



# Sacred Heart Catholic School

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Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

January 4, 2012

I hope this finds everyone rested and peace-filled from the Christmas break as we enter into the New Year, 2012! It is hard to believe that another new year is here again!

Looking back at December brings warm memories of shared talent. The annual Sacred Heart School Christmas program was delightful, and I want to thank all of you - Fr. Nelson for allowing the program to be in the church, the students and teachers for practicing and rehearsing their parts, the parents for the cookies and also those working in the kitchen that night, the parents in charge of the goodie bags for the children, Santa for his generous appearance, Sally Cady for her accompaniment on the piano, the donated Christmas trees...the list does go on and on! Please know that it is your support and generous gift of time and talent that make these events so successful!

January is already brimming with many activities including the annual carnival that will be on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The work schedule for the carnival will be out tomorrow. All parents are required to work two shifts for two parent families and one shift for one parent families. In the event that you are unable to fulfill this requirement, pre-arrangements must be made with me. I wish to thank the chair, Marcella Collazo, and everyone else who have been working to make this event a success.

The boys' basketball season starts with practice today. A thank you goes to Mr. Shawn Suing the lead coach, and all others who have volunteered to assist him!

Catholic Schools Week will be January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>. The students and staff will join all the Catholic schools in the area at Regis High School in Stayton, Oregon for the second annual Mass and Concert to celebrate Catholic education on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Many other activities are being planned including an Open House, the annual Scholastic Book Fair and a Parents Club Breakfast on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Grandparents' Day on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the annual Distinguished Graduate will be announced at the school Mass that day. This is a special week to reflect on the value of a Catholic Education for today's children.

A Catholic education is truly a great gift for all the children and I wish to thank all parents who are making great sacrifices to provide this opportunity for their children. Sacred Heart Catholic School relies on tuition payments, parish subsidies, and fundraising for the revenue needed to run the school effectively. Please ensure that tuition payments are in on time, qualifications are met for parish subsidy, and full participation in all fundraising is a priority for each family.

I wish each and everyone a safe New Year with bountiful blessings!

Lucy Shawn,  
Principal