



Sacred Heart School

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Mr. B's Buzz

We are now in the liturgical season in the Catholic calendar known as Ordinary Time. As adults and for many of us, the winter month of January, February, and March seem very ordinary. During these days of winter, we are more tired, and with less energy, often less patience and easily aggravated. Our children are not much different from us. If you are noticing your child being more irritable and unhappy, especially as it relates to his or her school experience, please call us so that we can partner together alternative strategies to combat those "blue moods and winter blahs."

Good News! The Knights of Columbus JFK Council 1348 has awarded Sacred Heart School a \$35,000 grant to purchase fifty iPads for our school. Congratulations to Mrs. Bremmer who wrote the grant for us, and a huge THANK YOU to Father Marcotte who presented our grant to the K of C. And of course, all this would not be possible if it wasn't for our many friends, the Knights! THANK YOU – THANK YOU -THANK YOU!

Tuesday, January 24 is a very important evening for our school as we continue to press forward in being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School. During the evening I will be outlining our vision and path (strategic plan) towards this achievement and where we are currently (state of the school) in regards to the progress (effectiveness) of Sacred Heart School. Among other topics, state testing and student achievement, school safety, and school finances will be discussed. Please join me in a town hall format on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM in the PAC (Parish Activity Center located in the school building).

Last week 2017-2018 registration forms were sent home. It is very important that you return your registration form back into school promptly. We expect to announce our tuition for the new school year and offer contracts to our school staff earlier this year. Obviously, this cannot happen without your timely assistance which enables our parish finance council to have an accurate enrollment projection.

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner (January 29-February 3). We kick-off the week with Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church, followed by our Open House and complementary chili cook-off. A complete schedule of events for the week can be found later in this newsletter. You may have noticed something a little strange in last week's newsletter. *Unfortunately* we are not taking a bus ride to Santa Barbara, CA to attend mass, but we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many exciting activities throughout the week! As always, parents and families are invited to join in the festivities with us.

We will **not** be in school Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Dr. King was an advocate of volunteerism and community service. This weekend may be a good time to gather as a family and search out opportunities to do service as a family. Maybe do one better, take a couple hours out of your busy day on Monday for your family to do an act of kindness or service for your neighbor.

We are anchored in Christ,
Frank Barlag

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017 AT SHS

"Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service"

We hope you will join us as we celebrate this special week that makes Sacred Heart School so unique!

Sunday, January 29: School Mass, Open House and Chili Cook-off Luncheon

-All families and parishioners are invited to join us at the 11 am mass at Sacred Heart Church. SHS students will assist as liturgical ministers. We also invite you to join us at our annual Open House and complimentary Chili Cook-off Luncheon hosted by our amazing parent volunteers and served by our Student Council members. Open House with tours and student presentations begin at 12Noon and end at 2:00. Door prizes will be awarded at 2:50 PM. You do not need to be present at 2:50 to win!

Monday, January 30: Day of Service

-The most important day during this week of celebrating our Catholic identity is the Day of Service. Our students are constantly learning about our world and how we can be stewards of creation and bearers of light. Whether it be feeding the hungry or caring for the poor, our children become lifelong learners with the knowledge, compassion, and desire to make the difference that our world needs. Please look for updates in the coming weeks from your child's teacher and your child's class special service project.

Tuesday, January 31: Celebrating the Nation

On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders. They share information with leaders on the significant contributions Catholic schools make to the nation and their role in preparing students to be good citizens. They pray for the nation and recognize all those who serve it.

Wednesday, February 1: Student Appreciation Day

On this day we celebrate the most special members of our school community, our students! All children will be out of uniform. A morning surprise will be provided by our PSTS before school, so we encourage all students to be on time that morning. The rest of the day is a surprise!

Thursday, February 2: Celebrating Vocations

By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life. National Catholic Schools Week offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well in the service of God and others — by answering the call to a religious vocation, by nurturing a family through sacramental marriage, by volunteering in church activities and charities, and/or by pursuing a career that makes the world a better place.

