



November
2011

Sacred Heart School Home School Association

President's Message

November is a time of year that we focus on thankfulness and gratitude. It's so easy to get distracted by the treadmill of life and miss the moments the Lord puts before us that show His grace and mercy.

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend." -Melody Beat-tie, Author

So, here are a few of the things for which I am grateful:

The Knott Foundation and those at our school and parish who helped with the grant! With this very generous grant of \$41,000 (the full amount we re-quested), we will re-ceive 8 more Smart Boards in the school which will bring the total throughout the building to 18! Grant writing is hard, tedious work but well worth

the results. To Ms. Peck, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Greenwalt, and Mr. Wedra, thank you for the time you put into the grant writing process. We are so ap-preciative.

Parent/ Grandparent/ Guardian Volunteers: Imagine a world (or, in this case, a school) where no one stepped up to help our children during the school day.

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H S A Meetings

Any and all school parents and guardians are welcome to attend the Home School Association meetings. If you would like to be listed on the agenda for a meeting, please contact the H S A President, Tricia Morano at 410-526-5301 or stmorano@comcast.net, at least one week in advance of the meeting date.

We encourage all of those interested in the H S A to attend these meetings to stay informed. Input from our school community is always needed and appreciated. Please be sure and join the Home School Association this year. For membership information, please contact Kristine Snider at 410-517-1667 or kristine708@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

[November 4](#)

School Closed

[November 16](#)

H S A Meeting

[November 23-25](#)

School Closed

[November 28-](#)
[December 2](#)

Santa's
Workshop

H S A Meeting Dates

November 16
7 pm in the Media
Center

March 21
7 pm in the Media
Center

May 16
7 pm in the Media
Center

Childcare will be
provided

President's Message Continued

Needless to say, it would make for a very different environment. I can't express enough the gratitude and respect I have for everyone who shares their time to volunteer in the cafeteria, library, as homeroom parents, prayerfully in F.O.C.U.S., and the many, many other opportunities available.

For our Administration, Teachers, and Staff – who set aside their own burdens and worries to open their hearts to our children every day, and share their love of learning with them.

Student Safeties – who brave the elements every afternoon (extreme heat, rain, extreme cold, snow (yes, it's coming, again!) to make sure our dismissal process is safely followed for the well-being of our children (and the teachers present in the morning and afternoon!)

Cafeteria Staff – who make the lunch process seamless (I had the chance to volunteer in the kitchen recently and, believe me, it's mind-boggling how they get it all done... they are teamwork at its best!)

Maintenance Staff – who keep our campus and buildings clean, manicured, and in optimal condition. (Get ready for the pun...) They are a well-oiled machine!

Committee Chair people & Executive Board – who step up and run their committees in spite of talk and criticism. I couldn't put a price on the value you bring to our school. I am proud of each of you and so honored to call you my friends.

The Parish – For the support, we receive from Msgr. Aiken, Fr. Lanoue, Sr. Jude, and all those in the Parish Center and parish congregation.

Military/country – who serve and fight to protect the freedoms we take for granted every day, and by the grace of God, that we live in this wonderful country. God Bless America!

I could go on, believe me! (Don't even get me started on my family!!!) For everywhere I look, I can find something that or someone who is truly a blessing from the Lord.

In this spirit of gratitude, I wish each of you and your families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace,

Tricia

Tricia Morano

H S A President

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Santa's Workshop

It's that time of year! Santa's Workshop will be held from November 28th through December 2nd. Santa's Workshop is a fun way for your kids to shop for Mom, Dad, Siblings, Grandma, Grandpa, aunts, uncles, etc...

Items are reasonable priced between .25 and \$10.

Your child's Santa's Workshop time will be scheduled during his/her regular Library time. Please check your child's time and feel free to come in and help

him/her shop!

Volunteers are needed throughout the week; contact Tina Wehland at 443-487-1347, or mtmbewehland@hotmail.com if you are able to help!

