

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GOOD NEWS BULLETIN
AUGUST 2009
WELCOME BACK

FAREWELL TO MS. LUCY-We want to give a special farewell to Ms. Lucille “Lucy” Etzler who has left her earthly home and joined our Lord and the Saints in heaven. Ms. Lucy faithfully served as a volunteer in our elementary library and cafeteria for over 15 years.

She was a true example of Christian service and dedicated her life to serving and assisting others. We will miss her beautiful smile and peaceful mannerism.

May she rest in peace.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK –During his recent visit to the United States just one year ago, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, told us, “Education is integral to the mission of the church to proclaim the good news. First and foremost, every Catholic education institution is a place to encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth.”

Catholic education is all about teaching the faith. Catholic schools exist to provide our children with an opportunity not only for an academically excellent education, but also a faith formation that will serve them for the rest of their lives. Sacred Heart Catholic School has as its primary task the communication of the person and message of Christ.

Catholic schools are a gift to the whole community and are recognized as centers of learning that foster personal development and growth, enriched with a sense of self-fulfillment and worth, and guided by basic and essential moral values. It is precisely because of our history, and what we achieve today in Catholic schools, that we can look to the future with hope and confidence.

May the good Lord continue to bless you and your family as we begin the 2009-10 school year.

2009-10 FINAL REGISTRATION-WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 & AUGUST 5 -Registration for the 2009-10 school year will be held on Wednesday, July 29 & August 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and in the evening from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All high school students must come to finalize their schedules. Parents of students in grades K-8 who have pre-registered will need to come only to pay their fees and first month’s tuition.

According to School Advisory Council policy for a student to be officially enrolled at Sacred Heart Catholic School and participate in extra-curricular activities, as well as for liability insurance reasons, the first month’s tuition and all school fees must be paid at the registration on Wednesday, July 29, or August 5, 2009. Students will not be allowed to begin football or volleyball practice until these fees have been paid.

MORNING JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC PRACTICES-In order to allow more quality time for practice and less interference with the academic schedule time, junior high athletic practice will begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday and continue on into first period physical education. This new practice time is for all students in grades 6-8 who will participate in athletics.

Students in grades 6-8 not participating in athletics will report to the gym at 7:58 a.m. for first period physical education.

All students in grades 6-8 will report to their homeroom at 7:48 a.m. on Friday Mass Days.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES - Classes will begin on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 7:58 a.m. and dismiss at the regular times. (Pre-K – 8 – 3:15 p.m. and 9-12 – 3:45 p.m.)

FACULTY AND STAFF INSERVICE - AUGUST 11-14 - The Sacred Heart Catholic School faculty and staff will report back for the 2009-10 school year on Tuesday, August 11. The inservice days will consist of prayer, staff development, faculty meetings, lesson planning, and classroom preparation.

“CATHOLIC SCHOOLS-DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE” –“Catholic Schools-Dividends for Life” is the theme selected for Catholic Schools Week 2010. Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration that focuses attention on the good work done by the nation’s Catholic schools. The week will be observed Jan. 31 of Feb. 6, 2010.

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

According to Karen Ristau, NCEA president, “Catholic Schools provide good things for students and families-high expectations and daily experience of faith. In these challenging times, the theme also reminds parents that the dividends of a Catholic school education-students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline-last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child’s future-or the future of our world.”

SCHOOL PICTURES - The photographer will here to take pictures on Wednesday, August 26, and Thursday, August 27. Grades 6-12 will take their pictures on Wednesday, August 26, and grades Pre-K - 5 will take their pictures on Thursday, August 28. Senior pictures begin at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26.

SEEKING LOST LIBRARY BOOKS-Parents and students please take a few minutes to look around your house and in your car for missing library books. Each year books go missing from both the high school and elementary libraries. We understand how easy it is for them to get misplaced and we are only interested in the return of these books. No fines will be assessed. A drop box will be available at both the July 20 and August 5 registration. Thank you for your assistance in maintaining the libraries for all our students.

TYSON PROJECT+ LABEL /COLLECTION PROGRAM-The Tyson Project A+ Label Collection Program will pay 24¢ for each Tyson product label redeemed through our school. Please look for a Project A+ redemption label on Tyson products in your grocer’s freezer case. Please cut out the labels and return them to your child’s homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your support.

FAREWELL TO FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS -We would like to say thank you and farewell to two members of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Family. We sincerely appreciate their dedicated time and service to Sacred Heart Catholic School and wish them well in their new endeavors and ministries. Best wishes to Harvey Appelt (11 years) and Amy Powell (9 years).

TUITION PAYMENT ENVELOPES – Please remember to send in your monthly tuition payments in your **tuition payment envelopes** by the 10th of each month. If you have not received a payment booklet, please see Jackie Pettus at the rectory.

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION – TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 7:00 P.M. - We would like to invite all incoming freshmen and their parents to a special Freshmen Orientation Night to be held on Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Cafeteria. Topics to be discussed will include the high school curriculum, honors program, academic eligibility, planning for college or career, counseling resources and services, National Honor Society guidelines, and others.

