

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

MARCH 2010

EARLY DISMISSALS:

Friday, March 5, 2010	2:00 p.m.	Faculty Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2010	NO SCHOOL	District Art & Academic Meet on Campus
Thursday, March 11, 2010	12:00 noon	District Band Contest on Campus
Thursday, March 18 and Friday March 19, 2010	NO SCHOOL	Spring Break
Wednesday, March 31, 2010 3:15 p.m.		Easter Break
Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2	NO SCHOOL	Easter Break
Monday, April 5, 2010	NO SCHOOL	Easter Monday

NO EXTENDED CARE – Thursday, March 11.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK-BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE AT HOME-Pope

John Paul II repeatedly issued the call for Catholics to counteract the present culture of death by building a new culture of life. The Church teaches that the foundation of every society, indeed of the whole world's civility, is the family. The love between spouses, and between parents and children, is meant to reflect the life-giving love of the Trinity. This love is at the heart of a culture that sincerely respects the pinnacle of God's creation – human beings.

If we are going to build a culture of life, starting in our homes, we need to be thinking about the materials, tools and labor needed to get the job done. Of course, prayer is both a tool and a labor of love that will enhance your family's life-affirming attitude and empower you to share that attitude with others. The materials provided to build this culture of life also include the teachings of the Church.

Finally, let your children see you do something that puts your pro-life convictions into action: Donate items to a pregnancy resource center; attend a pro-life event or pray outside an abortion clinic; or contact your representatives about an important piece of legislation. Putting our faith into action in these ways creates a lasting impression about our role in shaping society.

2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION -March 1 – April 5 will mark the registration period for the 2010-11 school year. Remember that the registration fee is \$100.00 per student if paid by April 5 and \$150.00 per student if paid after April 5. Please see enclosed registration form.

We are in the process of developing the 2010-11 budget, so please register your child/children as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Remember that limited tuition assistance is available for those persons who qualify. Come by or call the school office or rectory for a tuition assistance application. All tuition assistance applications must be completed by May 4 and include a copy of your 2009 W-2 Forms. All information provided will be strictly confidential.

KINDERGARTEN VISITATION AND "DAY IN SCHOOL" March 22 – March 26, 2010 -

Prospective kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year will have the opportunity to visit the Sacred Heart Kindergarten Class during the weeks of March 22 – March 26. We would appreciate your help in calling or sending us the names of children of kindergarten age who may be interested in Sacred Heart.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE-A total of \$28,905.00 has been received from 113 donors. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to our Annual Fund and encourage others to follow their leadership. Your generosity and participation ensures a new generation of students have access to a Christian value-based education. Our goal this year is \$40,000.00.

The Annual Fund is still in progress throughout this school year. We ask your prayerful consideration of a tax-deductible donation as a vote of confidence in the quality and mission of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Thank you for your investment and renewed support.

ALOHA NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA - JUST AWESOME! - Aloha Night Extravaganza held on February 6, 2010, was just awesome and most enjoyable. We want to commend the committee members for their hard work and dedication in the planning, preparing, and follow-up of this wonderful project. A special thank you also to the Sacred Heart Catholic School students, faculty and staff, and everyone else that helped make it a wonderful evening.

We want to thank especially those in attendance, silent auction donors and buyers, and others who donated their time, talent, and treasures. It was a true community-building experience.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is indeed blessed to have such wonderful support from our parents and friends and the entire community. May the good Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care. Mark your calendar for February 5, 2011, for our next Extravaganza.

The committee members were as follows: Charlene Bradbury, Kathy Haas, Nanci Hadash, Shirley Hollas, Frances Kallus, Julie Kubena, Amy Machicek, Becky McElroy, Debbie and Ronnie Sevcik, Tanya Sitka, Bruce and Gayle Wesson.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - The book fair was a success. Thank you to everyone who purchased books this year from the fair. We were able to pick \$850.00 worth of books and made \$235.00 cash profit. Thank you also to the following volunteers who assisted with the book fair this year: Lisa Baker, Nanci Hadash, Angela McConnell, Misty Ridgeway, Lori Popp, and Karen Wysocki. Thank you once again for all your support.

