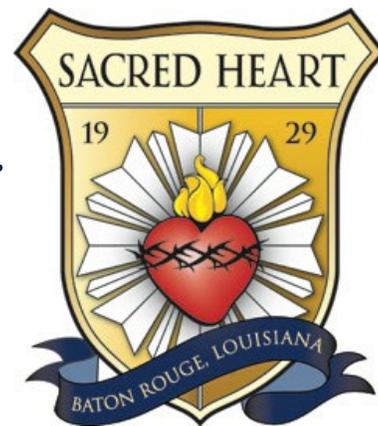


The Tuesday Newsletter



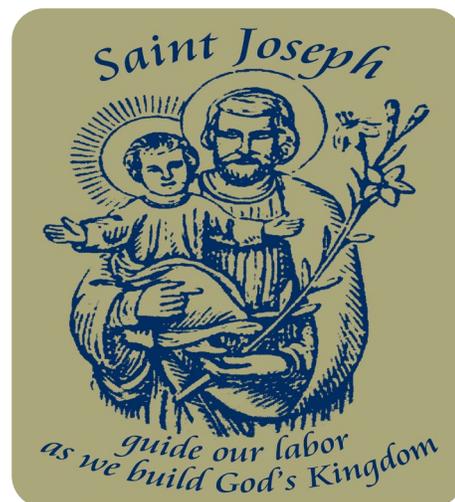
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WEEKLY NEWS FROM SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

CALENDAR PEEK!

- 11.17 **MASS** (8th grade mass leaders)
- 11.17 **RECONCILIATION** (4th - 6th grade 10:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.)
- 11.18 **BIRTHDAY FREE DRESS** (November birthdays)
- 11.18 **GRANDPARENTS DAY REHEARSAL** (1:15 p.m. Parents invited)
- 11.19 **GRANDPARENTS DAY** (9:00 a.m.)
- 11.19 **EARLY DISMISSAL** (Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.)
- 11.22-26 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**
- 11.29 **FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT & SCHOOL RESUMES**
- 12.01 **MASS** (7th grade mass leaders)
- 12.02 **8TH GRADE WHITE SHIRT & JEANS PICTURE DAY**
- 12.03 **SPIRIT SHIRT DAY**
- 12.05 **USED UNIFORM SALE** (10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the gym)



PRINCIPAL'S POST

By: Cecilia Methvin

Now that we are reaching the end of our first semester, it is a fitting time to share some reminders.

- As you know, our traditional water fountains are not in use due to covid safety procedures. We have water coolers/ bottle fillers, which require students to bring a water bottle to school every day. We do have cups in the nurse's station, but these are for emergency use only. Unfortunately, our supply has been depleted because so many students are forgetting to bring their bottle with them to school. Please help us remind your children that this is now a necessary school supply, just as books and backpacks are.
- The coming holiday time is a great opportunity to check uniforms for proper fit, get needed haircuts, and order cold weather outerwear. Children grow so fast (as I am sure you know) and uniforms can be expensive, so our Home and School Association will be having a Used Uniform Sale on Sunday, December 5th. Don't forget that Inka's does free alterations if you purchase from them. If your child receives a uniform notice, it is simply a reminder and your signature is acknowledgment that you received the reminder. For any questions regarding Sacred Heart's uniform policy, see pages 24-27 of the [Parent-Student Handbook](#) located on the school's website. Don't forget that the [Tiger Shop](#) is open right now, too!

We hope you can join us for our Grandparent's Day dress rehearsal this Thursday at 1:15pm. It is going to be a fantastic show and your attendance would be helpful; an audience always encourages better performances.

Now that we are having weekly Masses with student leaders (1st-8th grades), we hope you will join us. If you would like to sit with your child during Mass, please let their teacher know and your child can join you in the back, behind the student section.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful Thanksgiving holiday, and safe journeys for all who will be traveling.

St. Joseph, guide our labor as we build God's Kingdom.

STUDENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: Congratulations to the newly elected Student Class Representatives: Sixth Grade Representative Charlotte Boudreaux, Seventh Grade Representative Loghan Gustin and Eighth Grade Representative Alex Green. Thank you to everyone that ran for office!

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Grandparent's Day is Friday, November 19 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Students and teachers have been working so hard to make it a great day for all! **PERMISSION SLIPS:** Thursday, November 18, is the last day to receive Grandparent's Day permission slips. Remember that each student being checked out of school by grandparents after our November 19th celebration MUST have a signed permission slip on file. Please see page 6 for permission slips and remember to return one per student. Questions? Contact Wendy Milam (WMilam@SacredHeartBR.com). **ATTIRE:** You should have received an email with details on what each grade level will wear on Friday, please let me know if you need me to resend it. **REHEARSAL:** Grandparent's Day Preview is Thursday, November 18, 1:15 p.m., and parents are invited to attend! Want some easy PIP hours while enjoying happy faces on Grandparents Day? [Sign up here!](#)

TIGER SHOP: The [Tiger Shop](#) is OPEN! Shop now before it closes at midnight Sunday, November 28.

