke 361-772-0929. **Please see the enclosed flyer.**

SHS Pork Dinner Fundraiser – Monday, September 23rd: The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a sliced BBQ Pork Meal at the KC Hall. Plates-to-go will be served from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available to purchase in September. The Knights of Columbus pay for the ingredients and prepare the meal and then students & parents of Sacred Heart Catholic School will sell meal tickets & serve the meal. **All profits will benefit the Sacred Heart Catholic School operating fund. We appreciate the continued generosity of our local KC council.**

School Advisory Council – The 2024/2025 Council members are: Michelle Etzler – President; Ronnie Grahmann – Vice-President; Keith Kubenka, Brooke Meinkowsky – Secretary; Chris Kubena and Carol Rother. The pastor is an ex-officio non-voting member. All acts of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Advisory Council are subject to approval of the pastor. Kevin Haas, Principal, is the executive officer of the school advisory council but has no vote.

Important News from TAPPS

Fan, Coach, & Athlete Behavior – Removal from Contest/Rushing the Field, Court or Pitch



As we look ahead to a new year of competition and in keeping with our motto, “Competition with Honor”, the TAPPS Executive Board has unanimously approved the following penalties in the cases of a coach, athlete or fan being removed from an athletic contest. In addition, the Board has addressed the issue of fans rushing the field, court or pitch. The following are in place for the 2024-25 school year:

Removal from Contest:

- **Student fan** – school is fined \$100 (\$200 during playoffs)
- **Non-Student Fan** – school is fined \$250
- **Player** – 1 game suspension (1st half of next game in football) and a \$100 fine (\$200 fine for playoffs)
- **Coach** – 2 game suspension (1 game in football), public reprimand and a \$300 fine (\$500 fine for playoffs)

After 3 ejections (player or coach) in a sport/5 ejections as a school

In addition to a required meeting by the coaches and AD with TAPPS, the AD will receive a public reprimand and probation.

Fans rushing the field/court/pitch at the buzzer with no incident (players and officials no longer on the court):

- First Offense – warning
- Second Offense – \$1500 fine
- Third Offense – \$1500 fine and no fans at next game

Fans rushing the field/court/pitch at the buzzer with players and officials still on the court:

- First Offense – \$1500 fine
- Second Offense – \$1500 fine and no fans at next game
- Third Offense – Additional sanctions to be determined by TAPPS



Need more
information?

<https://tapps.biz/removal-from-contest/>
<https://tapps.biz/removal-from-a-contest-2/>

Monthly Newsletter – Now in Email Form!

Beginning with Sept. 2024, we will mail the newsletter to your home AND email it to you, provided we have your contact information.

You can also access the newsletter on the website!

Click on **ACTIVITIES** → And then select
“monthly newsletters”

Student & Staff August Birthdays

4 Greysen Miranda	19 Mrs. Rachel Cervenka
5 Philip Bochat	20 Klein Belcik
6 Ezra Lucas	Levi Opela
7 Caston Dworsky	Mr. Randy Kaiser
8 Blair Kudelka	21 Jarrett Jansky
Clare Lemonds	22 Mrs. Wanda Orsak
11 Kenzie Chance	23 Max Collins
Trent Ferry	Mrs. Misti Ridgeway
Ainsley Noska	25 Mrs. Brenda Etzler
Bransen Pastucha	26 Coach Kellie Haas
Mrs. Taylor Bochat	Mr. Mike Lemonds
12 Juliana Henke	27 Luke Meinkowsky
13 Grayson Whited	29 Brynadee Etzler
14 Mrs. Stella Myers	Ford Opela
15 Addisyn Mozisek	30 Jack Chambers
17 Macie Haas	Mrs. Karen Mudd
Claire Janak	
18 Emma Drozd	
Kayla Kurtz	
Kenzie Kurtz	
Emi Pohl	

Reminders

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE - Students are expected to be present and punctual for all classes throughout the year. Any absence must be explained by a note from parents brought to the school office before the student returns to class. **Parents are asked to call the school office before the first period on the first day of the student's absence to inform the office.** 361-798-4251 After an absence, students must obtain an Admission Slip from the office permitting them to return to class.

