



Sacred Heart Academy's Weekly

NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

December 21

11:45am Dismissal/
NO BRIDGES

December 22— January 2

Academy Closed—
Christmas Break

January 3

School reopens

January 7—25

SCANTRON
Assessments—
3rd—7th grade

January 9

Picture Re-Take
Day

January 12

JV Basketball Tour-
nament

January 16

Curbside Cuisine

January 17

First Penance Par-
ents Meeting—
6:30pm—
Muldowney Hall

January 18

March for Life

January 21

NO SCHOOL—
Martin Luther King
Day

Dear Parents,

We have been eagerly awaiting the birth of baby Jesus! Joy and high energy are overflowing amongst our students. The entire faculty, staff and I are so blessed to see the smiling faces, exuberant expressions and the elated spirits of the children during this most wonderful time of year! We wholeheartedly thank you for sharing your most precious gift with us, your child. Everyday I thank God for allowing me to have the opportunity to work with everyone at Sacred Heart Academy. God bless you and your loved ones. Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

I would like to highlight the accomplishments of three of our eighth grade students. Bianca Linares was offered a scholarship to Paul VI based on her score in the High School Placement Test. Claudine Bechamps was recognized for her National Junior Honors Society Project, "Heart to Heart." Special hand-stitched fabric hearts made by Claudine are worn by parents and then placed in their infants isolette to help promote bonding when infants are too fragile to be held by their parents. These special hearts are now used at Winchester Medical Center in their NICU. And, Hunter Barnhart passed his Eagle Board of Review. He is one step closer to becoming an Eagle Scout.

Our Sacred Heart students make me so proud! If you have an accomplishment you would like to share, please let me know, so I can recognize your child.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up in 2019. Please remember that school resumes on Thursday January 3, 2019. Scantron testing will begin on Monday, January 7. Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, January 9. We will have a PTO meeting at Winchester Brew Works on Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend. We will be discussing: PTO by-laws, Catholic Schools Week, future leadership, and the PTO board. Please bring your thoughts, concerns and suggestions.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Anthony Price and I had the pleasure of visiting Chelsea Academy. We met with Mrs. Clarke and Dr. Nickelson, administrators at Chelsea. They graciously provided information about their high school and allowed us to tour their facility. We will be scheduling a time for Dr. Nickelson to come to Sacred Heart Academy to talk to our students about Chelsea as a high school option.

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday January 27. We will need many volunteers. If you have any questions please contact cricketts@sacredheartwinchester.org or sign up to volunteer <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acaa22a4f58-catholic>

Blessings,
Erica Palaza
Interim Principal



Do You Know?

8TH GRADE PARENTS

Dates for informational meetings for rising 9th graders have been set by the local public high schools and are as follows:

Handley—January 10 at 7:00pm—auditorium

Millbrook—January 9—6:30pm—auditorium

James Wood—January 10—6:30pm—
auditorium

Sherando—January 10—6:15pm—auditorium

Clarke County—January 16, 5:00pm—
auditorium

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Wintry weather is here! School delays or cancellations will be sent through our School Messenger system. If you'd like to receive texts just text "Y" or "yes" to 68453. If you have changes in your contact information, please go to

PowerSchool and under the "demographics" tab make those changes.



PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

If your child was absent on Picture Day or you didn't like how the pictures turned out,

LifeTouch will be back on Wednesday, January 9 for Picture Re-Take Day. If you ordered a picture package, just have your child bring it in on Retake Day. Those who were absent, you can pick up an order form from the Academy office.

LUNCHTIME ACCOUNTS

Please check your child's LunchTime account over the Christmas Break and add any necessary funds before we return in January.

LUKE 1:39-45

This reading from St. Luke tells us about Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Elizabeth was the first person to bear witness to the Lord's presence. Upon receiving Mary into her home she exclaimed "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." She intuitively knew the special blessing that the Lord had given Mary—His Son. Even the child that Elizabeth was carrying leaped for joy on being in the presence of God. We too can bear witness to God's presence in the world and encourage each other on our journey. Helping another to notice God brings hope and hope is what this season is about. We bring God to everyone we meet and everyone we meet brings God to us! Maybe this is the attitude we should pick up and carry into the new year.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Schools Week is coming up in January and there are lots of fun opportunities to volunteer both over the weekend and during the week. We will have a need for the following:

Sunday, Jan 27: Parents to host coffee and donuts during the Open House.

Monday, Jan 28: Parents to organize and provide teacher appreciation lunch in Muldowney Hall.

Wednesday, Jan 30: Parents to distribute cookies to various community organizations (fire station, doctor offices, etc.).

Saturday, Feb 1: Parents to sell tickets and concessions during the Saints vs. Sinners basketball game

Look for the sign-up genius link via email with specific time commitments and descriptions, or you can contact Leisa Thomsen at leisalauck@gmail.com or Chris Ricketts at cricketts@sacredheartwinchester.org for more information.

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

The Junior Legion of Mary at Sacred Heart meets every Wednesday at 3:30 PM to 5 PM in the Muldowney Hall Music Room (right across from the elevator) in the lower level of the Church. The children are ages 6-12 years of age. Our meeting begins with a snack and juice, then we begin by saying the Rosary, have reports from the members on our good works and then have a craft that we distribute out in the community. We visit Spring Arbor Assisted Living and make lovely cards to give out to all the residents and staff. We make finger Rosaries for the Regional Jail and we package all the new Parishioner packets used by the Senior Legion among other projects. The children get a hour and half of devotion to the Blessed Virgin, doing a report and doing a good work. For more information call Barbara Sharp at 540-678-1274.

SMOKEY THE BEAR POSTER CONTEST

The Academy has 2 students who are local winners in the Smokey the Bear Poster Contest. 1st Place went to Timmy Nuar and 2nd Place went to Joshua Thoms. Both students' posters will be sent on to the district competition. Congratulations and Good Luck!

“...and this will be a sign for you: you will find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” “Glory to God in the highest.”

Luke 2:12, 14



The staff of Sacred Heart Academy wish for all of our Academy families a joyful and blessed Christmas. May this season bring you peace!

We pray.  We study.  We serve.

