



# THE SACRED HEART SCHOLAR

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



A SACRED HEART SCHOLAR “ZEROES IN” ON MAKING THE CATCH AT THE “END ZONE HERO” STATION AT OUR RECENT WALKATHON.



## A NOTE FROM MR. MCCLAIN

GREETINGS! WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF AUTUMN & OUR WEATHER IS COOLING OFF EVEN MORE. PLEASE LOCATE THOSE WARM HATS & GLOVES AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE FORECAST. YOUR SCHOLAR MAY NEED THEM!

WE HAD A GREAT TIME AT OUR HALLOWEEN PARTIES LAST MONTH, BUT THESE WEREN'T YOUR REGULAR RUN-OF-THE-MILL HALLOWEEN PARTIES! WE ORGANIZED OUR STUDENTS INTO THEIR FAMILY GROUPS, WHERE STUDENTS IN EACH OF THE GRADE LEVELS ARE ORGANIZED INTO A "FAMILY." THESE FAMILIES WERE THEN GIVEN A LARGE PUMPKIN, AND AFTER MAKING SOME PREDICTIONS, WERE TASKED WITH WEIGHING IT, MEASURING THE CIRCUMFERENCE, COUNTING THE SEEDS, AND, OF COURSE, CARVING THEIR FAMILY PUMPKIN! SURE, WE GOT SOME TIME IN OUR GRADE LEVELS AFTERWARDS FOR SOME CLASSROOM PARTIES, BUT THE PUMPKIN STEM ACTIVITY WAS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS THE GRADE LEVELS AND COMPLEMENT OUR HIGH-QUALITY STEM PROGRAMMING HERE AT THE SCHOOL. A TRUE COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WAS ON DISPLAY! THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL WHO DONATED THE PUMPKINS, THEIR TIME, AND THEIR TALENTS TO THIS AWESOME EVENT!

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## EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

WE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME RETOOLING HERE ON OUR WEBSITE AT [SHSWARSAW.ORG](http://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 DECEMBER, ETC.
3. THERE IS A PRINT BUTTON IN THE UPPER-RIGHT CORNER IF YOU'RE LIKE ME & NEED AN ORGANIZER ON THE FRIDGE.

BIG THANKS TO MR. CLEMENS FOR OFFERING TO GET THIS GOING & TO MS. DRAKE AND THE VARIOUS EVENT ORGANIZERS FOR PROVIDING MUCH OF THE CONTENT!

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THIS MONTH'S  
TOP STORIES

## NOVEMBER'S VIRTUE...LOVE FOR GOD (CHARITY)!

BY CHRIS NOWAK & MIKE MCCLAIN ON NOVEMBER 3

OUR VIRTUE = STRENGTH PROGRAM IS AN ANCHOR TO LIFE HERE AT SHS. 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.

THE MAIN VIRTUE FOR THIS MONTH IS **LOVE FOR GOD** WHICH IS SYNONYMOUS WITH **CHARITY**. WHEN I FIRST READ THIS, I WONDERED HOW THOSE TWO MEANT THE SAME THING. BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IF YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR GOD, YOU LOVE ALL OF HIS CREATION. YOU SEEK TO SERVE, CARE FOR, AND BE A GOOD STEWARD OF THAT CREATION, WHICH IS WHERE THE CHARITY PIECE COMES IN. **SACRIFICE** AND **GRATITUDE** ARE THE RELATED STRENGTHS FOR EACH WEEK. FROM THE PROGRAM, "THE VIRTUE OF LOVE FOR GOD, OR CHARITY, IS A GIFT FROM GOD, PLACED OR INFUSED IN OUR SOULS AT BAPTISM, THAT GIVES US THE STRENGTH TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD AS THE SOVEREIGN GOOD, AND PURELY FOR HIS OWN SAKE."

