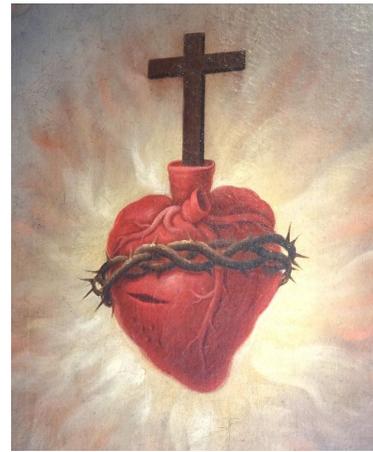


# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

COVID-19, 2020



## HASA CORNER

GREETINGS FROM YOUR HOME AND  
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE NEXT MEETING,  
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH  
18TH IS CANCELLED ALONG WITH ALL  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES &  
MEETINGS AT THE SCHOOL.

To recap the logistics shared so far:  
School is cancelled until Spring  
Break. Spring Break is still  
scheduled for April 6-10. We will not  
be in school that week. At this  
point, school is scheduled to resume  
Monday, April 13, though we will all  
need to remain flexible & see how  
COVID-19 progresses.

At this point, Next Big Event: Wine  
Down, scheduled for April 25th is  
still on. As it is still off in the  
distance a little bit and we don't  
know how COVID-19 will progress  
here in the U.S., it is a little tough to  
predict that far out. Look for more  
definitive communication in the  
future regarding this awesome  
opportunity to get together and help  
our school!

## A NOTE FROM MR. MCCLAIN

Dear Sacred Heart School Family,

Our faith teaches us that parents are the first educators of their children. During normal times, that means that you make a thoughtful and wise decision to entrust the day-to-day education of your children to the teachers and staff at Sacred Heart School. However, without direct access to the teachers and the school, education for your child is going to have to look a little different. What I would like to be clear about though is that though the roles on your child's educational team need to change in response to our current school closure, **WE ARE STILL A TEAM!** Certainly, parents will have to be a little more on the front lines of educating their children, but the SHS teachers will absolutely continue to be involved in the continued education of our children. I wanted to take this opportunity to address in a bit more detail the means by which we (the TEAM) will be facilitating the education of our children during the time we are not gathering at Sacred Heart School.

### HOW CAN I HELP MEET MY CHILD'S ACADEMIC NEEDS DURING THIS TIME?

Our kids are going to need to keep practicing their academic basic skills in order to continue to progress. Throughout the year this year, SHS has used digital resources such as IXL, Xtra Math, Spelling City, Epic, and Newsela to help support student learning both in the classroom and at home. Learning opportunities do not only stem from the school, though. Kids are also reading at home, drawing and coloring at home, and playing outside. [Here is a spreadsheet that has resources, activities, and suggested duration for students to engage with those resources & activities while at home.](#) Some digital resources have passwords...the kids have those passwords! Or you can get in contact with your teacher for those passwords. **DO NOT LET YOUR STUDENTS FALL BEHIND!** [Check out this spreadsheet for things your kids can do to maintain their academic focus.](#) Check back frequently as we will be periodically updating the sheet as we get more familiar with the many resources that only recently have been made free-of-charge due to COVID-19.

## *With Regards to eLearning:*

*The first eLearning day is Saturday, March 21st. We were already planning to use this day as an eLearning day due to a snow day that we had back in February. Teachers have been planning for this day, and the slides for this eLearning day will post to our website at [shswarsaw.org](http://shswarsaw.org) on Friday, March 20th. The eLearning days before Spring Break are Saturday, March 21st, Wednesday, March 25th, Saturday, March 28th, and Wednesday, April 1st.*

*We are choosing to stick with Saturdays as one of our eLearning days because parents are the first teachers of their children. But those "first teachers" have other jobs, too. Some of those jobs take them outside the home & away from their families. By releasing eLearning content on Saturdays, working parents and their students can engage in that content together. Teachers will continue, as they have in the past, to hold "office hours" on eLearning Saturdays & eLearning Wednesdays in order to answer any questions that might come up, though I think you will find that your child's teachers are quite accessible via email and/or social media on all other days of the week as well.*

*We have a spirit of innovation here at SHS, and we are looking to apply that spirit of innovation to our eLearning as well. For families that were at SHS last year, the March 21st eLearning day will look familiar. Each grade's Google Slide presentation will be posted to [shswarsaw.org](http://shswarsaw.org). Most of the curricular subjects will have their own dedicated slide within that presentation. The other three eLearning days will adopt a Project-based Learning (PBL) format. Students will have a project that they will work on starting Wednesday, March 25th. The project will be broken down into smaller "chunks" to make it more manageable. By the next eLearning day, students will have had to get that smaller chunk done so that they can move on with the project. The project will be cross-curricular (many different curricular subjects will be addressed in one project) in nature and students will present their project upon their return to school.*

## *THE SACRED HEART PARISH PENANCE SERVICE - CANCELLED*

*In an effort to maintain the idea of "social distancing," and comply with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend directives to cancel or suspend all non-essential church functions, the parish penance service scheduled for the end of March is cancelled.*

## *CHECK OUT SHSWARSAW.ORG AS WELL AS OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LATEST INFO!*

*Our website is constantly undergoing renovation & revision. Also, our Sacred Heart Elementary Facebook page is under new management as well! Take a look at either the Facebook page or [shswarsaw.org](http://shswarsaw.org) for information during this time. There are two great options for information about the school - [shswarsaw.org](http://shswarsaw.org) & our Facebook page. Don't forget to like us and share on Facebook so that all can stay informed.*

## *School Board Corner*

*The Sacred Heart School Board, comprised of several parents and parishioners, meets every other month to discuss the state of the school, our long term goals, and how we plan to execute these goals. From Catholic Identity to the financial status of the school, many important topics are discussed and we want you to be part of these discussions. The board meetings are open to the public and we welcome your attendance to the meeting! We believe that an informed community is a powerful one and on the flip side, it's important to get community feedback on our initiatives to ensure the School Board is making the best decisions for our children and students. Our next School Board meeting is Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00PM in the Library.*

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