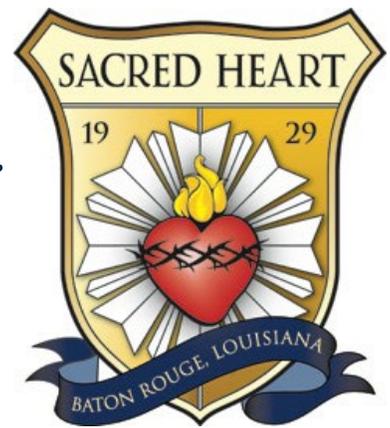


The Tuesday Newsletter



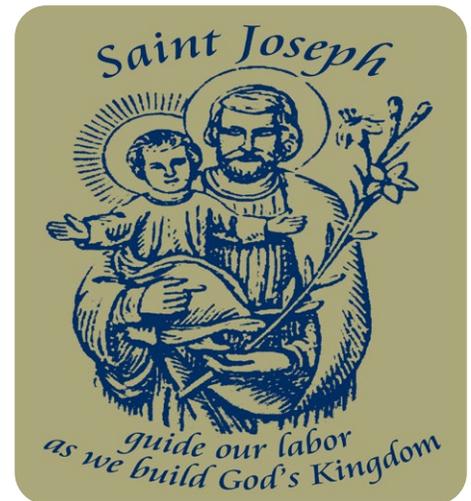
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WEEKLY NEWS FROM SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

CALENDAR PEEK!

- 11.09 **FIELD TRIP TO LSU FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME**
(8th graders and all girls basketball players will attend)
- 11.10 **MASS** (8th grade mass leaders)
- 11.11 **VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE** (7:45 a.m. in the gym)
- 11.12 **PROGRESS REPORTS**
- 11.12 **YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT**
- 11.17 **MASS** (8th grade mass leaders)
- 11.18 **BIRTHDAY FREE DRESS** (November birthdays)
- 11.19 **GRANDPARENTS DAY** (9:00 A.M.)
- 11.19 **EARLY DISMISSAL** (Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.)
- 11.22-26 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**



PRINCIPAL'S POST

By: Cecilia Methvin

It seems like we are just getting into the swing of things this year, and it's already time to start thinking about next year. Our middle schoolers and their teachers are enjoying their beautifully renovated classrooms and we will be implementing phase 2 with our early learning classrooms this coming summer. We are so appreciative of those who have already contributed to our Creating a Centennial Capital Campaign, and there is still time for those who have not.

Along with our classroom renovations, we have more exciting news; we will be adding a PK-3 classroom to our campus! More information about this program will be available in early December when the 2022-23 applications for all grades are available. We have many families and faculty with younger children and the convenience of everyone on one campus makes this a necessary addition. We are very excited to be able to offer this for the coming school year.

As for this school year, we still have a lot of special events to celebrate. Our Grandparent's Day will be in person this year on Friday, November 19th at 9:00 AM. We have an 11:00 AM early dismissal on Grandparent's Day, so if your child will be leaving school with a grandparent or other beloved adult who plans to attend, a permission slip must be turned in to the homeroom teacher before Thursday, November 18th. We will still have carpool on that day; however, buses will not run. Our dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 18th at 1:15 PM is open to parents.

Finally, we have some calendar changes to our Christmas celebrations. On Friday, December 10th, we are having a pep rally for fall sports at 2 PM in the gym and moving the Tree Decorating and Sing Along to the 17th. Our schedule for Friday, December 17th is Mass at 8:00 AM, our Tree Decorating and Sing-Along at 9:30 in the gym, and then Christmas parties in classrooms until dismissal at 11:00 AM. Our 3rd grade play will once again be a spring event rather than a Christmas play, and we are thrilled to have Mr. Souza working with Ms. Moran to prepare our students for a fantastic performance.

VETERAN'S DAY: We are having a prayer service on Thursday, November 11 at our morning assembly (7:45 am) in the school gym. We would love to recognize any veterans who are able to attend, as well as those who cannot. If you have a veteran in your family or if you are a veteran, please use [this link](#) to fill out some information for us to use. If you are unable to attend, your student can bring a picture of their veteran to hold up when we recognize them. We look forward to seeing any veterans who can join us!

