



THE SACRED HEART SCHOLAR

FAMILY EDITION | FEBRUARY, 2022



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



SOME SACRED HEART SCHOLARS SHOW OFF THE FRUITS OF OUR ADVENT FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT OUR FATHER'S HOUSE. THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR GENEROSITY!



A NOTE FROM MR. MCCLAIN

I HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS YOU SAFE & WARM AS THIS SIGNIFICANT WINTER STORM HITS OUR AREA. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE SHS COMMUNITY'S FLEXIBILITY WITH SCHOOL CLOSURES. TEACHERS HAVE TO QUICKLY DEVELOP E-LEARNING MATERIAL, PARENTS JUMP ONTO THE FRONT LINES OF EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS ARE FORCED TO LEARN AT HOME, A PLACE THAT IS USUALLY RESERVED FOR HANGING OUT AND DECOMPRESSING AFTER A DAY AT SCHOOL.

ONE THING THAT I REALLY WANT TO IMPRESS UPON EVERYONE IS THE NEED FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE ALL OF THEIR E-LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS. ASSIGNMENT COMPLETION IS HOW WE MEASURE ATTENDANCE ON THE E-LEARNING DAY. IF A STUDENT DOES NOT TURN IN ALL OF THEIR E-LEARNING, THEY ARE COUNTED AS "ABSENT" ON THE E-LEARNING DAY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN DONE ON THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON CHILDREN OF MISSING SCHOOL. WHEN THERE IS A CHANCE WE CANNOT SAFELY GET TO SCHOOL, ELEARNING IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP EDUCATION GOING.

WHEN WE DO GET BACK TO SCHOOL, PLEASE SEND YOUR STUDENTS TO SCHOOL WITH THE PROPER GEAR TO PLAY OUTSIDE. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE WILL GO OUTSIDE IF THE WIND CHILL IS 20 DEGREES OR HIGHER (NOTE - THIS IS GUIDANCE, NOT A HARD-AND-FAST RULE. SOMETIMES WE GO OUT WHEN IT IS COLDER THAN THAT). AT MINIMUM, STUDENTS WILL WANT A WINTER COAT, GLOVES, AND A WINTER HAT/EAR MUFFS OF SOME KIND. IF THERE IS SNOW ON THE GROUND, MORE GEAR WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE BLACKTOP/ALLEY AREA, INCLUDING BOOTS & SNOWPANTS IN ADDITION TO THE COAT, HAT & GLOVES.

EVENT CALENDAR - FEBRUARY

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 FEBRUARY, ETC.
3. THERE IS A PRINT BUTTON IN THE UPPER-RIGHT CORNER IF YOU'RE LIKE ME & NEED AN ORGANIZER ON THE FRIDGE.

THIS MONTH'S
TOP STORIES

PROSPECTIVE KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT @ SHS!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN & MONICA SMITH** ON FEBRUARY 1

AS WE BEGIN TO PREPARE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, WE ARE EXCITED TO INVITE ALL INCOMING SHS KINDERGARTEN PREP STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND GUESTS TO SACRED HEART SCHOOL'S KINDERGARTEN ROOM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 5:30.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE IS FOR PARENTS TO GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR KINDERGARTEN TEAM AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM AND EXPECTATIONS. WE ALSO WILL HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION, UNIFORMS, ETC. THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM IS EXCITED TO MEET YOU, SHARE SOME INFORMATION, AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE!

YOU CAN LEND A HAND AT SHS!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN, JILL LOPEZ, AND KATIE OWENS** ON FEBRUARY 2.

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! COUPONS WILL BE GOING HOME UPON OUR RETURN TO SCHOOL. 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!](#)

FEBRUARY'S VIRTUE...LOVE FOR NEIGHBOR (CHARITY)!

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

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 OF NEIGHBOR** OR **CHARITY**. IT CAN BE DEFINED AS THE STRENGTH TO LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS FOR HIS OWN SAKE, AND OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES FOR THE LOVE OF GOD. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A BIT OF EXPANDED CONTEXT ON THIS VIRTUE, VISIT THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND START AT PARAGRAPH 1822 WHERE IT POINTS TO WORDS FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL AND JESUS DYING FOR OUR SINS.

RESPECT, COMPASSION AND **KINDNESS** 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.

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

SNOW MUCH FUN @ SHS PRESCHOOL!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN, JILL LOPEZ & CINDY HOLLOWELL** ON FEBRUARY 2

ALL OF THIS WINTER WEATHER MAKES FOR SOME AWESOME LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR TINIEST SCHOLARS AT THE SHS PRESCHOOL! INDOORS, MISS JILL'S PRE-K CLASS IS CELEBRATING THE LETTER P WITH THE UPCOMING PRINCESS & PIRATE DAY. WE'LL ALSO BE STUDYING ANIMALS' HIBERNATION HABITS. MISS CINDY'S K-PREP CLASS CERTAINLY ISN'T IN HIBERNATION! THEY ARE EXCITED FOR ALL OF THE SNOW AND WILL BE TAKING

ADVANTAGE OF ALL OF THE WHITE STUFF AS THEY STUDY THEIR ARCTIC ANIMALS, CREATE SNOW ART & PERFORM SOME SCIENCE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE. WHETHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, AND NO MATTER WHETHER WE'RE ABLE TO ADVENTURE OUTSIDE OR IN OUR IMAGINATIONS, SHS PRESCHOOL IS INJECTING EXCITEMENT INTO LEARNING!