THANK YOU, K.C. DOMINO TOURNAMENT WORKERS – We want to thank the Sacred Heart Catholic High School students who assisted with serving the noon meal at the annual K.C. Domino Tournament. We appreciate your time, effort, and service.

CONGRATULATIONS, INDIANETTE BASKETBALL TEAM - Congratulations to the Sacred Heart Indianette Basketball team for placing 3rd in District in TAPPS 2A and qualifying for the playoffs. Congratulations to Coach Sandy Forman, Coach Jennifer Kallus, and the Indianettes.

CONGRATULATIONS, INDIAN BASKETBALL TEAM-We want to congratulate the Indian Basketball Team on placing 2nd in District and qualifying for the TAPPS Playoffs. Congratulations also to coaches Christina Halata and Pat Henke on an outstanding season.

CONGRATULATIONS, SWIM TEAM-Congratulations to the Sacred Heart Swim Team who qualified for State. Members of the swim team were Jenna Brown, Kelsie Buchanan, Sarah Romine, Amanda Shimek, Katelyn Snider, Whitney Snider, Mary Dru Wagner, Cole Bludau, Chance Rath, Leightin Pilat, Brier Shimek, Drew Shimek, and Tyler Wagner. We want to thank Shirley Buchanan for her volunteer time and service as our swim team coach.

ORDER YOUR MAGAZINES ON-LINE – You may continue to help Sacred Heart by ordering your magazines on-line at www.qsp.com. Our account number is 425000939 and our school will continue to get credit for your on-line orders. This is a great fundraiser for our school; we receive 40% from all sales. Thank you for your continued support.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW STUDENTS -Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Hallettsville will hold an Open House for prospective new high school students on Sunday, March 14, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any eighth grade students, or other high school students, and their parents, who are interested in attending high school at Sacred Heart are welcome to attend the Open House. Current students will talk with the prospective students about what it's like to attend Sacred Heart Catholic High School. Sacred Heart parents will be on hand to answer questions. Principal David Smolik and staff will also be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be conducted and there will be a video presentation. If you are thinking about sending your child to Sacred Heart Catholic High School, this is a great opportunity to see the school and talk with students and staff. For more information, call Ana Henke at 361-798-4251.

IT'S MARATHON TIME-FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010 - The 2010 Sacred Heart Catholic School Marathon for Catholic Education will be held on Friday, April 16, 2010, here on the school grounds. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. Hamburgers and refreshments will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be no cafeteria service that day and school will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. There will also be NO EXTENDED CARE.

High school students will be asked to assist with the checkpoints and other responsibilities regarding the marathon. We also will be asking for help from parents who will be available that day.

More detailed information will be in the April newsletter.

THANK YOU, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FOOD DONORS-The faculty and staff would like to thank the following donors who provided food for our enjoyment during Catholic Schools Week.

John and Kris Allen family, Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy, Chovanetz Insurance Agency-Kathleen Chovanetz, Hallettsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Sacred Heart Catholic School Advisory Council and Home and School Association.

The food was delicious and we appreciate your kindness and generosity.

DREAM STUDENTS – Dream Students display the following characteristics: have good Discipline, are Responsible, give lots of Effort, work hard in their Academics, and show good Manners. The students were recognized with a picture in the local paper and received a special prize for their outstanding achievement.

The January DREAM students are

Kindergarten Victoria Kraatz 1st grade Sydney Migura 2nd grade Atley Pilat

DYNAMITE STUDENTS – The 3rd and 4th grade are looking for Dynamite Students. The student must exhibit these qualities: a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, be a team player, and be very enthusiastic.

The January DYNAMITE students are

3rd grade Savana Koerth 4th grade Kelsey Bohuslav

CONGRATULATIONS, FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST WINNERS - Congratulations to the following school winners in Fire Prevention Contest.