NO ALCOHOL, SMOKING, E-CIGARETTES, OR USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES –

All athletic and academic contests are school activities, so the use of alcohol or tobacco, in any form, is prohibited. This is a violation of state rules set by the Texas Education Agency and in violation with our code of conduct. **This applies to students AND fans at any event where our students are involved.**

PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY – Sacred Heart Catholic School operates a closed campus policy. Students must remain on the school grounds from arriving, even if the first period has not yet begun, until dismissal. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without permission from the office. A student who needs to leave campus must present a written request, signed by a parent or guardian, to the principal before the first period begins in order to be allowed to leave the campus. When the request to leave has been approved, the student will sign out on the required form located in the school office. Should the student return to the school during the same day, he/she must sign in and receive a permit to return to class.

RAPTOR SYSTEM - PARENTS/VISITORS SIGN IN– All visitors and parents are welcome at Sacred Heart Catholic School and are required to sign in at the school entrance when coming on campus. IDs will be required for everyone. Signs to that effect have been posted at all entrances. Please sign out also when leaving the campus.

All deliveries of items, messages, or lunches for students or staff must be dropped off at the front entrance office of the school. They will be delivered to the designated person at the appropriate time by school personnel. The purpose of this policy is to provide security and safety for your children and to avoid unnecessary interruptions of classroom instruction.

Please remember to email the teacher/staff member, in advance, to make an appointment when you need to confer with a teacher, counselor, or administrator. Your cooperation concerning these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sacred Heart HSA Strudel Bake

The Sacred Heart Strudel Bake will be held on **Saturday, October 12, 2024** at the Sacred Heart Cafeteria and Family Center.

Please note the following:

Donations: We will still take Pecan donations, but **NO sugar donations** because ordering large quantities in advance makes preparation easier. **Cash donations are needed** to offset the cost of all ingredients.

Orders: We will make a limited number of strudels so **orders should be placed by Monday September 30th to guarantee strudels. No orders the day of the event!**

Deliveries: We no longer deliver to Schulenburg or Victoria.

This event is one of the biggest fundraisers for our school. We typically raise close to \$30,000 for our school and it takes a lot of volunteers to make this happen. The hope is that **if you haven't previously volunteered that you realize there is a role for you and we welcome your participation.** We thank you in advance for your help and look forward to another successful Strudel Bake.

You should have received an email with links to the online order/donation form and the online worker signup, using these will help streamline our process. The online worker signup is especially advantageous because you can see which shifts need the most help. You can also find the online order form and worker signup at <https://strudel.shsfundraiser.org> However, if you prefer you can still send in the below form.

Please signup online or return this form by Monday September 30th, 2024

Sunday before Strudel Bake (10/6/2024)	Name of each family member working	1:30pm-3pm
Making Ingredient Baggies - We need 30 people.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(at the home of Robert & Barbara Grahmann)		<input type="checkbox"/>

Thursday before Strudel Bake (10/10/2023)	Name of each family member working	3pm-6pm
Setup - We need 20 people.		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

Strudel Bake - Saturday (10/12/2024)	Name of each family member working	7am-10am	10am-1pm	1pm-4pm
Apple Quartering/Coring - We need 16 people for each shift. Great job for the men.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rolling and Assembling Strudels - We need at least 44 and can handle up to 66 people per shift. (Please bring your own apron and rolling pin.)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Work - For those who do not want to make strudels or process apples. We need 10 people per shift.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Strudel Bake - Saturday (10/12/2024)	Name of each family member working	3pm-6pm
Clean-up - We need at least 12 people, good opportunity for high school boys to help.		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ I am NOT able to work

☐ I have used the online Worker List signup

Donations	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> I will donate Cash for purchase of Apples, Sugar, and Eggs please attach cash / check(Sacred Heart HSA) to slip \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will donate Shelled Pecans (needed by September 18th)	_____ qts

