

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

As the end of the school year approaches, students and teachers are “on the countdown” to the last day of school. By June, many students are looking forward to summer and the weeks free of lessons and tests. It truly has been a pleasure working with the students, staff, and parents throughout this school year. All students have earned their summer break, coming to school over the past year, studying, growing, and learning in faith and knowledge. In less than two weeks our 8th grade class will graduate. It does not seem possible, but they are ready and I expect to see great things from each of them as they go through high school and beyond. I pray that all the days of their high school years are filled with learning, faith, health, happiness, joy, and laughter.

This has been a year abundant in the Lord’s blessings! We now have a covered play structure, not only with the blacktop flooring and gutters, but now basketball hoops have been installed! Many thanks to the families that have made this dream come alive in such a short time. The fence line is being cleared, not with any help from the weather, but from Mr. VanLoo and a group of volunteers. There is still a row of trees to be removed on the north side of the Knights of Columbus covered area. Once the fence row is cleared, we will have the six foot chain link fence installed.

The students and staff have enjoyed having Fr. Nelson, Mrs. Nys, and Mrs. Saalfeld accompany and lead the hymn practice each week for the Friday Mass. Spanish has been taught once a week by the soon to be Fr. Henry Guillen and Mrs. Garcia. Mrs. Zellner has continued to be a faithful volunteer librarian. Mrs. Cady has offered private piano lessons again this year and all of the students had their end of the year piano parties. Mrs. Eisenbacher is faithful in helping with the music at Friday’s school Masses. The teachers have led their students in learning, discovery, and spiritual formation along with great planning to make the learning and the faith come alive. These are a few of the many people that have brought plethora of blessings to our school and its ministry in some very fruitful and powerful ways.

The parents, who truly are a blessing to the school, deserve a summer break from school. It is you who bring or send the students to Sacred Heart Catholic School each day. It is you who help out in so many ways to make our school the special place that it is: successful fund raising, serving as officers and members of Parents Club and School Advisory Council, driving for field trips and sporting events, classroom and office volunteers, lunch program coordinators and volunteers, etc. The list could continue! We couldn’t do it all without you! Enjoy your summer vacation!

This is a very busy time of year with many activities taking place. Please keep the school calendar near at hand during these final days of the 2009-2010 school year so you do not miss any of the school activities.

As we close out this school year, I want to thank you for this extraordinary opportunity to work with and for your children. I look forward to September. Meanwhile, I want to wish you and your family a healthy, faith-filled summer.

In Christ’s service,

Lucy Shawn, Principal