1 st place	Pre-K & K Division	Melea Henke
2 nd place	Primary division – grades 1 & 2	Shelby Haas

CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS - The cheerleader tryouts for the 2010-11 school year will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

A STUDENT MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR AND ALL TUITION AND FEES MUST BE CURRENT FOR A STUDENT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TRY OUT. PLEASE SEE THE TUITION AND FEES POLICY ON PAGE 34, SECTION 6C, IN THE STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK. THIS MUST BE PAID BY 12:00 NOON MARCH 11, 2010.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER-As we head towards springtime, I am meeting with the seniors to discuss their future plans, what scholarships they have applied for, and encourage those who are still undecided about their plans to focus their attention on making some decisions. It's an exciting and scary time for seniors, as they think about leaving "home" and making decisions about their futures. I will also be meeting with the juniors again to check in with them regarding taking the ACT or SAT, and get them to begin thinking about their goals for beyond high school.

FAFSA Information Night – Monday, March 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A representative from the Victoria College Financial Aid office will be coming to assist seniors and parents on how to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. In order to apply for financial aid at colleges and for some private organizations, seniors will need to have completed the FAFSA. Parents must have completed their 2009 tax returns in order to be able to complete the FAFSA. All seniors were given handouts explaining what documents they (and their parents) need to bring for this. Parents of seniors – if you have not seen this handout, please ask your senior for it. You will not be able to complete the FAFSA if you do not have these documents with you. Juniors who are planning to take dual credit classes (and their parents) may also attend if they want to apply for financial aid.

College Reps Visits – On February 26th, a representative from Blinn College, Schulenburg, will talk with the seniors about the programs they offer. On March 1st, a representative from Victoria College will visit with the seniors about their programs.

AP Exams – Interested juniors and seniors were given information about taking AP exams and were told to share this information with their parents in order to decide if they want to take any of the exams. The exams that will be offered are for seniors - U.S. Government & Politics, May 3rd; Calculus AB, May 5th; Biology, May 10th; for juniors - English Language & Composition, May 12th. All exams will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Dates and times are set by The College Board and cannot be changed. Exams cost \$86 each. The deadline to sign up for these exams and pay the fees is March 1st.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1 – FAFSA Information Night, 6:00 p.m., computer lab

March 5 – deadline to register for April 10th ACT

March 13 – SAT test date

March 25 – deadline to register for May 1st SAT

April 10 – ACT test date

May 1 – SAT test date

Practice tests for both the SAT and ACT tests are available in my office.

March Happy Birthday!



2	Madison Allen	18	Savannah Mullen
3	Alex DeLaRosa		Chance Rath
4	Scott Huser	20	Ky Kremling
	Kelly Wick		Jared Krischke
5	Dylan Grahmann	22	Kristopher Dworsky
6	Feast Day of Sr. Colette Kouba		Mrs. Ana Henke
7	Emily Seyl	23	McKenlee Grant
	Makayla Geistman	24	Calen Janak
	Cameron Heger	25	Mrs. Julia Stridde
10	Elizabeth Grahmann		Tabitha DeLaRosa
	Emily Pilat-K		Abby Hemmi
	Cullen Wick		Emily Mudd
11	Lawson Casey	27	Jacob Fawbush
14	MacKenzie Kennedy	29	Will Crawford
15	Madison Etzler		Teagan Steffek
16	Clint Brewer	30	Abigail Ross
			Amy Klimitchek
		31	Jacob Spann

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

<p><u>KINDERGARTEN</u> 1st Emily Pilat 2nd Allie Bludau 3rd Elizabeth Grahmann HM Dawson Belicek Erin Fawbush William Harper Quade Henneke Cole Jansky Korbin Koehne Austin Kutac Ridge Walker</p> <p><u>FIRST GRADE</u> 1st Abigail Clark 2nd Hayden Grahmann 3rd Cole Bohuslav HM Addison Belicek</p>	<p><u>SECOND GRADE</u> 1st Shelby Haas 2nd Dalton Grahmann 3rd Carley Haas</p> <p><u>THIRD GRADE</u> 1st Maddie Boone 2nd Sadie Bludau 3rd Macy Henke</p> <p><u>FOURTH GRADE</u> 1st Kelsey Bohuslav 2nd Annie Boone 3rd Adam Pavlicek</p> <p><u>FIFTH GRADE</u> 1st Emilie Mudd 1st Tabitha DeLaRosa 3rd McKenzie Bludau</p>	<p><u>SIXTH GRADE</u> 1st Jami Shimek 2nd Cadie Perez 3rd Blake Hermes</p> <p><u>ESSAY WINNERS</u></p> <p><u>SEVENTH GRADE</u> 1st Colton Bludau 2nd Jaycie Orsak 3rd Megan Harper HM Evan Wick</p> <p><u>EIGHTH GRADE</u> 1st Ariane Kubena 2nd Lauren Huser 3rd Marianne Herndon HM Brier Shimek</p>
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SPIRIT CONTEST- A Spirit Contest was held in Grades Pre-K thru 8. Grades Pre-K thru 4 selected two students who most exemplified the qualities of a spirited member of the Sacred Heart Catholic School student body.

