



THE SACRED HEART SCHOLAR

FAMILY EDITION | MARCH, 2022

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THROUGH OUR CATHOLIC LENS: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS...GETTING THE HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT...CREATING THE GREATEST CULTURE & CLIMATE!



SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL CONGRATULATES FIRST GRADE TEACHER, MRS. BRENDA KLINE, OUR CHRIST THE TEACHER AWARD WINNER!!

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A NOTE FROM MR. MCCLAIN

THE TURN OF THE CALENDAR TO MARCH BRINGS WITH IT A REPRIEVE FROM THE FRIGID WINTER WEATHER. YAY! A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR FLEXIBILITY ON THE ELEARNING DAYS & DILIGENTLY GUIDING YOUR CHILDREN THROUGH THEIR ELEARNING ASSIGNMENTS.

THE TURN OF THE CALENDAR ALSO LINES UP WITH A TURN OF THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR AS WE MOVE FROM ORDINARY TIME TO LENT. THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT ARE PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING. AT THE WHOLE-SCHOOL LEVEL, WE'LL BE REINFORCING THIS WITH OUR STUDENTS IN A FEW DIFFERENT WAYS. OUR PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC TO WHICH OUR STUDENTS ENTER THE SCHOOL EVERYDAY WILL TAKE ON A MORE SUBDUED TONE. MRS. POLK HAS CREATED A LENTEN CALENDAR WITH A DIFFERENT EXERCISE EACH DAY. EVERY FRIDAY WE'LL BE IN THE CHURCH AS GRADE LEVEL CLASSES LEAD THE SCHOOL (& ANY VISITORS!) IN THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. ALONG WITH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, WE'LL BE FASTING FROM THE USE OF DRESS PASSES ON FRIDAYS SINCE WE'LL BE IN THE CHURCH. TO BE CLEAR - WE ARE EXPECTING STUDENTS TO BE IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH SPRING BREAK.

LENT IS AN AWESOME TIME TO LIVE SIMPLY, REPENT, AND RETURN TO THE LORD. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE STUDENTS & TEACHERS HOW OUR SHS SCHOLARS ARE DOING JUST THAT!

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EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH

WE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME RETOOLING HERE ON OUR WEBSITE AT SHSWARSAW.ORG. IF YOU GO TO OUR WEBSITE & CLICK ON THE "SACRED HEART CALENDAR" LINK, YOU'LL ARRIVE AT [OUR CALENDAR](#), WHICH HAS MOST OF OUR EVENTS PLOTTED ON OUR CALENDAR. A COUPLE OF NEAT FEATURES:

1. IF YOU CLICK ON THE EVENT ITSELF, YOU SEE MORE DETAILS SUCH AS THE START/END TIME(S) AND/OR THE LOCATION.
2. IF YOU CLICK ON THE BLUE TRIANGLES BY THE MONTH, YOU CAN CHANGE MONTHS TO SEE WHAT IS COMING UP IN APRIL, ETC.
3. THERE IS A PRINT BUTTON IN THE UPPER-RIGHT CORNER IF YOU'RE LIKE ME & NEED AN ORGANIZER ON THE FRIDGE.

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THIS MONTH'S
TOP STORIES

CHRIST THE TEACHER AWARD WINNER @ SHS!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN** ON MARCH 1

EVERY YEAR, THE SCHOOLS OF THE FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND DIOCESE GIVE A TEACHER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD CALLED THE CHRIST THE TEACHER AWARD (FORMERLY THE LIGHT OF LEARNING AWARD). NOMINATIONS ARE MADE IN THE FALL. A COMMITTEE READS ALL OF THE NOMINATIONS & SELECTS THE WINNER, WHO IS THEN ANNOUNCED AT ONE OF OUR SCHOOL MASSES. OUR CHRIST THE TEACHER AWARD WINNER THIS YEAR IS MRS. BRENDA KLINE, OUR FIRST GRADE TEACHER!

