



January
2012

Sacred Heart School Home School Association

Vice President's Message

January is a special time for Catholic Schools as we celebrate the Faith, Academics, and Service we enjoy at Sacred Heart. This year, Catholic Schools Week will kick off with an open house for prospective families, and a pep-rally to get the kids into the spirit.

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, there will be a cake auction, the Invention Convention, parent visitation, concluding with the always popular out of uniform half day.

This year the focus of our service project will be the Reisterstown Community Crisis Cen-

ter (CCC). The funds raised from the cake auction and the out of uniform day will support the food pantry at the CCC. The current recession has created a persistent need for donations, which has never been greater.

With monetary donations, the CCC can purchase food from the Maryland Food Bank more cost effectively.

During Catholic Schools Week, we will celebrate the outstanding education our children receive at Sacred Heart, and the standards that make our Catholic education distinctive and exceptional.

The priorities that set Catholic schools apart from others are the focus on the child's relationship with their faith, the highest standards of education, and the practice of good citizenship through service.

We are fortunate to have such a terrific school community, with dedicated teachers and administrators. Thank you to everyone who makes Sacred Heart School an exceptional place to learn and grow.

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 9-13

1st Communion/
Confirmation
Clothing
Collection

January 16

School Closed

January 27

Out of Uniform
January Birthdays

Catholic Schools Week January 30-February 3, 2012

- **Monday** January 30th
Open House, and Pep-Rally
- **Tuesday** January 31st
Mass
- **Wednesday** February 1st
Parent Visitation
Grades K-3, Pre K-4,
Invention Convention
- **Thursday** February 2nd
Parent Visitation
Grades 4-8, Pre K-3,
Invention Convention
- **Friday** February 3rd
Out of Uniform with
donation for CCC,
Half-Day

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

—Benjamin Franklin

Outreach

Adopt-a-Family was a huge success! Thank you for all of your generous donations! On December 14th gifts for the adopted families from St. Ann's, were collected by the Sacred Heart 4th, 5th and 8th graders and brought to the Mother Seton Room. Eight moms, Karen Arnold, Jill Ceroll, Shellie DeLuca, Tracey Folio, Lisa, Moran, Tricia Morano, Gina Ruppert and Tina Wehland, two dads, Randy Chiat and Jim Noel as well as Pam Marciszewski and Ann McAuliffe whose children have graduated from Sacred Heart School, were all on hand to help. With Christmas music playing we sorted the gifts by family member, filled large stockings for each family with toothbrushes, toothpaste, purell, shampoo, hand soap, then we bundled all of the gifts up into clear plastic bags, and tied off the bags with big red bows.

After a yummy snack of breakfast pizza and coffee, donated and delivered by Annie Derzak from Martha & Mary's, we filled four SUV's and two mini-vans with presents to deliver to St. Ann's. While unloading at St. Ann's, a gentleman helping us to unload said, "Wow, this is never ending, you all are very giving." Kay (who has replaced Sr. Jean) said, "I am running out of space to put all of these gifts- what a blessing!" It is truly a gift to see the generosity of the families of Sacred Heart School.

Coming up this month, First Communion dress, veil, suit, and shirt and tie collection. If you don't plan to pass on that First Communion dress or Veil, please consider donating it to our collection. Or, if you found out at Christmas that your son has outgrown his suit, send it in as well.

Please send items in to the school lobby the week of January 9 – 13, 2012. Sacred Heart Religious Education will offer the clothes at the parent meetings for First Communion in February and March. Dresses and Suits that are bigger than a 2nd grader would wear are needed for older children making their First Communion through the RCIC program.

During Catholic Schools Week, January 30 – February 3, 2011, we will collect school supplies for the children around St. Ann's Church in Baltimore. List of items for each class will be available on the school website, as the date gets closer.

Please contact Adele Kootz at gatorlion@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Rebates

There will be a multi-prize drawing for December and January submissions on February 3rd. Please have all box tops turned in by Feb 2nd, during Catholic Schools week, to be included in the drawing!

Turn in what you have as the Box Tops do have an expiration date on them. Thank you for your support!

Reminder, we are now collecting Coke product caps or codes from cases of Coca-Cola products. Please continue to collect them & turn them in to the Box Tops bin outside the nurses office They really do add up quickly...even if it is only one!

Any questions, please contact Janice Gonder at janicegonder@netscape.net.



Thank you for your support!