The questions dealt with character, service, dedication to both church and school, and genuine respect for life and others.

The following students were selected by their classmates for this award:

<u>PRE-K</u>	Jules Janak	<u>Kindergarten</u>	Elizabeth Grahmann
	Ky Kremling		Korbin Koehne
<u>First Grade</u>	Abigail Clark	<u>Second Grade</u>	Shelby Haas
	Hayden Grahmann		Connor Popp
<u>Third Grade</u>	Emily Krus	<u>Fourth Grade</u>	Hailey Steffek
	Brian Bennett		Jacob Rivers

The week before Catholic Schools Week, students in Grade 5 thru 8 were asked to vote for a student whom they thought exhibited the following characteristics:

Monday:	Being responsible
Tuesday:	Having good study habits
Wednesday:	Being optimistic
Thursday:	Being courteous

The student who lives out the SPIRIT OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL by exhibiting all of the above characteristics.

The following students were selected by their classmates for these awards:

GRADE 5

Being responsible	McKenzie Bludau
Having good study habits	Kaylin Dworsky
Being optimistic	Joseph McConnell
Being courteous	Amee Rivers
Overall Winner	McKenzie Bludau

GRADE 6

Being responsible	Jami Shimek
Having good study habits	Lee Koerth
Being optimistic	Luke Harper
Being courteous	Julie Brown
Overall Winner	Drayton Henneke

GRADE 7

Being responsible	Kelton Koehne
Having good study habits	Nicholas Hadash
Being optimistic	Hunter Janak
Being courteous	Braden Jansky
Overall Winner	Scott Huser

GRADE 8

Being responsible	Megan Harper
Having good study habits	Joshua Blaschke
Being optimistic	Danson Bludau
Being courteous	Elizabeth Wysocki
Overall Winner	Danson Bludau

We would like to thank parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, benefactors, faculty, staff, and students for supporting the various activities during our recent Catholic Schools Week celebration. It was a very exciting and action-packed week. We especially express our appreciation to those who had any part in the week-long celebration, from the beginning of the weekend liturgies to the Mass of Rededication on Friday. Your presence,

service, and commitment are to be commended. We especially want to thank Randal & Angela Rivers for the wonderful presentation they gave at all of the weekend liturgies.

SACRED HEART JUNIOR HIGH ACADEMIC MEET-Several area schools met at Sacred Heart on Thursday, February 18, 2010, for a Junior High Academic Meet. The schools included St. Rose (Schulenburg), St. Michael (Weimar), St. Anthony (Columbus), St. Ludmila (Shiner) and Sacred Heart (Hallettsville). A total of 205 students participated in the meet.

The meet began with an assembly in the cafeteria/family center. Megan Harper, junior high student council president, led the assembly with an opening prayer and sang the National Anthem and Dylan Grahmann, junior high student council vice-president, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Students in grades 5-8 participated in the following events: religion, spelling, written math, number sense, ready writing, social studies, science, and dictionary skills. Five places in each event were recognized. The top winner in each event was awarded a medal and the remaining places a ribbon. All other students received a participant's ribbon.

A special thank you to the Sacred Heart Home and School Association for sponsoring the concession stand and Doris Fenner, junior high teacher, for coordinating the event and to the faculty, staff, and students in helping with the meet.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the meet. You are all winners.

