

Sacred Heart of Jesus School is a diverse community dedicated to educating the body, mind and spirit.

WEEKLY NEWS FROM SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

DECEMBER 5, 2023

CALENDAR PEEK!

12.05	DARE GRADUATION (1:30 pm in the gym)
12.06	GAME CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY (ends @ 4:30 pm)
12.07	PEP RALLY (1:45 pm in the gym)
12.08	MASS (8 am in the church led by 7th grade)
12.08	ANNOUNCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AFTER MASS
12.10	CHILDREN'S MASS (11 am in the church)
12.11	KNITTING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY (ends @ 4:30 pm)
12.13	FREE DRESS (for food drive participants)
12.14	FREE DRESS (for Candyland participants)
12.15	MIDTERM EXAMS (middle school dismissed @ 11 am)
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12.20	MASS (8 am in the church led by 7th grade)
12.20	CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING & SING A LONG (in the gym)
12.20	EARLY DISMISSAL (Dismiss at 11 am)
12.21-01.03	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

PRINCIPAL'S POST

By: Michael Miller

Greetings to You All!

December, already?!?! Yes, we are in the first week of Advent and look forward to the coming of the birth of Jesus. It is a hectic, but wonderful time of the year. It seems the month of December is always crammed with extra opportunities for students to grow along with the exciting and fun learning that takes place in the day to day education and formation.

Speaking of education and formation, our 5th grade will be graduating from the DARE program today at 1:30 pm. DARE is the Sheriff's office initiative led by a law enforcement officer that teaches a series of classroom lessons to 5th grade students on how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

Finally, congratulations to our nominees for the Student of the Year here at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Our 5th grade nominees are Skye Canyon, Ethan Coates, and Ellie O'Brien. Our 8th grade nominees are Eliza Bodin, Charlotte Boudreaux, and Lauryn Young. One student will be selected from each grade to represent our school in the Diocese of Baton Rouge Student of the Year competition in January. Congratulations to all our nominated students!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

PEP RALLY Join us this Thursday at 1:45 pm in the gym for our pep rally! Everyone is invited to attend.

DARE GRADUATION Our 5th grade students have been participating in the DARE Program for the past 12 weeks. They will graduate today in our school gym. Parents of 5th graders are invited to attend.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE We offered 2 shirts for sale at the alumni day lunch, but wanted to offer them to our parents as well. The options are either the drawing of the Sacred Heart School or the Alumni Tiger shirt. If you are interested in purchasing either one, click here to fill out the form. Check out the images of them on page 5.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR Each year fifth grade and eighth grade students are nominated for student of the year by their peers, teachers, and administration based on their academic excellence, impressive leadership abilities, and dedication to service and citizenship. They must complete a portfolio including a biography of themselves with special awards and accomplishments they have received. They are also interviewed by a chosen panel of judges. The winners will be announced after Mass this Friday. The two students chosen will represent Sacred Heart in the Diocese of Baton Rouge Student of the Year competition.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS If you have any extra Christmas decorations around the house, we would love to use them for our Christmas Tree Sing-a-long on December 20. If you would like to donate them to us, please drop them off by Monday, December 18.

DRAMA CLUB Have you always wanted to run a Drama Club? Well, here is your chance! We are looking for someone to start a Sacred Heart Drama Club with production. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Jones Sjones@sacredheartbr.com.

SACRED HEART PARISH MESSENGER <u>Click here</u> to read this week's edition of The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Messenger.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY Sacred Heart of Jesus St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry serves people in need who live within the geographical boundaries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Food pantry collections are made each Friday during our school liturgy. Students, faculty, and staff donate non-perishable food items and are a major source of donations. While all donations are accepted, the pantry is in particular need of pasta, soups, chili, tuna and combread mix. Thank you so much for your support!



The Parish Office will be closed December 25, 2023 – January 2, 2024

OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Refer to the parish website and social media for

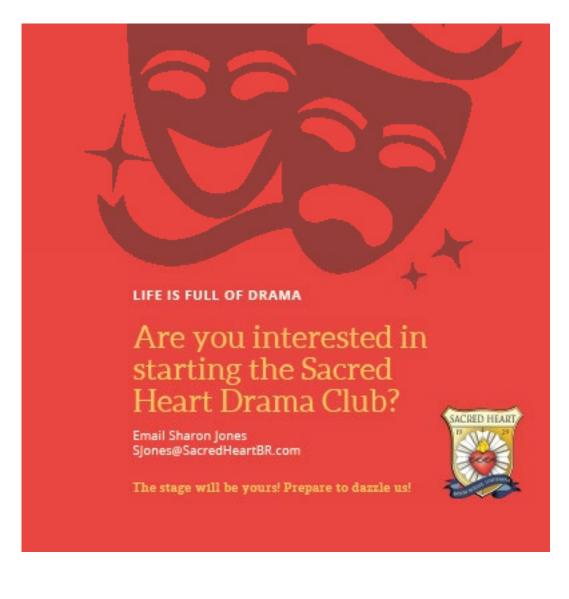
VIGIL MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Pre-K through 2nd grade parents, we will begin biddy basketball after the holidays. Registration information will be sent soon. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Athletic Director Amy Daughdrill at <u>adaughdrill@sacredheartbr.com</u>.

