



Sacred Heart School

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Mr. B's Buzz

Thanks for your enthusiastic participation in the Halloween activities last week. In case you are interested, photos are posted on the Sacred Heart School, Jeffersonville Facebook page.

Today is Veterans Day and we were honored with the privilege of recognizing veterans who are loved ones of our Sacred Heart families. Next time you see a vet, thank him or her for the service that is given to our country, especially during these perilous times.

Well, are you dusting the frost off your pumpkins? I know that I am, which reminds me that our Indian summer has finally faded, fall is definitely in the air, and old man winter may soon be knocking on our door. With this in mind, I thought it might be good to share with the SHS community how I determine the effect of inclement weather on our school day and its start time.

"How do I decide whether to cancel or delay school?" This is a question I often get asked each winter. Unfortunately, in all of my graduate studies, there was never a class about when to cancel or delay school. My training consisted of being affected by someone else making the call for many years, and then either thinking it was a good one, or I would have done something different.

Let me begin by saying that it is a responsibility I do not take lightly. The thought of school families and school staff driving on roads which may be in potentially hazardous conditions makes the decision very burdensome. I try and balance the need to keep school open and on time so that learning may take place with the desire to keep our students safe. If anything, I would say I will usually err on the side of caution when it comes to delaying or cancelling. With that said, living in southern Indiana, we will not cancel or delay every time it snows or there are a few patches of ice on the road. Often times, delaying school would do no good as conditions may be predicted to actually worsen with time. So where does the line get drawn? I will always be very interested to see what our surrounding public schools and their corporations will be doing. I will also monitor what the transportation people are saying who are out driving the roads very early and are in direct contact with city and county road crews. The decisions of our local schools' corporations will always greatly influence what Sacred Heart School will do; however, that doesn't always mean we follow their lead. Sometimes, their decision is based heavily on walkers, kids standing out at bus stops in the cold, and teenage drivers.

I will also monitor very closely the forecasts and traffic reports from local media outlets, as well as spend time on the roads myself. All of this results in some pretty early mornings during the winter.

As I dance around actually answering the question, you can probably tell that there are no easy, set criteria. Every decision is made by looking at the given circumstances and making a judgement call. Please know, above all else, that I do take the safety of our students very seriously.

Stay safe and God bless,
We are Anchored in Christ,

Frank Barlag

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us. Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever!

Nov. 13	UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov. 6 – 11	Vocations Awareness Week
Nov. 15	PSTS Parent Education Night 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria
Nov. 16	PSTS Executive Board Meeting
Nov. 21	8 th Grade Shadow Day at Providence
Nov. 22	SHS Turkey Trot at 2:00 PM
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 26	Jeffersonville Holiday Parade 5:00 PM
Nov. 27	1 st Sunday of Advent
Nov. 28	Lighting of Advent Wreath
Nov. 29	Second Grade Reconciliation
Dec. 3	Breakfast with St. Nick
Dec. 6	St. Nick Visit
Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception All School Mass 8:30 AM
Dec. 9	End of 2 nd Quarter Bell Chime Choirs (6, 7 & 8 grades) 2:00 PM in the PAC
Dec. 13	Preschool Christmas Program
Dec. 14	2 nd Quarter Report Cards Posted
Dec. 15	Christmas Program (K-5)
Dec. 16	2 nd Quarter Awards Assembly 11:30 AM in Church All School Mass 12:00 PM Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM
Dec. 17 – Jan. 2	NO SCHOOL/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuna Casserole Carrots, Chex Mix & Fruit
Tuesday	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Fruit
Wednesday	Soft Taco, Refried Beans, Chips/Salsa & Fruit
Thursday	Turkey, Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Apple or Pumpkin Pie and Fruit
Friday	Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patty, Hashbrowns, Biscuit, Gravy, Pancake & Fruit

UPCOMING LITURGIES

Nov. 11	Mrs. Nickell, Grade 4	8:30
Nov. 18	Mrs. Stith, Grade 6	8:30
Dec. 2	Mrs. Evanczyk, Grade 8, & Mrs. Keith, Kindergarten	8:30
Dec. 9	Mrs. Burch, Grade 7	8:30
Dec. 13	Student Reconciliation	9:30
Dec. 16	Mrs. Brockwell, Grade 1	12:00 Noon

PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING PARENTAL SELF-REGULATION Concerned that you may be exhibiting signs of anxiety, anxious behavior, or excessive worry? Not sure what to do? Join us for an informational presentation that will define parental self-regulation, help you understand the development of internalizing problems and identify some of the common symptoms, as well as learn about some brief behavioral treatments and other techniques to promote a positive mindset with anxious students. This informal presentation is meant to provide the Sacred Heart community with a greater understanding of anxiety and coping tools for intervention. If interested, please join our School Psychologist, Mrs. Frossard for a frank discussion in the cafeteria Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Frossard at mfrossard@sacredheartschool.us

CALAMITY DAYS You can check the Sacred Heart's website where we will post any change from the calendar as the first item under NEWS. We will also activate our notification system as soon as possible. Please make sure the school office has ALL current addresses and phone numbers on file.

If school is cancelled due to weather conditions, we follow our own plan. School will either be closed or we will operate on a two-hour delay. This information will be found on our website, TV, the TV station's website. Listen or watch for Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville. In the event that there needs to be an early dismissal, the oldest student enrolled in school will call a parent to determine how they will get home. We need to be sure arrangements have been made so no one arrives home unsupervised without the parent's consent.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Sacred Heart School 2 Hour Delay: The grade school day will start at 9:45. The lunch choice will be #1 entrée only. There will be **NO** pre-school.

Daycare/Extend Care will open at 7:00 a.m. and there will be **NO** preschool.

Closings/Delays will be listed on WAVE and WDRB.

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2016 JEFFERSONVILLE HOLIDAY PARADE

Sacred Heart School's student council and their families will be walking in the 2016 Jeffersonville Holiday parade on Saturday November 26th at 5:00. We'd like to invite all school families to come out and support our school and its student council members with your cheers along the parade route. The parade route starts at the Riverstage and travels north onto Spring Street to 7th Street.

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK Have breakfast with St. Nick on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00AM. to 1:00PM in the gym.

PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Providence High School invites all Deanery students and their families to attend a performance of "Cinderella: Or How Pipsqueak the Mouse Became a Stallion" presented by the freshman and sophomore Providence Players. This funny twist on the classic fairy tale Cinderella is told from the point of view of the mice. Show times are Saturday, Nov. 12, at 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and students (K-12) and can be purchased at the door; free admission for children under 5.

Blue Pride Madness: The Providence boys' and girls' basketball teams are hosting their annual Blue Pride Madness on Saturday in the Larkin Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This fun, exciting event features music, a light show, games and prizes as it showcases the 2016-2017 teams. The event is free for Providence and Deanery students and \$2 for adults. We hope to see you there!

PHS Dance Clinic will be held Saturday, November 19th from 1pm-4pm at PHS. We invite all students PreK- 6th grade to attend. The cost is \$25 dollars and includes a t-shirt and snack. Clinic participants are invited to join the PHS Dance team during a halftime performance on Saturday 11/19. For more information or to register please contact Coach Kristina Frakes at 502-432-7084.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Announcing Ivy Tech Community College of Southern Indiana's Kid's College Annual Winter Enrichment Program. This program is geared toward all children who are in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Classes will be held in our Ogle Hall on the main Ivy Tech campus in Sellersburg. The dates of the classes are Dec. 19th and 20th. The children will be engaged in high-interest, educationally appropriate activities promoting critical thinking, collaboration with classmates and most of all, FUN in each of the courses they choose