



Sacred Heart Catholic School

Gervais

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“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.” (Psalm 25:4)

Sacred Heart Newsletter – January 20, 2010

21	8:30 am School Rosary gr.1 & 2 7 pm Parents Club Meeting - Mandatory
22	8:15 am Mass – gr. 7 & 8 C2 RC Challenge Competition in Beaverton
23	RC Challenge Competition in Beaverton
27	FREE DRESS DAY Mrs. Shawn & Mrs. Nys at in-service 2 pm dismissal – no afternoon bus
28	No afternoon bus
29	NO BUS 8:15 am Mass – gr. 3 & 4 C3 11:30 am Dismissal – End of 2 nd Quarter
31	Catholic Schools Week Begins! 9 am – Noon Open House & Book Fair

Boys Basketball	
20	Sacred Heart @ Colton
25	Butte Creek @ Sacred Heart
27	St. Luke @ Sacred Heart

February	
1	Sacred Heart @ Gervais
3	91 @ Sacred Heart
8	Colton @ Sacred Heart
10	Sacred Heart @ Butte Creek
18	Sacred Heart @ St. Luke
22	Gervais @ Sacred Heart
24	Sacred Heart @ 91

Important Bus Notice: There are several bus changes to be aware of for next week:
Wednesday, January 27: **Morning bus**, 2 pm dismissal, **no afternoon bus**
Thursday, January 28: **Morning bus**, 3 pm dismissal, **no afternoon bus**
Friday, January 29: **NO BUS**, 11:30 am dismissal

Mrs. Shawn and Mrs. Nys will be out of the office on Wednesday, January 27, for an in-service meeting.

Armatus Audit: The Parish and School Safe Environment Audit for Sacred Heart Catholic School and Parish are scheduled for January 28, 2010 at 9:00 am. The Director of Child Protection/Victim Assistance, Cathy Shannon, will visit the school to see verification that all those working with minors have a current background check and training. This includes parent volunteers as well as employees. Earlier this month a Certificate was sent home to each person that has a background check with the incomplete areas that need to be satisfied highlighted. If you received a certificate with a “smiley face” you are clear. Thank you to those parent volunteers who have finished the necessary training. To be up-to-date you need to first have a current background check (good for three years). Next, watch the video “*Called to Protect for Parents and Families*”, (this Safe Environment Training video will be available this Thursday, January 21, at 3:15 pm and 6:15 pm, as well as at the Faith Formation Center on Sunday, January 24, at 6:30 pm). Anytime after the background check clears, you can log on to the Armatus website and complete the courses required at this time, (*Meet Sam* was required last year as well as the *Standards of Conduct for Ministry with Children*, and this year’s training requires *Keeping your School Safe* and the *Standards of Conduct for Ministry with Children* if not previously completed.) See attached information sheet about what Armatus is about and how to complete necessary training. If you have questions or have difficulty logging on to the website, please contact the school office.

Mandatory Parents Club Meeting: This Thursday (January 21) at 7 pm is the Mandatory Parents Club Meeting. It is the kickoff for our Annual Spring Fling and important information and planning will take place at the meeting. If you are not able to attend, please inform Mrs. Shindler Shawn! See you there.

RC Challenge Competition: The long awaited RC Challenge Competition is this Friday and Saturday (January 22 & 23)!! It would be incredibly amazing and awesome if we had lots of school support there to

cheer our students on. The competition begins Friday night at 5:30 pm and again Saturday morning at 8:30 am. It's at Valley Catholic High School at St Mary's in Beaverton. If you have any questions you can call Lisa Turner at (503) 304-2280.

Carnival Thank You: An exciting night was had at our Carnival and I just want to thank each and every one of you for coming together to make it a success. We have such a great school and community. Thanks to everyone who stayed and put the school and gym back together. This was the fastest time set for clean up that we have ever had.

