



Sacred Heart Catholic School

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

Sacred Heart Newsletter – January 27, 2010

28 No afternoon bus
29 NO BUS
8:15 am Mass – gr. 3 & 4 C3
11:30 am Dismissal – End of 2nd Quarter
31 Catholic Schools Week Begins!
9 am – Noon Open House & Book Fair
February
1 PJ Day
2 Favorite Color Day – 8th grade teachers
3 Crazy Day – Mini-classes
Report Cards sent home
4 Grandparents Day! – Uniform Day –
Girls wear plaid if you have it!
8:15 am Mass – gr. 1 & 2 C4

5 NO SCHOOL! Archdiocesan In-service

Boys Basketball

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

Reminder: This Friday is a half day. It is the end of the grading period and teachers will be working on report cards. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

Important Bus Notice: Please note these changes in the bus schedule - Thursday, January 28: **Morning bus**, 3 pm dismissal, **no afternoon bus**. – On Friday, January 29 there will be **NO BUS**, 11:30 am dismissal

Armatus Audit: The Parish and School Safe Environment Audit for Sacred Heart Catholic School and Parish is scheduled for January 28, 2010 at 9:00 am. The Director of Child Protection/Victim Assistance, Cathy Shannon, will visit the school to verify that all those working with minors have a current background check and up-to-date 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*”, Anytime after the background check clears, you can log on to the Armatus website and complete the on-line 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.

Parent/Student Handbook Reminder: Page 11 of the handbook, section #3 says: “*Students are not to use cell phones and pagers at Sacred Heart School during school hours. If a cell phone or pager is seen or heard during school hours it will be held at the school office and parents/or guardians will be required to pick it up.*” **Page 14 of the handbook, section #13 says:** “*Personal items of value, including money, should not be brought to school. Teachers and the school will not be responsible for students’ personal valuables. Radios, toys, electronic games, and other unnecessary items should be left at home.*” More and more we have noticed

students bringing in cell phones, video games, i-pods, and other electronic devices. Please ask your child to leave these items at home. Otherwise, they will be kept in the school office during school hours.

RC Challenge Competition: Never before in my history of RC Challenge have our teams had to compete against each other. Never have we had a tie game and had to play overtime. What an amazing, wonderful but stressed filled weekend. The teams were fantastic. Our students were amazing. They would have made you proud watching them. The thing about The Challenge that is amazing to me is that some teams come to win and that is their focus. They are up there nervous and tense. The difference with our teams is that we come to win and we are also nervous and tense **but** we definitely have fun doing it. Our children laughed and smiled and encouraged each other on. When the 7/8 grade were playing, the 5/6 teams were cheering them on and the same was true when it was reversed. For each of the students that participated this year I have such admiration. They came to practices each week, practiced during their lunches and recess, practiced during Christmas break, and even practiced on some weekends. They did an outstanding job and I am so very proud. I learned a lot from them and hope to see them each continue to compete. To the 8th graders – I would encourage you to try to get a team together and continue to compete. I will definitely miss you and all that you added to the teams!!! Thank you for giving me the opportunity of watching you grow in your knowledge of our faith. *(Submitted by Lisa Turner)*

Sacred Heart Catholic School Students Representing the School at Sunday Mass: Since October, at the 3rd weekend Masses, we have been having Sacred Heart School children that belong to the Parish participating at Mass by greeting, taking up the collections, and making announcements for the school. The Recruitment & Development Team would like to extend this to all the students at SHS. If you are interested in participating in this activity at Mass please let Lisa Turner know and she can schedule you in. It is a wonderful way of showing the Parish what excellent students we have at our school. *(Submitted by the Recruitment & Development Committee)*

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.

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!

Hot Lunch Schedule:

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

- **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.