We have several new freshmen that will be attending Sacred Heart Catholic School for the first time, so please come out and welcome them and their parents.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Cafeteria. Your attendance is very important.

PRE-K OPEN HOUSE-THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 FROM 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. –The Pre-Kindergarten program will have an Open House on Thursday, August 13 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. All parents and their child are cordially invited to attend.

5TH GRADE ORIENTATION – THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 7:00 P.M. – There will be a 5th grade Orientation held on Thursday, August 13 in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. All 5th grade students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

The agenda will include presentation of information regarding procedures and expectations of students entering junior high. Fifth grade teachers will be introduced and will give a brief presentation regarding their subject area.

SACRED HEART BAND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING – The Sacred Heart Band Booster Club will hold their first meeting for the 2009-10 school year on Tuesday, August 11. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Band Hall. The Band Booster Club supports all band members and is a vital component of the continued success of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Everyone is welcome!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB MEETING - The Booster Club will hold their first meeting for the 2009-10 school year on Wednesday, August 5. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Booster Club supports all boys' and girls' athletics and is a vital component of the continued success of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Everyone is welcome!

Please remember that all parents/guardians of high school athletes must be paid members of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Booster Club in order for their child/children to participate in athletics. The family membership is \$10.00 and may be paid at registration.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB KICKOFF HOT DOG SUPPER - The Booster Club kickoff hot dog supper will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2009, in the Sacred Heart Family Center at 7:00 p.m. All athletes in grades 6-12 and their parents are cordially invited.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL BAR-B-QUE PORK DINNER - Sacred Heart Catholic School is sponsoring a Bar-B-Que Pork Dinner on Sunday, September 27, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Plates-to-go will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tickets will be \$7.00 and will be available to purchase in September. The Knights of Columbus will prepare the meal and the students & parents of Sacred Heart Catholic School will sell the meal tickets & serve the meal. All profits will benefit the Sacred Heart Catholic School operating fund.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEWBORN! WELCOME TO THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILY – John Paul and Shanna Clark, a daughter, Allsion Grace, born June 29, 2009. Allison Grace is welcomed by big sisters Abigail in grade 1, and sister Brianna at home. Shanna is our 3rd grade teacher. Congratulations!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS – The Diocese of Victoria has created the Safe Environment program to assist parishes and schools in creating a healthy and safe environment for our children and youth. All employees and volunteers at Sacred Heart Parish and School are required to take the Safe Environment class. This also applies to parents that would like to attend field trips with their children. Once the initial class is completed, renewals are required every three (3) years.

The process for all NEW applicants is to (1) log on to the diocese website: www.victoriadiocese.org (2) complete the on-line application/background check located under “safe environment”, eappsDB(online application). (3) Attend a workshop session for new applicants regarding the “Code of Pastoral Conduct/Policy Sexual Abuse of Minors” and “Keeping Kids SAFE”. The workshop must be attended within 90 days of the online application/background check completion. There will be a fee of \$8.00 for the background check.

The renewal class for 3 years of service and the recertification class for 6 years of service can now be taken online. The process for the online renewal is: (1) log on to the diocese website: www.victoriadiocese.org (2) On the right hand side of the page of the safe environment section click: *For existing employees/volunteers* (3) In the middle of the next page, click: *Online Renewal/Recertification Training*. (4) If you do not remember your original password, use the Alternate Login method. (5) Be sure to print your certificates once you have completed the training and mail to Sacred Heart Parish along with a payment of \$8.00 for the background check fee.

Sacred Heart is offering a Safe Environment workshop for new applicants on August 10th from 6:00-7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Family Center.

For existing employees/volunteers with 3 years of service that are not able to take the renewal online, a workshop will be held at the Sacred Heart Family Center from 7:30 – 8:30pm. on August 10.

A video can be viewed for those needing recertification (6 years of service), please contact Lori Popp 361-798-1505 or Donna Shimek at 361-798-4501. Please contact Donna Shimek to register for the Hallettsville workshop. Workshops at other parishes within the diocese can be located on the website: www.victoriadiocese.org.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

2 Robyn Pavlicek	15 Joshua Blaschke	24 Katelynd Allen
Mrs. Sally Kolos	16 Andrew Shimek	Clay Bludau
5 Walker Leopold	17 Amanda Shimek	Wade Brown
10 Korbin Koehne	18 Mrs. Dorothy Jansky	25 Braden Jansky
11 Derrick Labay	Mr. David Smolik	28 Nolan Steffek
Logan Holik	20 Stephen Jansky	29 Kristen Henke
13 John Wysocki	22 Arabella Arellano	Mrs. Dolores Renger
Nathan Hollas	23 Colton Bludau	30 Caleb Krischke
14 Elizabeth Wysocki	Katie Blaschke	31 Sterling Hrcncir

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

7 Jack & Sandy Zaruba

16 Charles & Kathy Haas

20 Mike & Barbara Tankersley

21 Charles “Snow” & Irene Matula

29 Howard & Julia Stridde