Thank you to all the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the different areas. You did an amazing job. There are a couple little heart warming stories that took place that night that you may not be aware of...Obviously we all know that the train was blocking the tracks for a LONG time. The parents that were not affected stepped in and filled the empty positions until the parents got there. They didn't skip a beat – they saw what needed to be done and did it. What a wonderful example of team work!

Our cake walk was overflowing with the most delicious of delicacies. We had plenty of treats thanks to all the parents going above and beyond their call of duty.

And now to a story that brings tears to my eyes...Nick T. wanted a SpongeBob Bowling game so bad in the General store. He was saving up his tokens just for that one item. He was at the end of his tickets and didn't have enough. So what happened? His classmates, his friends, came together and pitched in tokens so he could get it. What a wonderful friendship and teamwork our children have! I just want to thank you all for raising such caring and thoughtful children and what a wonderful example you are setting for them. Thank you again for your caring. This is exactly what makes Sacred Heart the most incredible and amazing school around!

(Submitted by Lisa Turner)

Grandparents Day Luncheon: Included in today's Wednesday packet is a sign-up sheet to let us know how many grandparents/special friends will be with us to celebrate Grandparents Day. Please fill out the form and return it to the school office by Friday, January 29th.

FACTS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: It is time to begin thinking about next year's tuition costs! This year all applications for tuition assistance are to be completed online. The webpage address is www.factstuitionaid.com. On the web page is a link for instructions, checklist, sample tax documents, etc. If you do not have an internet connection, you may use the staff room computer to submit your application. Applications are due by March 30, 2010. Any family who would like to receive tuition assistance from the school must first apply through the FACTS Tuition Assistance Program.

School Survey: Enclosed in today's packet is a short school survey, please mark your response and return it in your Wednesday envelope. Thank you!

Asphalt Update: We are still collecting funds to put in an asphalt surface under the outdoor play structure. The cost will be \$4,500.00. Thus far we have collected \$1,116.50 – all donations, no matter what size, are welcome!

Goodsearch and GoodShop: What if Sacred Heart Catholic School earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our school? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop online is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to our favorite cause, just indicate Sacred Heart Catholic School! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, Ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting Sacred Heart Catholic School.

If you download the GoodSearch – Sacred Heart Catholic School toolbar, our cause will earn money every time your shop and search online – even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first. Add the Sacred Heart Catholic School toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/sacredheartcatholicschool>.

Catholic Daughters Education Contest: It is time once again for the Catholic Daughters Education Contest. Your child's teacher will have them participate in at least one category. You might encourage them to enter in other categories also. There are small prizes awarded in each category. Last year, our own Jack Turner won at the State level – way to go Jack! This year's themes are "The joys of God surround us" and "The joys life brings through others". The categories are: essay, poetry, art, computer art, music, and photography. There are certain criteria for each category, so if you are interested please contact Lisa Juhring 503-393-1672 or ljuhring@comcast.net. I can get you a copy of the rules. (Submitted by Lisa Juhring)



Preparing for the Roman Catholic Challenge

Hot Lunch Schedule:

January 27 Weiner Wraps, Fries, Fruit/Veggie and Dessert
Laura Miller, Sanjuana Cantu, Sierra Asby

February 4 THURSDAY – GRANDPARENTS DAY!!!!!!

Last Call for anyone who has an extra Turkey. Please contact Karen Suing (503)981-9135

- **Please Note:** All submissions to the weekly newsletter must be into the school office by noon on Tuesdays.
- **Computer Use Policy Reminder:** The computers may not be used after school hours unless the child is supervised by an adult **and** the computer use is specifically approved by Mrs. Shawn.
- **Towels Needed:** We would welcome the donation of any used, serviceable towels for clean-ups at school.
- **School Photos:** Parents, if you have photos of various school events, please bring them in for use in our school newspaper, slideshows, etc. Especially requested are sports photos but anything would be most appreciated. Thank you! *Mrs. Adams*

Sacred Heart School Mission Statement

A Roman Catholic School of Sacred Heart Parish, forms children in knowledge, virtue and the spiritual life in a safe and positive educational environment that they may develop as disciples of Jesus Christ in His Church.