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE-END OF PRESCHOOL - REGISTRATION OPENS THIS WEEKEND FOR SHS PRESCHOOL FOR NEW & RETURNING FAMILIES! SEE US AT OUR OPEN HOUSES AFTER THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASSES THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY TO REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR. IF YOU KNOW A FAMILY WHO NEEDS TO SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT, PLEASE TELL THEM ABOUT US & HAVE THEM VISIT ONE OF OUR OPEN HOUSES SATURDAY EVENING AT 5:30 OR SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:00 OR NOON AT SACRED HEART CHURCH & SCHOOL. WE LOVE TO MEET PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES & SHARE WITH THEM ABOUT OUR AWESOME PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS!

E-LEARNING @ SHS

BY MIKE MCCLAIN ON FEBRUARY 2

NOTE - I'M RUNNING THIS ARTICLE AGAIN AS IT COULD PROVE TIMELY WITH WINTER WEATHER UPON US.

INCLIMATE WEATHER & POOR ROAD CONDITIONS HAVE FORCED US TO PIVOT INTO E-LEARNING. SHS K-6 WILL BE DOING E-LEARNING ON THE SAME DAY WE CANCEL SCHOOL. I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME SCHOOL-WIDE POLICIES & PROCEDURES. LOOK FOR COMMUNICATION SOON FROM INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR MORE DETAILS:

- ASSIGNMENTS WILL POST BY 9:00 AM ON DAYS THAT WE CANCEL SCHOOL RIGHT AWAY. THEY WILL POST BY 11:00 AM ON DAYS THAT WE DO A 2-HOUR DELAY THEN CANCEL SCHOOL.
- ASSIGNMENTS WILL POST IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
 - KINDERGARTEN: E-LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS WILL COME HOME IN BACKPACK MAIL THE FOLLOWING DAY.
 - 1ST GRADE: SEESAW
 - 2ND - 6TH GRADE: GOOGLE CLASSROOM
- WE WILL SEND HOME SCHOOL-ISSUED DEVICES THE AFTERNOON BEFORE THE E-LEARNING DAY IF THE WEATHER LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE SKETCHY THE NEXT DAY. HOWEVER, IF THE WEATHER SURPRISES US & WE DO NOT GET THE DEVICES HOME, WE WILL STILL HAVE E-LEARNING ON THAT DAY.
- STUDENTS HAVE 3 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENTS TO GET CREDIT FOR THE ASSIGNMENTS & BE COUNTED AS "PRESENT" ON THE E-LEARNING DAY. SHS WILL HOST AFTER-SCHOOL STUDY HALLS FOR ONE HOUR AFTER SCHOOL EACH OF THOSE THREE DAYS FOR WHOEVER NEEDS THEM. THESE MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE STUDENT'S TEACHER BEFOREHAND.

- TEACHERS WILL COMMUNICATE THEIR “OFFICE HOURS” WHEN THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.
- STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DEVICES & WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE INCURRED ON ELEARNING DAYS. STUDENTS MUST ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THE “ELEARNING DEVICES CHECKOUT” FORM & THE “COMPUTER, IPAD, & INTERNET USER & PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AGREEMENT” SIGNED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.
- IF THE WEATHER GETS REALLY BAD FOR MULTIPLE DAYS IN A ROW, WE WOULD ONLY DO 3 ELEARNING DAYS IN A ROW. WE WOULD THEN TAKE A DAY OFF & ADD AN IN-PERSON DAY TO THE CALENDAR IF NECESSARY.

SHS MINISTERS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES!

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN AND KAREN KELSHEIMER** ON JANUARY 10

OUR NEXT SHS MINISTRY MASSES WILL BE ALL THREE WEEKEND MASSES ON FEBRUARY 5TH & 6TH, WRAPPING UP CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. COMMUNICATION HAS GONE OUT REGARDING THE MASSES & WE THANK YOU FOR RETURNING THE RSVP SHEETS IN A TIMELY MANNER. IT HAS ALLOWED US TO PLAN AHEAD FOR THE INCLIMATE WEATHER WE'RE NOW FACING! **WITH THE WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES, WE'LL LIKELY BE REACHING OUT FOR SOME PRACTICE SESSIONS EITHER FRIDAY OR SATURDAY LEADING UP TO THE CSW MASSES.**

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:

WEEKEND OF FEB 5-6 – ALL MASSES
(CSW)

SUN MAY 22 @ 11 AM

SAT MAR 19 @ 4:30 PM

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.

UPCOMING TUITION INFORMATION SESSIONS

BY **MIKE MCCLAIN** ON FEBRUARY 2

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO ATTENDED ONE OF OUR RECENT TUITION INFORMATION SESSIONS. WE'VE HAD REQUESTS FOR A COUPLE MORE SESSIONS AND WE'RE HAPPY TO OFFER THOSE:

- FEBRUARY 13TH STARTING AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 IN THE SHS GYM. AT THAT SESSION, INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2022-2023 TUITION RATES & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE SHARED.
- FEBRUARY 20TH STARTING AT APPROXIMATELY NOON DOWNSTAIRS AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE. INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TUITION IS SET, THE 2022-2023 TUITION RATES & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE SHARED.

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

MIKE MCCLAIN, PRINCIPAL, SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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