MRS. KLINE IS BEING RECOGNIZED ON OUR RECOGNITION WALL IN THE OFFICE HALLWAY & WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT A SPECIAL LUNCHEON AT THE GRAND WAYNE CENTER IN FORT WAYNE IN MAY.

YOU CAN LEND A HAND AT SHS!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN, JILL LOPEZ, AND KATIE OWENS** ON MARCH 1.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND EFFORT ON OUR YOU CAN LEND A HAND FUNDRAISER! DID YOU KNOW THAT THE MONEY RAISED DURING OUR ANNUAL YOU CAN LEND A HAND FUNDRAISER (BURGER KING COUPONS) ALLOWS US TO UPDATE OUR LIBRARY? SOME UPDATES THAT WE ARE WANTING TO MAKE WITH OUR LIBRARY ARE THE FOLLOWING: NEW BOOKSHELVES (ON WHEELS TO ALLOW US TO MOVE THE CASES AROUND), PAINT, FLOORING, AND A MORE PERMANENT CEILING MOUNTED PROJECTOR! WE NEED HELP FROM OUR SHS FAMILY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS! IF YOU WANT TO LEND A HAND TO OUR SACRED HEART LIBRARY, SEE A SCHOLAR FOR SOME COUPONS OR YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE. [THE LINK TO DONATE IS HERE!](#)

MARCH'S VIRTUE...JUSTICE!

BY **CHRIS NOWAK & MIKE MCCLAIN** ON MARCH 1

THE MAIN VIRTUE FOR THIS MONTH IS **JUSTICE**, THE STRENGTH THAT CONSISTS IN THE CONSTANT AND FIRM WILL TO GIVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR THEIR DUE. OUR LIVES ARE FULL OF RELATIONSHIPS & SO ALL OF OUR ACTIONS IMPACT OTHERS FOR GOOD OR FOR EVIL. JUSTICE GUIDES & PERFECTS OUR ACTIONS IN RELATION TO OTHERS. WE GROW IN THIS VIRTUE BY LISTENING ATTENTIVELY & FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS, SPEAKING WELL OF OTHERS (EVEN ONLINE), & SAYING PLEASE & THANK YOU. JUSTICE ENABLES US TO PUT

GOD FIRST IN EVERYTHING WE THINK, SAY & DO, TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT KNOWING THAT THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND OBEY THOSE IN LAWFUL AUTHORITY.

DEVOTION, DILIGENCE AND **GENEROSITY** ARE THE RELATED STRENGTHS FOR EACH WEEK. THESE ALL TIE TOGETHER PERFECTLY WITH OUR VIKING VIRTUES PROGRAM WHERE WE SEEK TO ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENTS WHO EXHIBIT THIS VIRTUE IN THEIR DAILY LIFE AT SHS.

WE GET MONTHLY EMAILS THAT PROVIDE THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH & RELATED STRENGTH OF THE WEEKS AS WELL AS MANY SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS THAT TEACHERS CAN USE IN THE CLASSROOM (VIDEOS, SONGS, BIBLE VERSES, SAINT QUOTES, MOVIES, ETC.) TO HELP US FACILITATE THE LEARNING OF THESE VIRTUES. AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL, WE...

- ANNOUNCE THE VIRTUES FOR EACH MONTH ON THE MAIN BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY,
- SAY THE PRAYER FOR THE MONTH (THIS MONTH IT IS THE ACT OF LOVE) EACH MORNING WE DO NOT HAVE MASS, AND
- GIVE "VIKING VIRTUES" COUPONS TO STUDENTS FOR EXHIBITING THE VIRTUES & STRENGTHS OF THE MONTH. THEY CAN THEN TURN THESE INTO A BOX TO BE DRAWN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN LITTLE PRIZES.

AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR VIRTUE = STRENGTH PROGRAM IS AN ANCHOR TO LIFE HERE AT SHS AND TIES IN PERFECTLY WITH OUR POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PROGRAM & OUR FAITH. WITH SO MUCH BUZZ OUT THERE RIGHT NOW AROUND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING, REST ASSURED THAT WE HERE AT SHS HAVE CHOSEN A PROGRAM IN VIRTUE = STRENGTH PROGRAM THAT IS IN LINE WITH CHURCH TEACHING & SEEKS TO DEVELOP VIRTUE WITHIN OUR KIDS SO THAT THEY DEVELOP INTO OUTSTANDING PEOPLE WHO LIVE A CHRIST-LIKE EXISTENCE FROM THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARS ON INTO ADULTHOOD.

HERE AT THE SCHOOL, WE'LL BE TRYING TO REINFORCE WITH THE STUDENTS THAT THROUGH THIS GIFT OF JUSTICE, WE CAN BE CONFIDENT AS WE GO THROUGH LIFE'S TRIALS, KNOWING THAT GOD IS WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO HEAVEN. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH & THE YEAR STUDYING & FORTIFYING THESE VIRTUES WITHIN OUR SCHOLARS!

FUN IS SPRINGING UP @ SHS PRESCHOOL!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN, JILL LOPEZ & CINDY HOLLOWELL** ON MARCH 1

SPRING HAS SPRUNG OVER AT THE SHS PRESCHOOL! WE RECENTLY SAID GOODBYE TO WINTER WITH OUR POLAR PAJAMA PARTY THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY. ON MARCH 1, WE CELEBRATED MARDI GRAS OVER AT "THE BIG SCHOOL," AND ON ASH WEDNESDAY, WE ADJUSTED OUR SCHEDULE SO THAT OUR TEACHERS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES COULD ATTEND

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH. IN ADDITION TO EQUIPPING OUR TINIEST SCHOLARS WITH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE SEASON OF LENT WITH ITS PILLARS OF PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING, THE MONTH OF MARCH ALSO BRINGS WITH IT ST. PATRICK'S DAY! ON THE ACADEMIC FRONT, LOOK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING OPTIONAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES WHERE WE'LL TALK ABOUT HOW MUCH PROGRESS YOUR LITTLE SCHOLAR HAS MADE AS WELL AS TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT NEXT YEAR COULD LOOK LIKE. AND, OF COURSE, WE'LL BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WARMER WEATHER WITH SOME OUTDOOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. MAKE SURE YOUR TINY SCHOLAR IS EQUIPPED WITH THE PROPER OUTDOOR GEAR!

AR CELEBRATION UPDATE @ SHS

BY MIKE MCCLAIN ON MARCH 2

ACCELERATED READER (AR) IS A PROGRAM THAT WE USE HERE AT SHS THAT MEASURES STUDENTS' READING COMPREHENSION. STUDENTS READ BOOKS AND TAKE QUIZZES ABOUT WHAT THEY READ, EARNING POINTS BASED ON THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THEIR BOOK & HOW MANY CORRECT ANSWERS THEY GET ON THE QUIZ. STUDENTS SET GOALS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH QUARTER & IF THEY REACH AND/OR EXCEED THEIR GOAL, WE CELEBRATE! THE CELEBRATION FOR STUDENTS REACHING 150% OF THEIR GOAL FOR 3RD QUARTER IS A TICKET TO A FORT WAYNE TINCAPS GAME!

SACRED HEART'S GAME WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MAY 21ST @ 6:35 PM. AT THE END OF 3RD QUARTER ON MARCH 11TH, WE'LL SEND A TICKET ORDER FORM TO THOSE SCHOLARS WHO REACHED 150% OF THEIR GOAL. FILL THAT OUT WITH HOW MANY TICKETS YOU NEED FOR THE GAME ON THE 21ST & RETURN THE FORM TO SHS. THE TICKETS WILL BE SENT FROM THE TINCAPS TO SHS & WE WILL DISTRIBUTE VIA BACKPACK MAIL. WE'LL ALL THEN MEET AT THE BALLPARK ON THE EVENING OF THE 21ST & CELEBRATE OUR SCHOLARS' ACHIEVEMENT TOGETHER!