STUDENT COUNCIL: Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Sacred Heart Student Council: President McKenzie Hamilton, Vice President Paige Roscoe, Secretary Dillon Gosserand, and Treasurer Amelie Schmitt. We are proud of everyone that ran for office. It takes supreme courage to stand in front of your peers and present a speech.

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 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!

ATHLETICS: CHEERLEADERS: A BIG THANK YOU to our cheerleaders for cheering on both the basketball & football teams. We couldn't do it without you! **GIRLS BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL NEWS:** Their seasons have come to an end. Congratulations to all of the teams on a terrific season! **BIDDY SOCCER:** Practice is today @ 5:30 at the SHS baseball field. Remember to bring shin guards, a water bottle & your soccer ball. Games start next week - Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 5:30. **BOYS BASKETBALL:** 6th, 7th & 8th grade practices start this week! A mandatory meeting of all boys basketball parents will be scheduled before the first game. Look for more info later. Dunham tournament is Dec. 2nd - 5th. SHS tournament is Dec. 16th - 19th. We'll need volunteers!! Contact Allyson Thibodeaux (AThibodeaux@SacredHeartBR.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

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



Thursday, November 11, 2021

Dear Lord,
Today we honor our veterans,
worthy men and women
who gave their best when they were
called upon their country.
We pray that you will bless them,
Lord, for their unselfish service
to preserve our country's heritage,
for all of us.
Bless them abundantly for the
sacrifices they made,
for their many contributions
to America's victories.
We respect them, we thank them,
we honor them,
we are proud of them,
and we pray that you will watch over
these special people and bless them
with peace and happiness.

Amen

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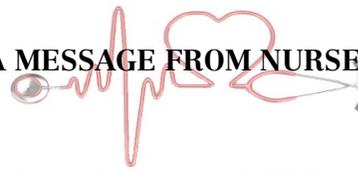
NEWS AND REMINDERS

- 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 later this month! 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 will open this Friday, November 12th and close Sunday, November 28th. Don't miss out on this opportunity to order basketball shooting shirts and Christmas gifts!
- Charleston Wrap - Prizes will be going home this week to students who earned them through Charleston Wrap sales. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 6 - Geri Pearson (Nurse)



Key Points About Emergency Use Authorization of The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for The Prevention Of COVID-19 To Include Children 5 Through 11 Years Of Age (Excerpts from the CDC)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include children 5 through 11 years of age. The authorization was based on the FDA's thorough and transparent evaluation of the data that included input from independent advisory committee experts who overwhelmingly voted in favor of making the vaccine available to children in this age group.

Key points for parents and caregivers:

- Effectiveness: Immune responses of children 5 through 11 years of age were comparable to those of individuals 16 through 25 years of age. In addition, the vaccine was found to be 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5 through 11.
- Safety: The vaccine's safety was studied in approximately 3,100 children ages 5 through 11 who received the vaccine and no serious side effects have been detected in the ongoing study.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) will meet next week to discuss further clinical recommendations.

"As a mother and a physician, I know that parents, caregivers, school staff, and children have been waiting for today's authorization. Vaccinating younger children against COVID-19 will bring us closer to returning to a sense of normalcy," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. "Our comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of the data pertaining to the vaccine's safety and effectiveness should help assure parents and guardians that this vaccine meets our high standards."

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for children 5 through 11 years of age is administered as a two-dose primary series, 3 weeks apart, but is a lower dose (10 micrograms) than that used for individuals 12 years of age and older (30 micrograms).

In the U.S., COVID-19 cases in children 5 through 11 years of age makeup 39% of cases in individuals younger than 18 years of age. According to the CDC, approximately 8,300 COVID-19 cases in children 5 through 11 years of age resulted in hospitalization. As of Oct. 17, 691 deaths from COVID-19 have been reported in the U.S. in individuals less than 18 years of age, with 146 deaths in the 5 through 11 years age group.

