

**Sacred Heart School
63 Sacred Heart Lane
Glyndon, MD 21071**

January, 2012

Dear Sacred Heart Families,

May the Peace of Christ be with you in the New Year!

We are continuing to utilize our website to provide information to you. Please check our homepage and calendar section for information about school events throughout the year. We will post an Administrative Newsletter on the 1st and 15th of the month. Check the Featured News Section of our home page at www.shgschool.org.

Congratulations to former Archbishop O'Brien on his designation as Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI. We are grateful to the Holy Father for honoring our Archbishop and Apostolic Administrator, a man who has served the Archdiocese of Baltimore with great honor, integrity and strength.

Calendar Reminders:

Monday, January 16 – School closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Monday January 30 thru Friday Feb 3 – Catholic Schools' Week
Friday February 3 - Noon dismissal.

This Friday, January 13th, students may accessorize their uniforms with purple, black and other Ravens items (appropriate for school) to congratulate Maryland's home team on reaching the playoffs.

Catholic Schools' Week

We will be sending home a packet to your youngest/only this week in preparation for Catholic Schools Week. We invite you to participate in the many wonderful events which will take place, including Parent Visitation Days and our Seventh Annual Cake Auction!

Admissions for Siblings

Did you know that it is time for sibling registration for 2012-2013?

Now is the time to let us know if you would like to enroll the sibling of a current student. We want to give priority to our current families in enrolling siblings for the upcoming year. Early preschool registration for siblings is also very important as these spaces are limited.

If you have a sibling of a child already attending Sacred Heart who will attend for the first time next year, please be sure to let us know now so that we can reserve a space. Visit <http://www.shgschool.org/admissions.aspx> and click Application 2012-2013.

Re-registration materials for all of our current students will be sent home in February.

Family Life Program

Please look for information about the Family Life component of our Religion Program to come home this week. You will receive a packet containing an overview, your child's book, a parent home resource and calendar of lessons. Please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Wright if you have any questions.

Upcoming Outreach Committee's Activities

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, handsoap, then we bundled all of the gifts up into clear plastic bags, 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 4 SUV's and 2 mini-vans full of 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, shirt and tie collection.** If you don't plan to pass on that First Communion 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, 2011. Sacred Heart Religious Education will offer the dresses, suits etc. 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. Please contact Adele Kootz at gatorlion@comcast.net if you have any questions about the size of a dress or suit.

During Catholic Schools Week, January 30 – February 3, 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.

Weather Reminder

In the event of inclement weather Sacred Heart School follows Baltimore County, and Baltimore County, Hereford Zone. WBAL TV Channel 11 and WBAL Radio 1090 are your fastest way to receive information. Once this announcement is made, we will also post on the home page of the school website. (Be sure to click your refresh button on your computer.)

Tuition Assistance Information

All families are eligible to apply to the Archdiocese of Baltimore for Tuition Grant and Aid for the 2012-2013 school year.

To apply, you may go directly to the application site on the web at <https://www.factstuitionaid.com/facts/gaapp>. If you prefer not to apply “on-line” you can pick up a paper application at our school from Mrs. Erika Vassallo. The deadline for this Archdiocesan application is February 29, 2012. If you have any questions about how to apply, feel free to contact Mrs. Vassallo. Applications are being accepted now.

School and parish based Financial Aid will also be available to our Category I families, and applications will be accepted in the spring. New this year, Sacred Heart will also use the Facts form.

If you have any questions about applying for financial aid—either for the Archdiocesan or for the school funds, please contact Matthew Russell at the Archdiocese (410) 547-5549 or Erika Vassallo at Sacred Heart School (410)833-0857.

Sincerely in Christ,

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