



# Sacred Heart Catholic Newsletter

December 14, 2018

Forming Saints and Scholars

**Our Mission:** Sacred Heart Catholic school community provides a Catholic foundation which cultivates disciples of Jesus and fosters academic excellence for all God's children.

## The Principal's Blog

This Sunday we will celebrate Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday. We are reminded that during this third week in Advent, it is a time of rejoicing. Our preparation period is nearing the end, and God's affirmation of the goodness of being human is just days away; made known by the mystery of Christmas. This Advent Season we are once again gifted with joy watching our young people grow in their faith. Next week offers two more opportunities to join us in prayer and song. On Wednesday morning (7:50 am in the PAC) we will gather as a school community for our last Advent Prayer Service. On Thursday, our last day before we break for Christmas, we will celebrate with Los Posadas beginning at 12:15. We will start our procession in the school building and then process to the church to end our day singing traditional Christmas carols. Parents and friends are invited to join us.

As I have said many times, one of my greatest joys of being a Catholic school educator is witnessing our young people as they perform. Last evening, under the direction of Mrs. Ronda Jackson, this joy was brought to life once again. Congratulations students and Mrs. Jackson for a wonderful Christmas program and thank you for bringing joy to this Advent Season!

On Tuesday of next week, our Little Cardinals will keep the *spirit* alive with their Christmas Program starting at 6:00 pm in the church.

Next Thursday we will celebrate the anticipation of Christmas with an ***Out of Uniform Day***. Students are encouraged to wear joyful, festive colors.

Enrollment information for the 2019-2020 school year will be distributed when we return from Christmas break. It will be just as important as ever to complete your registration form promptly. Many of our classes are at or near capacity! We expect to announce our tuition for the new school and offer contracts to our school staff year earlier this year. Obviously, this cannot happen without your timely assistance which enables our parish finance council to have an accurate enrollment projection.

As we light the *Shepherds Candle* this weekend, you and your family will be in my prayers.

Rejoice!

Frank Barlag

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.

Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever!

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Our weekly Advent Service put on by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade was beautiful. The music and commentary reminded us that we must get ready to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. Special thanks to Mrs. Betty Walter and Mrs. Pam Daugherty for planning such a meaningful service. The trees, presents, decorations, and visits to family and friends are a big part of the holidays but it has no meaning without the Baby Jesus. Please discuss as a family the real meaning of Christmas.



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*Our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 13, 2018, was the last Christmas Program for our current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class. The singing and music performed by Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade was enjoyed by all. Thank you Mrs. Ronda Jackson.*



## ADVENT 2018

*We hope you and your family has taken advantage of some of the simple daily activities on our Advent calendar that was attached to our newsletter last week. What we do in Jesus' name, however simple, pleases Our Lord immeasurably.*

*Our next Advent prayer service will be on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, in the PAC and will begin promptly at 7:50 a.m. and end at 8:05 a.m. Grades 2 & 7 will lead the service. Please come and join us. It is a beautiful way to start your day.*

*Don't forget our service project! We are collecting Adult hats, gloves, and scarves for Exit 0. Our giant stockings to collect donations are hanging outside of our classrooms as a daily reminder of this service project as we walk through the halls during December.*

## **GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON**



### **HAVE YOU SEEN US! WE'RE LOST!**

**We were last seen on Grandparents' Day!**

**Someone borrowed us from the SHC cafeteria and we are missed. We did a great job! Please help us get**

**back home!! The Food Services Manager has checked**

**everywhere (cafeteria nooks and crannies, PAC kitchen, concessions' area in gym, St. Catherine Hall kitchen,**

**bereavement cart)! If you remember seeing us, please see BettyAnn Simpson, Food Services Manager.**

## **NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE!**

We are excited to be launching a newly designed website for the school coming in the new year! The new sites will offer information about current events at Sacred Heart Catholic and provide avenues for everyone to be a part of the bigger church communities of Sacred Heart and St. Augustine. We want this tool to engage our school community to get involved and evangelize outside of our own community. We hope this new design will allow for our school families to quickly find the information needed to stay connected with the church and school.