ATHLETICS: BIDDY SOCCER: Biddy Soccer is Off & Running! Games are played every Tuesday & Thursday nights at 5:30 at the SHS baseball field. We will take a break during Thanksgiving week & start again November 30th. Please come out and see our beautiful field and energetic kids under the bright lights! **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Boys Basketball practices are going great! Reminder: 6th, 7th, & 8th grades Dunham Tournament is the first week of December and the SHS tournament is Dec. 16-19th. The fourth grade team will announce practices soon! Contact Allyson Thibodeaux (AThibodeaux@SacredHeartBR.com) if you are interested in volunteering. **BASEBALL:** Please email Allyson Thibodeaux (AThibodeaux@SacredHeartBR.com) if your 3rd-8th grade son is interested in baseball. Practices will start in January!

FOOD DRIVE: The Beta Club is leading a Thanksgiving Food Drive please remember to drop off your items by Friday of this week. During the week of Thanksgiving, a group of parents will be delivering the complete meals to our neighbors in need. If you are interested in helping with the deliveries, please contact Andrew Freese (andrew.freese@hotmail.com).

SACRED HEART PARISH MESSENGER [Click here](#) to read this week's edition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Messenger.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,
 help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
 help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
 help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
 help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
 help me to destroy my complacency;
 be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
 those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.



SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL



NEWS AND REMINDERS

- Who wants to have fun helping with the school's biggest fundraiser of the year?? Tiger Gala will be April 9, 2022. Thank you to those who have volunteered, but we still need a few more Tiger Gala committee members. If you are interested in serving, please contact Home & School Co-Presidents Karleen Green (karleen.green@phelps.com) or Katie Bodin (katiegbodin@gmail.com).
- Be on the lookout for Raffle tickets to go on sale in the next few weeks! Tickets will be sent home with each student to sell. More information to come!
- Used Uniform Sale - We will be holding another Used Uniform Sale on Sunday, December 5th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school gym.
- Tiger Shop - Tiger Shop is open and will close Sunday, November 28th. Don't miss out on this opportunity to order cold weather outerwear and Christmas gifts!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 6 - Geri Pearson (Nurse)

December 3 - Nicole Salassi (Middle School Literature)

December 29 - Lisa Arnett (Administrative Assistant)

December 30 - Kelly Broussard (Middle School Social Studies)

Bye Bye Pandemic-Wait Covid-why are you still here? (Places You'll Most Likely Want to Wear a Mask this Season)

In early October, daily COVID cases dropped below 100,000 for the first time since early August, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. At the same time, the country's steps forward with the pandemic might not continue into the winter months. When COVID vaccines were first authorized in the U.S., it seemed like the worst would soon be over. In the ensuing months, however, vaccinations slowed and the Delta variant arrived, wreaking havoc across the U.S. and making COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths surge once more. With virus experts saying they expect the Delta variant surge to be completely over by Thanksgiving, people in the U.S. are more hopeful than ever that this might actually be the end of the pandemic. But once Delta dies down, what are the chances we're faced with new COVID variants that are even worse?

Anthony Fauci, MD, recently shared his thoughts on the future of the pandemic and the potential for new COVID variants. According to Fauci, the Delta variant is still the dominant form of the virus in the U.S., accounting for more than 99 percent of cases. While there are new strains emerging—like B.1.630, which was just detected in Louisiana—he said that it's unlikely any will reach the heights that Delta has. "We don't expect there to be any emergence of a variant that's going to outstrip the capability of Delta," Fauci explained during a recent White House COVID Response Team press briefing. Fauci cautioned that preventing any new variants from having the opportunity to surge like Delta depends on one thing: vaccinations. "A virus will not mutate or form a variant unless you give it the opportunity to replicate. So, as long as you get control of the dynamics of virus in the community, which is best done by getting the overwhelming proportion of the population vaccinated, then we can prevent the emergence of new, troublesome variants," he said.

Scott Gottlieb, MD, former head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said, "Although there are no new variants expected to overtake Delta, virus experts have warned that we are not yet out of the woods with the current dominant variant. "According to Gottlieb, Delta's surge is moving from the South to the West and Midwest, with a potential for a spike in the Northeast as well. "You're starting to see an uptick in cases in the colder parts of the country and, as people are driven indoors without masks on, you'll start to see cases pick up," he said.

Like Fauci, Gottlieb and other virus experts have said they expect that Delta will be the last major wave in the U.S. He said, It would be just that—ending the pandemic, not getting rid of COVID altogether. According to the adviser, the U.S. has only really eradicated one virus, smallpox.

