



Sacred Heart School

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Mr. B's Buzz

I hope you are having a blessed Christmas Season and New Year!

I also hope that your commute to school yesterday morning was not too much of an inconvenience. This is probably a good time to remind everyone that **Sacred Heart School does not close or delay school when Greater Clark Schools are closed or delayed**. When we experience inclement weather, I consult with the other New Albany Deanery principals and then I make an independent decision for what I think is best for SHS. (Please review School Closing Announcement, School Delay Policy, and Outdoor Recess Policy, all of which can be found later in the Newsletter.)

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Schumann and her husband, Billy, are proud parents of a baby boy, Parker. Everyone in the Schumann family is doing fine, although Mrs. Schumann will be staying home with baby Parker throughout the third quarter. In her place we are very fortunate to have Abby Rohlfing a recent graduate from IU Southeast.

As we begin the new year and in essence, the beginning of the second semester, January is full of many exciting educational opportunities for our students. We invite our school families to visit us and be a part of as many of the assemblies, events, and projects that are possible. Most of these are listed in the Newsletter under the heading of Upcoming Events and Upcoming Liturgies. The month concludes with our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week! Check out later in this newsletter the exciting schedule of events that have been already planned for this exciting week.

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).

2017-2018 registration packets were distributed today to the oldest student. It will be just as important as ever to return your registration form 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.

Our hearts go out to Mrs. Bremmer and her family. Mrs. Bremmer's mother, Margaret Meiners is in her heavenly home with Jesus. May eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Stay safe and warm this weekend.

We are anchored in Christ,
Frank Barlag

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.

Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever!

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Jan. 10	School Commission Meeting 7:00 PM
Jan. 11	Camp Kindergarten 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Cafeteria
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
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
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 – 3:00
Feb. 2	Spirit Day – Volleyball Game Staff vs. 8 th Grade 2:00 PM

LUNCH MENU	
Monday	Spaghetti, Peas, Garlic Bread, & Fruit
Tuesday	Chicken Fajita, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, & Fruit
Wednesday	Sloppy Joe, Parsley Potatoes, Broccoli & Fruit
Thursday	Corn Dog, Green Beans, Cinnamon Pears & Fruit
Friday	Meatball Sub, Buttered Noodles, Carrots & Fruit

UPCOMING LITURGIES		
Jan. 13	Mrs. Nickell Grade 4	8:30
Jan. 20	Mrs. Daugherty Grade 3	8:30
Jan. 27	Mrs. Rohlfing Grade 2	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 – 3:00 on Sunday, January 29th. Come win a door prize, enjoy student presentations and fellowship with our complimentary chili cook-off!

SCHOOL NEWS

SHS Camp Kindergarten welcomes ALL incoming kindergarteners, along with their family to explore Sacred Heart's outstanding kindergarten and "A" rated school on **Wednesday, January 11th from 6:30-8:00**. The evening begins in the PAC (Parish Activity Center) located in the school building. **There is still time to register for the few spots that are available**, for this is an informative session for parents and age appropriate activity for children. Our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Keith and our principal, Mr. Barlag will discuss curriculum, financial assistance, tuition, kindergarten readiness skills, etc. Come out and enjoy a night of fun and learn more about your child's future education!

We will have t-shirts, along with some other goodies for our incoming kindergarteners. You can email Rhonda Keith at rkeith@sacredheartschool.us.

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. 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.

SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT: When there is a change to the school day due to inclement weather, we will post the change on Sacred Heart's website as the first item under NEWS. We will also activate our notification system through Jupiter 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, in Jupiter, on WHAS 11 NEWS, WAVE3NEWS, and WDRB TV and their 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.

SCHOOL DELAY POLICY: School will operate on a two (2) hour delay schedule. The grade school day will start at 9:45 AM. **The lunch choice will be #1 entrée only**. There will be **NO** pre-school. Daycare/Extend Care will open at 7:00 a.m.

COLD WEATHER RECESS POLICY: Students will be going out to recess when the temperature is 30 degrees or above. Please make sure your child is dress for winter each day.

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

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 have the resources on hand to make the blessing of a Providence education a reality for all deanery families