



Sacred Heart Academy's Weekly

# NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

### April 6

Film—  
Screenagers—  
Alamo Draft-  
house—10:00am

### April 8 & 9

ACRE Testing—  
5th & 8th grade

### April 10

Stations of the  
Cross—2:30pm,  
Curbside Cuisine

### April 11

Buck a Jean Day,  
Sports Banquet

### April 13

Diocesan Science  
Fair

### April 16

Spirit Night at  
Ledo's Pizza  
5:00pm—8:00pm

### April 17

Stations of the  
Cross—2:30pm

### April 18

11:45am Dismissal—**NO PM BRIDGES**

Dear Parents,

For many people change can be difficult. Together we have faced many changes this year, but throughout all these changes, the Academy has grown stronger spiritually and academically. As I walk through the classrooms and hallways, I am reminded of how the Holy Spirit continues to guide and protect us as we progress throughout the school year. I would like to highlight some of the great contributions by members of the faculty, who have taken on new roles in our school. Mr. Polanco has the students engaged in basic Spanish conversation through interactive games, group work and individual conversation. Muy Bien! Mrs. Clark has been busy creating a catchy new middle school brochure and is using her marketing expertise to showcase our school. I am especially proud of the seamless transition our third graders have made with Mrs. Christiansen's guidance. She is a master at being able to identify individual needs while preparing the entire class for fourth grade.

Thank you, parents, for your support throughout these changes. I look forward to our continued growth, new opportunities for improvement and the privilege of working with you at our ever-changing Sacred Heart Academy.

It was great to see so many parents at this week's PTO meeting. Here are a few topics we discussed:

- The Gala theme - 80's Prom One More Night - Saturday November 9th
- Ideas for how we will spend the money raised for the school
- Opportunities for Volunteer Hours
- Open Board positions
- Screenagers - This Saturday at 10:00am at the Alamo Drafthouse. Admission is free. If you have a child who has access to technology of any kind, please take the time to see this important film.

The minutes for the meeting are available on the school website.

A gentle reminder about dismissal and aftercare charges. Dismissal is at 3:15pm. However, for safety reasons we cannot dismiss all students at the same time. You are not charged for aftercare if you are on the pick-up line by 3:15pm. If you are in line by 3:15pm, you receive complimentary aftercare services because it takes the academy staff at least 12 minutes to dismiss all students. Teachers who run programs after school (chess, drama, sports, etc.) will check students into aftercare if a parent or guardian was not able to pick the child up after the activity ended. At that time the parent will be charged from 3:15pm until the student is picked up from aftercare. If you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

This Thursday, April 11, is Buck-A-Jean Day. All donations will go to support Celiac disease research. Please remember that we will be collecting student CRS Rice Bowls on Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12, to be donated at our school Mass on Friday, April 12.

Soon, we will be instituting a new Visitor Check-In procedure. As a part of enhancing our safety program, we have purchased a software program that will keep track of who is in the building. All parents and visitors will need their ID when coming into the building. We will keep everyone informed as to when we will be starting the program.

I am very pleased to announce that we are working on a new format for our weekly newsletter. The new format will debut at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. Please share your suggestions as to how we can improve the look and scope of our weekly newsletter.

Blessings,

Interim Principal

## Do You Know?

### 8th GRADE PARENTS

When you register your 8th grade student at the high school that he or she will be attending, please fill out their Release of Records form. Please ask for a copy or that a copy be sent to the Academy office ASAP. The forms will be kept on file, so that immediately after 8th grade graduation your child's school records can be sent to their new school.

### BRIDGES NEWS

Bridges/Extended Day is looking for donations of board games. If you have any board games that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to our extended day program.

### CURBSIDE CUISINE

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner courtesy of the Academy's Curbside Cuisine. Monday, April 8, is

the last day to place an order for the Wednesday, April 10th pick up. See the flyer in the family envelope this week with all the details!

### COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Some families have let us know that they are not receiving the weekly email updates and information. Upon checking, it was found that the needed, parent provided information in PowerSchool wasn't completed. It is from PowerSchool that email addresses and phone numbers are populated when sending email or phone calls. Please take the time to go to your PowerSchool account and make sure all your demographic information is correct and complete. This will ensure that all Academy information is received in a timely fashion.

### LOST ITEM?

There's an unclaimed child's booster seat by Evenflo in the Academy office.

### John 8:1—11

This Gospel reading illustrates for us in a very simple way God's infinite capacity to forgive sinners and how to forgive. Jesus was asked by the Jewish elders what He thought should be done to a woman who was caught in the act of adultery. An offense that was punishable by death according to the Mosaic law. He was not taken in by their trap. He told them that anyone who was without sin to throw the first stone. One by one her accusers walked away and at the end, it was just her and Jesus. He did not condemn her but ask her to sin no more. It didn't mean that her sins were of no consequence, but it did mean she could have a new start. Jesus also told her to sin no more. A suggestion of the path her second chance at life should take. The sacrament of Reconciliation is our way to start again and again and again! His mercy is endless and with His mercy our future is eternal.

Here are a few of the PTO events that are coming up in the next few weeks.

**April 6**—The PTO is sponsoring a viewing of the film, “Screenagers” at the Alamo Drafthouse. This is an informative and entertaining film on the impact of technology on children’s lives and brain development. It offers advice to parents on how to navigate the digital world and find balance. There will be a time for discussion after the movie. The film begins at 10:00am and is **FREE!**

**April 16**—Take the night off from cooking and come out to the Academy’s Spirit Night at Ledo’s Pizza on Tuesday, April 16 between 5:00pm and 8:00pm and order dinner. A portion of each sale will be donated to the Academy. Tell family and friends, too!

Finally, elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the PTO will take place in June. If you are interested in any of these board positions, please contact Chris Ricketts at [c.ricketts@shasaints.org](mailto:c.ricketts@shasaints.org).



It’s happened again! The Lost and Found basket is overflowing with unclaimed items. If your child is missing any school or personal items, please have him or her check it before Easter Break, which begins on April 18. After that date, all unclaimed items will be donated to the Used Uniform Sale or to a local charity.

## SCRIP PROGRAM

Do you need gifts for Easter or perhaps some gift cards for Easter Break travel? Don’t forget that when you shop with SCRIP, Sacred Heart Academy receives a percentage of every gift card you purchase and it only costs you the face value of the gift card! You can order using the enclosed list in your Friday Folder and return it to the office on Monday. Or, you can shop with SCRIP online at [www.shopwithSCRIP.com](http://www.shopwithSCRIP.com). Our school code is: 75BLSE674734. Happy shopping!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During Lent, Academy students and staff will be participating in Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays, at 2:30pm, in the church during Lent. All are invited to join us in this Lenten devotion.

## HEALTH REMINDER

All students entering Kindergarten and 6th grade need to have completed all required immunizations prior to starting school. Rising 6th graders, must have the Tdap booster. All new students to the Academy are also required to have had a physical before entering school. It isn’t too early to schedule a doctor’s appointment for the required physical and/or immunizations. It’s recommended that all students get yearly physicals, especially if they have chronic conditions or are involved with sports.



# Springtime Activities



We pray. ❤️ We study. ❤️ We serve.