Outreach

Advent Adopt-A-Family Project Nov 21-Dec 14:

The Adopt-A-Family project provides Christmas gifts for those less fortunate at St. Ann's Parish (Sacred Heart's sister parish) in Baltimore. Each homeroom (grades 1-8) adopts a family and provides gifts for that family. Preschool and Kindergarten classes collect hats and gloves to help the children at St. Ann's. Gifts will be collected from Nov 21-Dec 14, and delivered to St. Ann's on December 14th.

Be on the lookout for the Adopt-A-Family information that will include each family's wish list (this is just to get ideas) for Christmas (gifts other than those in the wish list are always, always welcome). This information will be sent home just before Thanksgiving.

Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful Outreach tradition.

We welcome volunteers on December 14th to organize the gifts and deliver them to St. Ann's in the late morning. Please feel free to participate in just the organization of gifts or just the delivery of gifts or both. It is a really fun morning. Contact Adele Kootz at gatorlion@comcast.net if interested.

The Coat Collection (which also included winter sweaters and blankets this year) and Candy Collection went very well this year. Thank you for sharing your abundant blessings with those less fortunate.

Madonna Ministry Baby Bottle Collection:

Large baby bottle banks placed in each homeroom in grades K-5 and smaller bottles will be sent home with each Middle School student after Thanksgiving on November 28th. These baby bottles/banks are for the collection of money to be donated to the

[Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concern](#). Any amount of donation is welcome. Checks are acceptable and should be made out to the Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concern.

Middle School students should return the baby bottles by December 14th (baby bottles are reused each year for this collection).

For more information about the center, see their website: www.cpcfhelp.org or contact Gina Ruppert at ginamari-er@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

Please feel free to contact Adele Kootz at gatorlion@comcast.net, Laura Keating at laura.keating@verizon.net or Alicia Mezu at almezu@verizon.net with any questions or suggestions.

Library

Support the Sacred Heart School library by shopping at Constellation Books Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 25 – 27, 303 Main Street in Reisterstown (corner of Main Street and Bond Avenue). Friday and Saturday, 11 AM to 7 PM. Sunday, 12 to 6 PM.

Kids author book signing on Saturday. Live music performance on Sunday. Mention Sacred Heart School and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the school library.

www.constellationbooks.com

Thanksgiving Prayer

*Father in Heaven, Creator of all and Source of all goodness and love,
please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude
in this time of giving thanks.*

*Thank you for all the graces and blessings
You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal—
our faith and religious heritage,
our food and shelter, our health,
the love we have for one another,
our family and friends.*

*Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,
please grant us continued graces and blessings
throughout the coming year.*

*This we ask in the Name of Jesus,
Your Son and our Brother.*

Amen.

“You who do not yet see God will, by loving your neighbor, make yourself worthy of seeing him. By loving your neighbor, you cleanse your eyes so you can see God.” ~St. Augustine



New Rebate Program

Money for SHG for Drinking Coke!

Please keep this program in mind when serving beverages during the Thanksgiving Holiday!

Every bit helps, so enter those points online, or place the codes in the Box Tops bin in the main lobby.

If you have any questions, please contact Janice Gonder at JaniceGonder@netscape.net

Box Tops

Monthly drawing for November!

For every 10 box tops you send in, your children's names will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of 5 prizes!

Deadline is November 30th.



Help make great things happen for our school

Our school has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. That means by drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to help our school.

Your donations will go towards rewards like sports equipment that will help our students learn, play and have fun.

It's easy to donate:

- 1 Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, in a variety of sizes and flavors).
- 2 Go to mycokerewards.com/school & sign in (register if you aren't a member).
- 3 Enter your codes to collect points - then search for our school to donate points.
- 4 Enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click "Donate".

Check out



for more information and start turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for our school.



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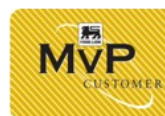
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