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 EACH MORNING WE DO NOT HAVE MASS, AND
- GIVE "VIKING VIRTUES" COUPONS TO STUDENTS FOR EXHIBITING THE VIRTUES OF THE MONTH. THEY CAN THEN TURN THESE INTO A BOX TO BE DRAWN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN LITTLE PRIZES.

HERE AT THE SCHOOL, WE'LL BE TRYING TO REINFORCE WITH THE STUDENTS THAT THOUGH THIS GIFT OF FAITH, 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!

# COAT DRIVE NOVEMBER 6TH - 21ST AT SACRED HEART!

BY MIKE MCCLAIN & KATIE OWENS ON NOVEMBER 3

IN LINE WITH OUR VIRTUE OF THE MONTH, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE COLLECTING WINTER GEAR FOR OUR FATHER'S HOUSE FROM NOVEMBER 6TH - NOVEMBER 21ST. PLEASE DONATE ANY GENTLY USED AND CLEAN COATS, BOOTS, HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, ETC. BINS WILL BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE IN ORDER TO COLLECT THESE DONATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN THIS COLLECTION!

# VETERANS' DAY ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH @ SHS!

BY MIKE MCCLAIN ON NOVEMBER 1

THIS YEAR, TO HONOR OUR VETERANS, WE PLAN TO POST A DIGITAL PIECE SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH WE DID LAST YEAR. WE FEEL THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO HONOR OUR SPECIAL VETERANS WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BACK FOR A LIVE CEREMONY. TO MAKE THIS THE BEST IT CAN BE, WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE SEND A PICTURE OF A SPECIAL VETERAN IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE ALONG WITH THEIR BRANCH OF SERVICE & HOW THEY ARE RELATED TO OUR SHS SCHOLAR TO CLEMENS8210@GMAIL.COM A PICTURE OF THE SPECIAL PERSON IN UNIFORM IS PREFERRED, BUT ANY PHOTO WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED! THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP IN CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS!

# CELEBRATING OUR AR READERS @ SHS

BY MIKE MCCLAIN AND HASA ON NOVEMBER 1

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR SCHOLARS WHO ACHIEVED 150% OF THEIR AR GOAL FOR THE FIRST QUARTER WITH A MOVIE PARTY. OUR HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HASA) HAS RENTED OUT NORTH POINTE CINEMA FOR A SHOWING OF THE NEW MOVIE *CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG*! IT WILL BE AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:20 OR SO (WHENEVER THE MOVIE IS OVER). PARENTS WILL COORDINATE THEIR CHILD'S TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE THEATER & WE ARE COORDINATING THE SNACKS AT THE THEATER. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHETHER OR NOT YOUR SCHOLAR IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOLAR'S TEACHER. CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR AR READERS!

# SHS MINISTERS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES!

BY MIKE MCCLAIN AND KAREN KELSHEIMER ON NOVEMBER 1

OUR NEXT SHS MINISTRY MASS IS AT THE 4:30 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T NORMALLY ATTEND THE SATURDAY EVENING MASS, NOTE THE TIME CHANGE TO 4:30. THIS IS IN AN ATTEMPT TO STILL HAVE SOME DAYLIGHT FOR THE COMMUTE TO & FROM MASS, A VALUED COMMODITY THANKS TO THE LOSS OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

LAST MONTH, WE HAD OVER 50 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ATTEND THE SHS MASS. OUR STUDENTS DID A GREAT JOB AS THEY MINISTERED AS LECTORS, PETITIONERS, CANTORS, SERVERS & GREETERS. I OBSERVED THEIR MINISTERIAL EFFORTS WITH GREAT PRIDE AS THE HOLY SPIRIT SHINED THROUGH THEM. THEY ELEVATED MY WORSHIP, NO DOUBT. NOT TO BE IGNORED THOUGH, IS THE IMPACT THAT HAVING THE SHS FAMILY AT THE SAME MASS AT THE SAME TIME HAD ON OUR PARISH. THE VIBRANCY LAST MONTH WAS INCREDIBLE - IT WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF A PARISH THAT TRULY CELEBRATES THEIR FAITH! LET'S DO IT AGAIN! AGAIN, 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:

SAT NOV 20 @ 4:30 PM

SAT MAR 19 @ 4:30 PM

SUN DEC 19 @ 8:00 AM

SUN APRIL 24 @ 8:00 AM

SUN JAN 23 @ 11 AM

SUN MAY 22 @ 11 AM

WEEKEND OF FEB 5-6 – ALL MASSES  
(CSW)

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.