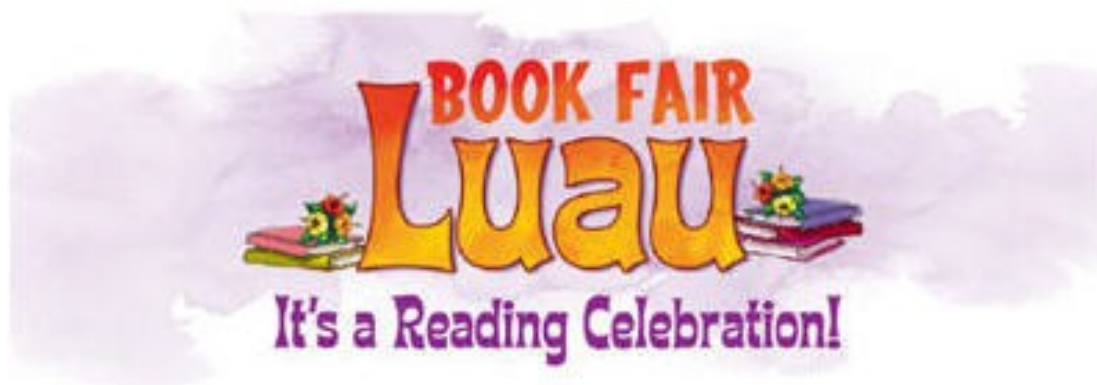
Library

Heluhelu! (Read!)

Announcing the 2012 Sacred Heart School Library Scholastic Book Fair coming to an island near you this January...

The fun-filled tropical theme for our Book Fair is “Book Fair Luau. It’s a Reading Celebration!” Our Sacred Heart School library will be transformed into a tropical reading experience from Friday, January 27th through Friday, February 3rd. Students will visit the Luau themed Book Fair during their library period. Parents and grandparents are also invited come with or without their relations. Come out for our special family event on Sunday, January 29th, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Volunteers are the “island locals” behind a successful Book Fair. We hope you will break out your Hawaiian shirts, flip flops, and sunglasses, and join us as a volunteer to help us kick back and spend some downtime in the tropics during this reading event at our school. Be on the lookout for a detailed packet in January with this year’s selection of books, volunteer opportunities, and schedule of when your Pre-K through 8th grade class will visit the fair as well as entry forms for this year’s Book Fair contests.



Announcing the Sacred Heart School Online Book Fair Web Site

If you're all booked up during Book Fair week (or just want to keep shopping), be sure to visit the Book Fair online at www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2918818

The online Book Fair is available for an extended time from January 23rd, 2012 to February 10th, 2012.

- *Find an expanded selection of books for the whole family—preschool to adults*
- *Share your Book Fair with family and friends by sending wish lists or eCards*
 - *All orders ship to school for FREE and each purchase benefits our school*
 - *Books will be sent home with your child*

Directory

Directories have been distributed, but if you have any contact info corrections or changes, please email Jenn Daniszewski at jenngreg4@verizon.net. We can make necessary changes and notify classes.

Magnets

Wondering how to get blue SHG magnets for your cars? Or lost one in the car wash? The H S A still has a good supply of magnets nicely priced at 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5! Simply enclose cash or a check made payable to Sacred Heart H S A in an envelope, and send it in with your child to their homeroom. Mark the envelope with the following info:

SHG Magnets C/O Jenn Daniszewski, Health Suite

Your child's name

Your child's homeroom teacher's name

We will send you the magnet(s) through your child's homeroom.

Thanks!

Any questions, contact Jenn Daniszewski at 410-517-3553 or jenngreg4@verizon.net

Cafeteria

A HUGE thank you goes out to the following ladies who made the Capri Sun totes, wallets and pencil cases that were sold at Santa's Workshop: Toni Stefano Hartman, Nancy Klein, Jackie Seal and Alexa Vahos.

A HUGE thank you goes out to those of you who bought them!! We raised \$300 which will go to the purchasing of centerpieces for the cafeteria tables
~Cool beans!! Tracey Folio



Please take advantage of our hot lunch program!

Hot lunch is \$3 per child and includes a healthy and well balanced meal. You can print out the menu from the home page of the website www.shgschool.org and prepay for the month or just send in a check or cash for 1 or more lunches.

Checks made payable to Child Nutrition please.

Litany of Catholic Educators

God the Father of All, have mercy on us. Christ our Teacher, have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Inspirer of wisdom and knowledge, have mercy on us.