"As I mentioned, it is going to be very difficult—at least in the foreseeable future and maybe ever—to truly eliminate this highly transmissible virus," Fauci explained. "So, what are we looking for? We're looking for a level of control of the virus that would allow us to be able to essentially approach the kind of normal that we are all craving for and that we all talk about."

According to Fauci, "things are going in the right direction with the diminution of cases, hospitalizations and deaths," but it's not all good news. The steepness of the deflection is not as good as it was, let's say, a month or so ago ... it's down to a lower number," Fauci explained. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), new coronavirus cases are only down by around 1 percent for the week of Nov. 5, despite declining by more than 7 percent just a week prior. As a result, both Fauci and other health officials are worried that the upcoming winter weather could bring about even less of a decline, or worse, another rise in COVID cases. According to these experts, winter holidays and cold weather are likely to bring about more travel and indoor gatherings, where viruses like COVID can spread more easily. But there is a way to avoid increased transmission, even as winter hits. "As we go into the winter months with the challenge of a respiratory infection being worse in the winter months, we can get through this if we really put a lot of effort into getting as many people vaccinated as we possibly can," the virus expert warned that the U.S. still "need[s] to do better" in terms of adolescent vaccination rates. According to the CDC, only 58.4 percent of U.S. adults and adolescents are fully vaccinated, which leaves more than 60 million still unvaccinated despite being eligible.

Even increased vaccinations won't necessarily get rid of the virus in the U.S. altogether either. But that's not the goal anymore, according to Fauci.

"We're looking for a level of control ... where the level of infection—due to vaccination predominantly, but also people who may have been infected and have some degree of protection—that doesn't disrupt society the way the COVID-19 outbreak is currently doing with us," Fauci said.

Please don't forget the following this holiday season:

- Wash your Hands
- Cover your cough
- Get Vaccinated or get a booster if you haven't already.
- Limit the size of your gatherings.
- Gathering outdoors are always better than indoors.
- Don't go to or host gatherings if you are ill
- Wear a mask or avoid high risk areas
 1. Houses of Worship
 2. Hotels
 3. Bars
 4. Cafés and Coffee Shops
 5. Restaurants

All these measures make good sense to prevent a variety of winter illnesses, not just Covid.

Wishing you a healthy Thanksgiving and making lots of memories,
Nurse Geri



Sacred Heart of Jesus School GRANDPARENT'S DAY PERMISSION SLIP

This permission slip (one per child) must be turned in to the child's teacher by Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Sacred Heart of Jesus Youth Group's 15th Annual



**Please join us on
Sunday, December 5, 2021
9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
In the Parish Hall**

**Tickets:
\$5.00
(in advance or
at the door)**

***Don't forget your camera to take
a free picture with Santa!***

Breakfast includes: pancakes, grits, sausage, juice and milk. Dine-in or carry out.
There will be Christmas crafts and music for the children!

PANCAKES WITH SANTA! PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Return the form below, along with payment, to the Parish or School Office by

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021!

You may also mail the form and payment to 2250 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Your tickets will be held at the door for you to pick up the day of the event.

Name: _____

of tickets: _____ @ \$5.00 each = _____ Total Enclosed: _____

(If applicable, fill out lines below. Tickets will be delivered via student's backpack.)

Student's Full Name: _____ Grade/Section: _____

Checks can be made payable to Sacred Heart Church!

All proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart of Jesus Youth Group!



**THE SVdP ADVENT GIVING TREE WILL BE
UP THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 27/28!**

*Help us show the love of Christ by donating gifts to the
children of families living within our Parish.*

GUIDELINES:

- We request that *no more than three (3) wrapped gifts* are purchased per ornament to ensure that multiple children within a home receive similar amounts of gifts as their siblings.
- Ornaments list suggested gifts; however, you are not required to purchase all items suggested.
- The ornaments will be placed on Christmas trees at the entrance of the church for two weekends:
 - November 27/28, 1st Weekend of Advent
 - December 4/5, 2nd Weekend of Advent
- **Wrapped Gifts** should be returned to the PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER after Masses the weekend of **December 11/12**.
- **PLEASE** make sure that you sign up in the binder with the coordinating letter and number code to help us ensure that all the children receive a gift **or...**
- You will have the option to scan a QR code to quickly type in your name and contact information along with the ornament number.

**Please contact Risa Mueller at 225-993-1339 or trmmueller@gmail.com
if you have any questions about the Advent Giving Tree.**



ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY
Holiday Volleyball Camp

DECEMBER 20-22

Monday & Tuesday,
December 20-21

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Skills Work and Game Play

Wednesday, December 22

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tournament Play

Academy Student
Center

Coach
Sivi Miller

Girls in
grades 4-8

==== \$140 =====

Space is limited. Registration now open.

Drop off for camp begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Academy Student Center. You can register online at sizzlingsummer.org. Limited spots available. For more information, contact Ms. Cristina Benigno at **388-2226** or benignoc@sjabr.org.

Please bring your lunch on Monday and Tuesday