# SHS'S THANKSGIVING FEAST!

BY MIKE MCCLAIN AND HASA ON NOVEMBER 3

THE TRADITIONAL SHS THANKSGIVING FEAST IS BACK (BARRING ANY COVID-RELATED ISSUES)! IT'LL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AT 11:45 FOR ALL OF OUR PRE-K TO 6TH GRADERS. THIS IS AN AWESOME THANKSGIVING TRADITION AT SHS! IT IS ALSO AN EVENT THAT SIMPLY CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL VOLUNTEER HELP. I THINK

IF YOU TALK TO PAST VOLUNTEERS YOU'D FIND THAT IT IS A FUN WAY TO GIVE TO THE SCHOOL OF YOUR TIME & TALENT. HASA WILL BE REACHING OUT SOON WITH MORE DETAILS ON POSITIONS TO BE FILLED.

## VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR 2ND SEMESTER!

BY [MIKE MCCLAIN](#) ON NOVEMBER 3

THE INDIANA CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM CONTINUES TO HAVE GREAT IMPACT ON SHS FAMILIES & FAMILIES ACROSS THE STATE WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM AND CHOOSE A NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT FITS THEIR FAMILY'S NEEDS. THE WINDOW TO APPLY FOR A VOUCHER FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER IS NOW OPEN! IF WE APPLY BY MID-DECEMBER AND ARE ACCEPTED, NEW FAMILIES COULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND SHS STARTING THE SECOND SEMESTER AT AN INCREDIBLY LOW TUITION RATE. GENERALLY-SPEAKING ALL THEY HAVE TO DO TO BE ELIGIBLE IS TO MEET SOME PRETTY GENEROUS INCOME THRESHOLDS & HAVE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER THIS YEAR & THE SECOND SEMESTER LAST YEAR.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY AT SHS & TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM,, THERE IS NOTHING YOU NEED TO DO. BUT IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN SEEING WHAT SHS IS ALL ABOUT, PLEASE GET THEM IN CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL TO SET UP A TOUR AND SHARE WITH THEM THIS AWESOME SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

## REFILLING OUR FATHER'S HOUSE DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT!

BY [MIKE MCCLAIN](#) ON NOVEMBER 3

LOCAL FOOD BANKS GET A LOT OF ATTENTION THIS TIME OF YEAR & RIGHTFULLY SO. THANKSGIVING IS A TIME WHERE A GOOD MEAL DOES A LOT TO RAISE PEOPLES' SPIRITS - EVEN MORE SO FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OUR FATHER'S HOUSE WILL BE LEANED HEAVILY UPON, ESPECIALLY IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THANKSGIVING. BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THANKSGIVING? THE NEED IS STILL THERE!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL WILL HOLD A FOOD DRIVE DURING THE ADVENT SEASON. EVERYDAY WILL BE DESIGNATED AN ITEM TO BRING IN TO HELP REPLENISH THE FOOD PANTRY AT OUR FATHER'S HOUSE. WE'LL SEND OUR "ADVENT CALENDAR" WITH THE NEEDED ITEMS & CORRESPONDING DAYS LATER THIS MONTH. YOUR GENEROSITY ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL GO TOWARDS A TREMENDOUS MINISTRY THAT DOES A LOT OF GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITY!

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

MIKE MCCLAIN, PRINCIPAL, SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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