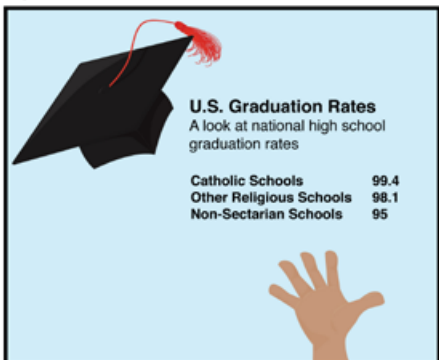
Our Lady, Queen and Mother of Christian Schools, pray for us. St. John Baptist de La Salle, patron of teachers, Blessed Teresa Gerhardinger, who provided a basic Catholic education for girls and young women, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity and of the first free Catholic school in America, St. John Neumann, founder of the first Catholic school network in the United States, St. Thomas Aquinas, renowned Dominican scholar and philosopher, St. Bonaventure, great Franciscan teacher, St. Joseph Cupertino, patron of students who have difficulties in school, St. Gabriel, saintly Lasallian student, St. Katherine Drexel, who challenged racist policies to provide a quality Catholic education for Blacks and Indians, St. John Bosco, patron saint and teacher of youth, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron of students, St. Maria Goretti, student martyr for purity, St. Benedict and St. Bede, models of learning, St. Rose Duchesne, early missionary for Catholic education in the United States, St. Joseph Calasanz, patron of Christian schools, St. Ignatius Loyola, promoter of the Spiritual Exercises and a sound education, Saintly Sister Theodore Guerin, apostle of education in the Midwest, St. Catherine of Siena, mystic and doctor of the church who taught popes, St. Teresa of Avila, who taught us the power of prayer, St. Therese of Lisieux, who taught us the little way of holiness, St. Ursula, patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict and early pioneer in monastic living, St. Anne, mother of Mary and patron of all mothers, St. Edith Stein, brilliant philosopher and teacher who died in a Nazi death camp because of her Jewish heritage, Dorothy Day, teacher of nonviolence, All you women and men, lay and religious, who have dedicated your lives to Catholic education, pray for us.



Brother Kevin Brutcher FSC of Totino-Grace High School wrote this beautiful liturgy for the installation of Dr. William Hudson as the new president of the school. Located in Fridley, Minnesota, Totino-Grace is a Catholic high school in the Lasallian tradition.

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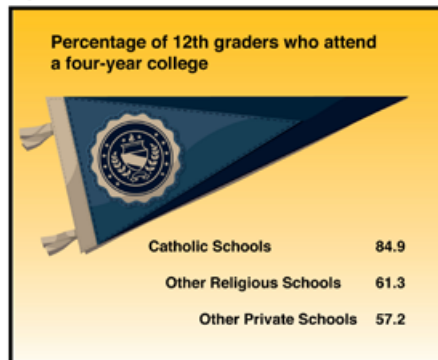
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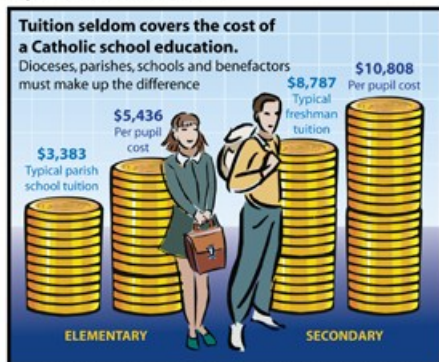
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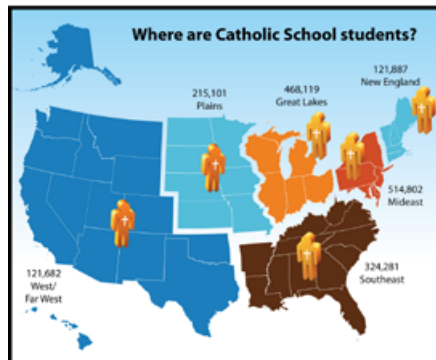
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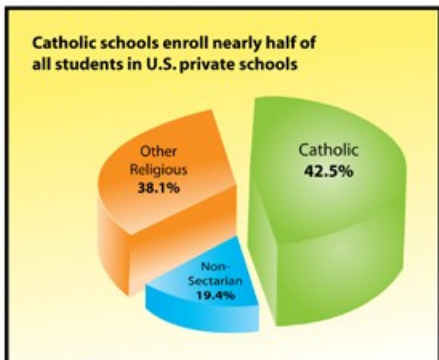
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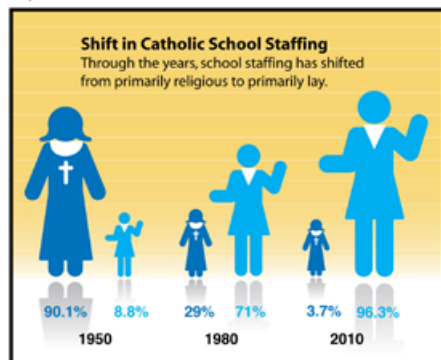
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