Orders (by Monday September 30th to guarantee strudels)	Unbaked Qty	Baked Qty
Unbaked \$20 each or Baked \$25 each (no special orders)	_____	_____

☐ I do not wish to donate or place an order

☐ I have used the online Donation/Order Form

Email _____

Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Print Name _____

September 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	3 Burrito Ranch Beans Fruit Milk	4 Sloppy Joe Corn Chips Fruit Milk	5 Pizza Pocket Corn Fruit Milk	6 Corn Dogs Tater Tots Fruit Milk	7
8	9 Chicken Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk	10 Tacos Tuesday Refried Beans Fruit Milk	11 Loaded Baked Potato Fruit Milk	12 Spaghetti Corn Fruit Milk	13 Hamburger Fries Fruit Milk	14
15	16 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk	17 Super Nachos Ranch Beans Fruit Milk	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	19 Pizza Fruit Milk	20 Cheeseburger Fries Fruit Milk	21
22	23 Sub Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk	24 Frito Pie Ranch Beans Fruit Milk	25 Chinese Chicken Egg Roll Fruit Milk	26 Lasagna Garlic Stix Fruit Milk	27 Hot Dog Tater Tots Fruit Milk	28
29	30 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk	1 Tacos Tuesday Refried Beans Fruit Milk	2 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Milk	3 Pizza Salad Fruit Milk	4 Hamburger Fries Fruit Milk	5

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
SEPT. 12 – 16 PROGRESS REPORTS & ELIGIBILITY				VB: Sept. 5 & 7 Flatonia Freshman & JV Tourn. TBA		
1 Sacred Heart Parish Picnic K.C. Hall	2 LABOR DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY	3 VB: Weimar ISD Here JV,JV,V 5:00 p.m.	4 SCHOOL PICTURES	5 Jr Hi VB: Columbus St. Anthony Here 5:00 p.m. B,A	6 8:05 a.m. Liturgy Early Dismissal @2:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting FB: Flatonia There 7:30 p.m.	7
8 Grandparents Day Mon. Sept. 9 School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9 Jr. Hi VB: Victoria OLV There 5:00 p.m. C,B,A	10 H.S. VB: Spring Providence Classical There 5:00 p.m. JV, V	11 Jr Hi FB: Schulenburg St. Rose Here 5:30 p.m.	12 VB: San Marcos Hill Country Christian There 5:00 p.m. JV, V	13 End of 4 1/2 Weeks 8:05 a.m. Liturgy FB: Louise 7:30 p.m. There	14 Jr. High VB: Yoakum ISD Tourn. B,A TBA Junior High & Varsity Moulton Cross Country Meet
15	16 Progress Reports Eligibility Check Jr Hi VB: Yoakum St. Joe There 5:30 p.m. B,A	17 VB: *Bulverde Bracken Christian Here 5:00 p.m. JV, V	18 Jr Hi FB: Victoria OLV Here 5:30 p.m.	19 VB: Victoria St. Joe There 4:00 p.m. Freshmen	20 8:05 a.m. Liturgy FB: Victoria St. Joe 7:00 p.m. Here Football Parent Night	21 Jr. High VB: Flatonia ISD Tourn. B,A TBA
22 Monday, Sept. 23 Pork Bar-B-Que Dinner 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. K.C. Hall	23 Jr Hi VB: Port Lavaca OLG Here 5:00 p.m. B,A Jr. Hi FB: Victoria OLV There 5:30 p.m.	24 VB: *Bulverde Bracken Christian There 5:00 p.m. JV, V	25 1 st Penance Workshop 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Church & Cafeteria	26 Victoria St. Joe TBA Here Freshmen VB: *Victoria Faith Academy Here 5:00 p.m. JV & V Junior High & Varsity Needville Cross Country Meet	27 8:05 a.m. Liturgy	28 Kolache Fest Kolache 5K Cross Country Jr. High & H.S.
29	30 Jr Hi VB:Schulenburg St. Rose Here 5:00 p.m. C,B,A					