Friday, February 3: Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

We wrap up our week with our regular Friday All School Mass at 8:30 AM. At that time we will recognize our school volunteers. PSTS will host a luncheon for our Staff, and the day will end with some fun as the Staff takes on our 8th grade students in the annual CSW Volleyball Game.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Jan. 16	No School – Martin Luther King Holiday – Flex Day for weather
Jan. 17	PSTS Meeting – 7:00 PM
Jan. 19	SHS Night at McDonalds on Allison Lane 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Jan. 19	Geography Bee – 1:00 in the PAC
Jan. 20-21	8 th Grade Retreat
Jan. 21	3 rd Grade Movie Night with Father Marcotte
Jan. 24	State of School Address – 7:00 PM in the PAC
Jan. 25	Student Progress Reports
Jan. 27	5 th Grade Colonial Fair Presentations
Jan. 29 – Feb. 3	Catholic Schools Week
Jan. 29	Open House 12:00 – 2:00
Feb. 3	Spirit Day – Volleyball Game Staff vs. 8 th Grade 2:00 PM

LUNCH MENU	
Monday	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	Soft Taco, Chips/Salsa, Sweet Rice & Fruit
Wednesday	Chili Dog, Potato Wedges, Corn & Fruit
Thursday	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Fruit
Friday	Cheeseburger, Baked Beans, Fries & Fruit

UPCOMING LITURGIES		
Jan. 20	Mrs. Daugherty Grade 3	8:30
Jan. 27	Mrs. Rohlfig Grade 2	8:30
Feb. 3	Catholic Schools Week – All Grades	8:30
Feb. 10	Mrs. Burch Grade 7	8:30

OPEN HOUSE

The faculty, staff, and students of Sacred Heart School cordially invite all of our school families and their friends and neighbors to celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week at our Open House from 12:00 – 2:00 on Sunday, January 29th. Come win a door prize, enjoy student presentations and fellowship with our complimentary chili cook-off!

SCHOOL NEWS 3rd Grade Movie night with Father Marcotte will be January 21st after 5:45 Mass.

SHS NIGHT AT MCDONALD'S

January 19th will be our SHS night at McDonalds on Allison Lane from 5:00 – 8:00. Our 8th grade students will be on hand to help raise funds for their Washington DC trip. Please come out and help support our school.

SACRED HEART CYO SPORTS

There will be an informational meeting for all boys and girls wanting to play 3rd/4th grade basketball. The meeting will take place Sunday, January 15 at noon or just after mass ends. We will meet in the gym. The meeting shouldn't last more than a few minutes. If anyone is interested in coaching, please contact Tony Vissing at tvissing06@hotmail.com

Biddy Ball signups are this Sunday in the Sacred Heart gym at 12:30. Biddy Ball is open to boys and girls from Pre K through 2nd Grade. A signup sheet went home this week. If you have a signup sheet, bring it with you. We will have more at the gym. You can also get a signup sheet in the school office.

PARISH NEWS

Reverse Raffle: Saturday, February 4th at 7:00 PM in Walpole Hall. (BYOB) Dinner Included with all ticket purchases. Dinner is provided by Knights of Columbus. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after Masses.

Do you have cabin fever? Come join us for our Chili Supper, Pie Contest, Free Bingo and Prizes! Saturday, January 14th at St. Augustine Parish Hall at 5:00 p.m., right after mass. Hosted by St. Augustine Fellowship Committee. Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, under 3 years old are FREE. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Pies for the contest MUST be homemade. Please pre-register pies to enter. Deadline: Thursday, January 12, 2017. Please contact Judy Storz: 812-283-7256.

DROP IN IS BACK!! Attention 6th, 7th and 8th graders. You are invited to attend! Tuesday, January 17th from 3:30 – 5:00, in the Youth Center.

PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL Rising freshman registration night is Monday Feb. 6. All families who have a desire to send their children to Providence, but who may have difficulties with the tuition, transportation, social issues or other challenges should contact Dave Smith 812.945.3350 or dsmith@providencehigh.net PHS is here for them and eager to help. PHS has the resources on hand to make the blessing of a Providence education a reality for all deanery families.