CONGRATULATIONS, JUNIOR HIGH ACADEMIC MEET WINNERS-Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart students who placed in the top five of the following events at the recent Sacred Heart Catholic School Academic meet.

GRADE 5 Religion Joseph McConnell-1st place, McKenzie Bludau-4th place(tie); **Social Studies** Joseph McConnell 2nd place(tie); **Spelling** Kyle Pettus-4th place; **Ready Writing** Emilie Mudd-3rd place, McKenzie Bludau-4th place; **Written Math** Ryan Hadash-2nd place(tie), Brett Jacob-2nd place(tie); **Number Sense** Joseph McConnell-4th place, Emilie Mudd-5th place(tie);

GRADE 6 Religion Caleb Kriskche-1st place, Luke Harper-2nd place, Tyler Kraatz-3rd place; **Number Sense** Ellen Machicek-2nd place(tie); **Social Studies** Tyler Kraatz-5th place; **Written Math** Ellen Machicek-1st place; **Dictionary Skills** Cullen Wick-3rd place; **Ready Writing** Ellen Machicek-1st place, Jami Shimek-3rd place; **Spelling** Caleb Kriskche-2nd place, Tyler Kraatz-5th place;

GRADE 7 Religion Taylor Opela-2nd place, Scott Huser-3rd place, Dylan Grahmann-5th place; **Written Math** Emily Harper-5th place; **Ready Writing** Ashlan Bujnoch-1st place, Olivia Bohuslav-2nd place, Kristin Popp-4th place; **Dictionary Skills** Taylor Opela-5th place; **Social Studies** Scott Huser-2nd place;

GRADE 8 Religion Megan Harper-1st place, Sabrina Koerth-3rd place, Elizabeth Wysocki-4th place; **Science** Trent Janak-2nd place, Colton Bludau-4th place; **Written Math** Trent Janak-3rd place, Jonathan Vanek-4th place; **Number Sense** Danson Bludau-4th place; **Social Studies** Danson Bludau-1st place, Trent Janak-2nd place, Colton Bludau-3rd place; **Spelling** Joshua Blaschke-2nd place.

Other participants from Sacred Heart were Jenna Allen, Callie Bludau, Kaylin Dworsky, Madison Etzler, Nicholas Hadash, Abby Hemmi, Michael Herndon, Macy Jacobs, Megan Janak, Brianna Jirkovsky, Walker Leopold, Jaycie Orsak, William Pettus, Braden Popp, Michael Wysocki, Michael Zaruba

TRUCK GIVE-AWAY

Truck Give-Away tickets are now available. Please come by the school or the rectory if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. The Truck Give-Away benefits the general operating fund.

To benefit Sacred Heart Parish-Hallettsville, Texas

*To be given away at Parish Picnic
Sunday, May 30, 2010 – 8:00 p.m.*

\$100.00 donation – Limit 575 tickets

1st Prize – 2010 GMC Sierra 1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab Value \$37,650.00
Storm Gray Exterior with Ebony Cloth Interior
Vortec 5.3L V8 Engine with Active Fuel Management, 6 Speed
Automatic Transmission with Tow/Haul, 3.42 Locking Rear Differential
Heavy Duty Trailing Equipment, Keyless Entry, Power Windows & Locks,
OnStar, AM/FM, XM CD Radio, Z-71 Off-Road Suspension Package,
17” Aluminum Wheels
(Vehicle on display at: Grafe Chevrolet GMC, Hallettsville, TX)

2 nd Prize - \$500.00 Cash	7 th Prize - \$400.00 Cash	11 th Prize - \$200.00 Cash
3 rd Prize - \$500.00 Cash	8 th Prize - \$300.00 Cash	12 th Prize - \$200.00 Cash
4 th Prize - \$500.00 Cash	9 th Prize - \$300.00 Cash	13 th Prize - \$200.00 Cash
5 th Prize - \$400.00 Cash	10 th Prize - \$300.00 Cash	14 th Prize - \$200.00 Cash
6 th Prize - \$400.00 Cash		

Presence Not Necessary To Win!

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