XC and Girls basketball parents, please turn in washed uniforms in a bag with your players name as soon as possible.

4th grade boys basketball schedule for December:

December 8 December 14-17th 4th Grade vs. St. Theresa St. Alphonsus Tournament 7:15 pm @ St. Theresa





- Thank you for supporting our Charleston Wrap fundraiser! Huge thank you to Kathryn Mount and Danielle Baker for cochairing this committee.
- TIGER SHOP IS OPEN 24/7! Buy yourself, friends, and family Sacred Heart merch and gear! It would make great Christmas gifts and help to support our school!!! The weather is getting cooler so don't forget to order sweatshirts and outerwear!
- Teachers Half Day Off Slots are Filled!!!! Thank you to all of those who volunteered to cover our teachers! They truly appreciate your help and are all excited!
- If anyone is interested in getting involved in the Annual School Auction contact Leah Bergeron (leahberg7@gmail.com) or Ashley Sensley-Square (asensley@att.net).





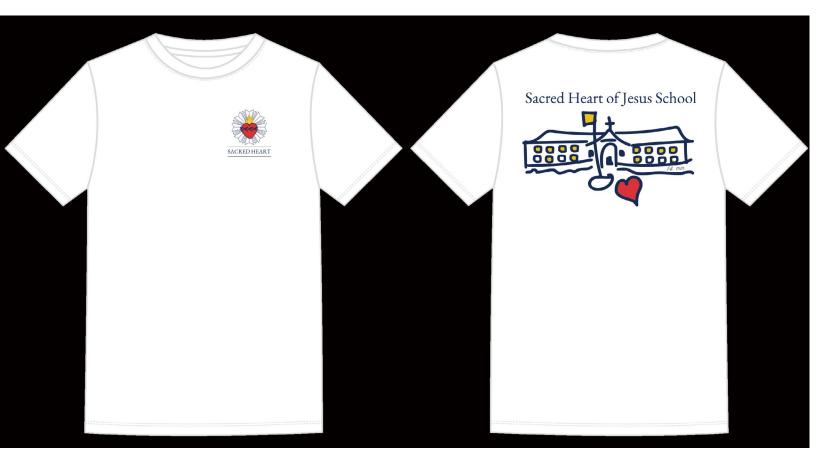
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 16 - Amy Daughdrill (Athletic Director) December 29 - Lisa Arnett (Administrative Assistant) December 30 - Kelly Broussard (Middle School Social Studies Teacher)

SACRED HEART ALUMNI SHIRT \$20



SACRED HEART SCHOOL SHIRT \$20







SHOP FOR YOUR OUTERWEAR NEEDS.

Any questions, please contact Jennifer Thibodeaux (jthibodeaux@catholichigh.org) or Kendal Scheidt (kendalsheryl@gmail.com).







Christmas Traditions Can Increase Our Emotional Health This Holiday Season

One year, when the kids were growing up, a friend invited us to the Christmas Bonfires around Lutcher on Christmas Eve. All three of my kids broke into our conversation politely declining the invitation, "We can't come. We have a Christmas Eve home mass. Our uncle Louie is a priest, and all our family will be there, and mom makes the gumbo every year." My friend and I laughed, and I affirmed my children with a nod and a smile. Yes, we have done the same thing as long as I have been alive. Christmas Eve mass with 50-60 loud members of the Couvillon family. What made my kids panic like that? I have to say, they like their traditions.

What's A Tradition?

A tradition, or ritual, is an action that you repeat at the same time or in the same way. It includes the stories, beliefs, and customs that we pass on from one generation to the next. Traditions and rituals are not the same as routines or habits. Instead, they have meaning, intentionality, and purpose.

Why does Tradition make us feel so good? What is it about traditions that are so important?

Psychologists remind us that the foundations of emotional health are a good sense of self, a sense of belonging, life stability and connection to other humans. Traditions are filled with emotional goodness. Here are some of the major benefits of tradition for you and your family.

Tradition:

• Provides A Sense of Identity

Traditions teach us who we are and give us a sense of belonging. It affirms our family history, where we came from, who our family was in the past, and indirectly, who we can be in the future. When we spend time together as a family intentionally, we are sending the message to our kids that they are special, valued, loved and important, increasing a sense of identity.

• Creates A Constant

Our lives are full of changes. We change jobs; we move to new houses; we go through the seasons. Having something constant, something that remains the same throughout these changes, brings us comfort and security. Traditions slow us down and help us to deal with changes from a place of familiarity.

Binds Us Together and Passes on Family Values

Keeping a special tradition help us stay centered and connected with the family. Our values may come from our culture, from our religion, or our worldview. We can use traditions to pass on these values to the next generation. Traditions play an important part in passing on a legacy of values. Traditions are an easy way for the old and young to bond with each other.

• Allows You to Be Intentional Family traditions allow us to be intentional with our time together. You are making intentional choice that an activity is important.

Allows you To Make Memories and Have Fun
 One of the main purposes of having family rituals is to have fun with your family and make memories.
 Having fun increases hormones that make us feel good and reduce depression and anxiety. These are the things that will help your family to stay connected and healthy through life's ups and downs.

I hope you find some ways to incorporate some cherished traditions with your family or make some new ones during this holiday season.

Wishing you a healthy week ahead, Nurse Geri