## **MORNING ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT**

We need your help during the end of the day dismissal. Please remember the following:

**\*\*Drive slowly.**

**\*\*During dismissal park in designated spots.**

**\*\*Don't drive around the car in front of you unless you are directed by a staff member.**

**\*\*Be mindful of children walking through the parking lot at arrival and dismissal.**

As many of you are aware, we are in the throes of cold and flu season. Our students have also been experiencing stomach issues. There are rules governing when a student may return to school. Please see the information below. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by the teachers, fellow students and other staff members.

## I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

## I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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## WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION

WE DO NOT FOLLOW GREATER CLARK SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DECISION TO DELAY OR CANCEL SCHOOL. IF REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS ARE IMPACTED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, SCHOOL WILL EITHER BE CLOSED OR WE WILL OPERATE ON A TWO-HOUR DELAY. IF SCHOOL IS CLOSED AND OPERATING ON AN eLEARNING DAY, THE NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE JUPITER MESSAGE WITH CLEARLY STATE "eLEARNING DAY." IN ADDITION TO THE JUPITER MESSAGE, THIS INFORMATION MAY ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. WE HAVE A PROCEDURE IN PLACE TO NOTIFY WAVE 3 NEWS AND WDRB NEWS WHEN WE HAVE A SCHOOL DELAY OR CLOSING. LISTEN OR WATCH FOR SACRED HEART CATHOLIC-JEFFERSONVILLE IN THE EVENT OF A CANCELLATION, DELAY OR EARLY DISMISSAL. YOU MAY GO TO THE NEWS STATIONS' WEBSITES TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES NOTIFICATIONS.

IF WE ARE ON A TWO-HOUR DELAY: (1) THERE WILL BE NO MORNING PRESCHOOL CLASSES. (2) EXTENDED CARE WILL OPEN AT 8:30 A.M. (3) DROP-OFF DOORS WILL OPEN AT 9:00 A.M.

IF WE HAVE AN EARLY DISMISSAL: (1) WE WILL DISMISS AT 1:00 P.M. (2) PARENTS/ GUARDIANS WILL BE NOTIFIED THROUGH JUPITER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU HAVE A PLAN TO HAVE SOMEONE ON CALL WHO CAN PICK UP YOUR STUDENT(S). WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE SO NO ONE ARRIVES HOME UNSUPERVISED WITHOUT THE PARENT'S CONSENT.



Dec 13 – Grades K-8 Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. in the Church

Dec 14 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Dec 18 – Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. in the Church

Dec 19 – School Advent Confessions, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Dec 20 - Awards Assembly, 8:00 a.m., Los Posadas, Noon, 1:00 p.m. dismissal  
(Bring a Sack Lunch - No cafeteria service)

Dec 20 – First Reconciliation for First Communicants, 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church

Jan 3 , 2019 – First Day Back from Christmas Break

Jan 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School (Weather Make-up if needed)

Jan 27 – School Open House

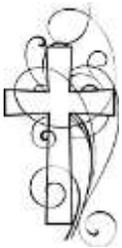
Jan 28 – Feb 1 – Catholic Schools' Week



Our Students signed a Thank You card for the many playground helpers who made the new SHC playground possible. We especially thank those who procured the equipment, installed the equipment and spread the mulch!

We have awesome support from our SHC Families!

God Bless You All!



## Liturgy Schedule: Come Worship with Our Family!

<b>Date &amp; Grade:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Feast of:</b>
December 14 (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	8:30 am	Memorial of St. John of the Cross
*December 20 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	Noon	Ordinary Time
January 04, 2019 (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	8:30 am	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 11 (7 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	8:30 am	Ordinary Time
January 18 (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	8:30 am	Ordinary Time
January 25 (5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	8:30 am	Ordinary Time

\*Last Mass Before Christmas Break



## What's Number 1???

<u>12/17</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>12/19</u>	<u>12/20</u>	<u>12/21</u>
Soft Pretzel w/ Cheese Buttered Carrots Cinnamon Pears Fruit/Milk	Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit/Milk	Turkey Sandwich Cheese Broccoli Gold Fish Crackers Fruit/Milk	Early Dismissal BRING SACK LUNCH FROM HOME!!	Christmas Break Starts!!  MERRY CHRISTMAS



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