SO ASK YOUR SCHOLAR TODAY HOW THEY'RE PROGRESSING TOWARD THEIR AR GOAL (NOTE - SOME OF THE YOUNGER GRADES USE SOME DIFFERENT MEASURES TO GAUGE STUDENTS' READING. CHECK WITH YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS), AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MAY 21ST AT THE TINCAPS!

SHS MINISTERS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES!

BY MIKE MCCLAIN AND KAREN KELSHEIMER ON JANUARY 10

OUR NEXT SHS MINISTRY MASS DEPARTS FROM PREVIOUS SCHEDULES A BIT. IT WILL BE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 11:00 AM.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT & ATTEND THE WEEKEND MASSES AT WHICH SHS MINISTERS. OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO DO A GREAT JOB IN THEIR VARIOUS ROLES & IT IS SO WONDERFUL FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES TO GET TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE MASS TOGETHER. THE CHURCH SUPPORTS OUR WORK IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, AND THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO SEE THE FRUITS OF THAT SUPPORT AND HOPEFULLY INSPIRE FUTURE SUPPORT. HERE IS THE SCHEDULE FOR ALL OF THE MASSES

SUN MARCH 20 @ 11:00 AM

SUN MAY 22 @ 11 AM

SUN APRIL 24 @ 8:00 AM

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE **EVERYONE** AT THE ABOVE MASSES, SUPPORTING OUR CLASSMATES & EVANGELIZING TO NON-SHS FAMILIES AT SACRED HEART CHURCH ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT THE SCHOOL HAS HAD ON OUR STUDENTS.

SGO & CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN** ON MARCH 2

IN ADDITION TO NICE WEATHER, THE TURNING OF THE CALENDAR BRINGS WITH IT TAX SEASON. WHILE THAT MAY NOT BE QUITE AS JOYOUS AS THE WARMER WEATHER & BRIGHTER MORNINGS, ONCE YOU COMPLETE YOUR 2021 TAXES, AND IF YOU QUALIFY FOR SGO & CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (SEE THE HOUSEHOLD SIZE & INCOME CHART FROM MY RECENT TUITION TALKS TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY), PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR TAXES TO THE MAIN OFFICE SO THAT WE CAN START THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WORK FOR NEXT YEAR...THE SOONER, THE BETTER!

REDEEMER RADIO SHARATHON!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN** ON MARCH 2

THE SPRING SHARATHON IS COMING UP ON REDEEMER RADIO – AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! THE SACRED HEART PARISH HOUR IS ON-AIR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15 FROM 10-11 AM. PLEASE PRAY, PLEDGE, AND LISTEN TO 106.3FM/95.7FM. HELP US MEET OUR BUDGETED GOAL & HELP REDEEMER RADIO IN THEIR MISSION TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN! TO MAKE A PLEDGE OR TO FIND YOUR PARISH FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT GO TO REDEEMERRADIO.COM/SHARATHON OR, CALL OR TEXT “GIVE” TO 260.436.9598. YOU CAN ALSO WATCH DIRECTLY ON FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE DURING OR AFTER SHARATHON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PENNY WAR TO HELP OUR SISTER SCHOOL IN HAITI...THE RESULTS ARE IN!

BY MIKE MCCLAIN ON MARCH 3

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR GENEROSITY IN THE PENNY WAR HELD DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE \$1,037.31 FOR OUR SISTER SCHOOL IN HAITI! CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 4TH GRADERS ON WINNING THE WAR! THEY WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR HOT COCOA & DONUT PARTY SOON!

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

MIKE MCCLAIN, PRINCIPAL, SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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