

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

November is a wonderful month to celebrate our faith, yesterday with All Saints Day, today All Souls Day, and Thanksgiving Day coming up soon. Election Day and Veterans Day are next week. The end of the first quarter is November 3, followed by parent-teacher conferences on November 9 and 10.

Veterans Day is a time that is, and should be, very special in the hearts of all Americans, because on that day we pause to remember those who have fought and are fighting to make America great and to keep America free. We are very excited about the fairly new tradition at Sacred Heart Catholic School for celebrating this day. We are again inviting local veterans and the students are preparing not only to entertain them, but are eagerly waiting to hear their stories.

Next week on Election Day, our students in will be electing the Student Council officers for the school year! They are campaigning this week and will give election speeches on Tuesday, November 8, followed by the all school vote!

Thanksgiving Day is a day to look back over the year and to give thanks for all that we have, and for the blessings that we have enjoyed. I am thankful for the students' smiles and the fine job they do as students in this school. I am thankful to all the staff at Sacred Heart, including Fr. Nelson and Mr. Peter Otieno, for the way they cooperate and work together to make the school a place of learning and spiritual growth. I am thankful for the parents and the way they give so freely of their time, their talents, and of themselves for the good of the school. I am thankful for the parish support for the school. Let us be thankful for the many blessings God has so generously poured out on us and truly appreciate the opportunities that lie before us.

As we prepare for the parent-teacher conferences, let's remember the very basis of these lie in the communication that will take place between the teachers and parents. If we can truly communicate our concerns, our observations, and our hopes and plans to one another, not only will we learn from each other, but our children will be headed for an educational and faith-filled future of learning and fulfillment.

Do you know the mission of Sacred Heart Catholic School? We have a formal Mission Statement and everything we do at the school flows from this statement. The students at school are working at learning the words of the formal Mission Statement and are able to locate where in the building this Mission Statement are prominently displayed. It can also be found in our newsletters, our handbooks, and on our website. Please help your students learn this statement and at the same time learn the mission statement or at least be able to paraphrase if not quote it exactly.

“Do this in memory of me.”

Lucy Shawn, Principal