"The FDA is committed to making decisions that are guided by science that the public and healthcare community can trust. We are confident in the safety, effectiveness and manufacturing data behind this authorization. As part of our commitment to transparency around our decision-making, which included our public advisory committee meeting earlier this week, we have posted documents today supporting our decision and additional information detailing our evaluation of the data will be posted soon. We hope this information helps build confidence of parents who are deciding whether to have their children vaccinated," said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

The FDA has determined this Pfizer vaccine has met the criteria for emergency use authorization. Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, the known and potential benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in individuals down to 5 years of age outweigh the known and potential risks.

FDA Evaluation of Available Effectiveness Data

The effectiveness data to support the EUA in children down to 5 years of age is based on an ongoing randomized, placebo controlled study that has enrolled approximately 4,700 children 5 through 11 years of age. The study is being conducted in the U.S., Finland, Poland and Spain. Children in the vaccine group received two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine containing 10 micrograms of messenger RNA per dose. The FDA analyzed data that compared the immune response of 264 participants from this study to 253 participants 16 through 25 years of age who had two higher doses of the vaccine in a previous study which determined the vaccine to be effective in preventing COVID-19. The immune responses of the younger age participants were comparable to the older participants.

The FDA also conducted a preliminary analysis of cases of COVID-19 occurring seven days after the second dose. In this analysis, among participants without evidence of prior infection with SARS-CoV-2, 3 cases of COVID-19 occurred among 1,305 vaccine recipients and 16 cases of COVID-19 occurred among 663 placebo recipients; the vaccine was 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19.

FDA Evaluation of Available Safety Data

The available safety data to support the EUA include more than 4,600 participants (3,100 vaccine, 1,538 placebo) ages 5 through 11 years enrolled in the ongoing study. In this trial, a total of 1,444 vaccine recipients were followed for safety for at least 2 months after the second dose.

Commonly reported side effects in the clinical trial included injection site pain (sore arm), redness and swelling, fatigue, headache, muscle and/or joint pain, chills, fever, swollen lymph nodes, nausea and decreased appetite. More children reported side effects after the second dose than after the first dose. Side effects were generally mild to moderate in severity and occurred within two days after vaccination, and most went away within one to two days.

The FDA and CDC safety surveillance systems have previously identified increased risks of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of tissue surrounding the heart) following vaccination with Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, particularly following the second dose, and with the observed risk highest in males 12 through 17 years of age. Therefore, the FDA conducted its own benefit-risk assessment using modelling to predict how many symptomatic COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, intensive care unit (ICU) admissions and deaths from COVID-19 the vaccine in children 5 through 11 years of age would prevent versus the number of potential myocarditis cases, hospitalizations, ICU admissions and deaths that the vaccine might cause. The FDA's model predicts that overall, the benefits of the vaccine would outweigh its risks in children 5 through 11 years of age.

Ongoing Safety Monitoring

Pfizer Inc. has updated its safety monitoring plan to include evaluation of myocarditis, pericarditis and other events of interest in children 5 through 11 years of age. In addition, the FDA and the CDC have several systems in place to continually monitor COVID-19 vaccine safety and allow for the rapid detection and investigation of potential safety problems.

It is mandatory for Pfizer Inc. and vaccination providers to report any serious adverse events, cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death in vaccinated individuals. It is also mandatory for vaccination providers to report all vaccine administration errors to VAERS for which they become aware and for Pfizer Inc. to include a summary and analysis of all identified vaccine administration errors in monthly safety reports to the FDA.

Data Supports New Vaccine Formulation to Improve Stability and Storage Conditions

The FDA today also authorized a manufacturing change for the vaccine to include a formulation that uses a different buffer; buffers help maintain a vaccine's pH (a measure of how acidic or alkaline a solution is) and stability. This new formulation is more stable at refrigerated temperatures for longer periods of time, permitting greater flexibility for vaccination providers.

The new formulation of the vaccine developed by Pfizer Inc. contains Tris buffer, a commonly used buffer in a variety of other FDA-approved vaccines and other biologics, including products for use in children. The FDA evaluated manufacturing data to support the use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine containing Tris buffer and concluded it does not present safety or effectiveness concerns.

Wishing you a healthy Fall and Winter, Nurse Geri



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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.

