

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2009

EARLY DISMISSALS

Friday, November 6, 2:00 p.m. dismissal for faculty meeting.

Wednesday, November 25, 2009 – 12:00 noon dismissal for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Thanksgiving Holidays – November 26-27, 2009.

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE: Motivate – Educate – Activate – Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School in Colorado on April 20, 1999. Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion compiled with contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for the most life-changing school program in America. The program is entitled Friends of Rachel (FOR) and offers a year-long curriculum that continues training students and plugs them into activities that continue the chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

Sacred Heart Catholic School will be implementing the FOR program and it will be coordinated by Mr. Bill Briscoe of Weimar. Mr. Brisco's daughter graduated from Sacred Heart in 2004. FOR is a non-violence school program that offers age-appropriate challenges and year-long activities.

To learn more about this highly effective program please visit the FOR website www.rachelschallenge.com. The program is for students in grades 6-12.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – Sunday, November 1, 2009, is the Solemnity of All Saints. Throughout the world, Catholics celebrate this day by honoring the saints.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS - Monday, November 2, 2009, is the Feast of All Souls. The Feast of All Souls is also called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. We express our belief in the communion of saints as we pray that our beloved dead will be received as heaven's holy men and women.

BLESSING OF GRAVES AND ROSARY - The high school students will travel to the cemetery to pray the Rosary at 8:15 a.m. and participate in the blessing of the graves on Monday, November 2, 2009.

VETERAN'S CEREMONY - Sacred Heart Catholic School will observe Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 10, with ceremonies in front of the flagpole at 8:15 a.m.. Members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and Ladies' Auxiliaries have been invited to attend. Everyone is welcome.

BAND TAMALES SALE, November 2 – November 13 – The Sacred Heart Band Booster Club is once again having their annual tamale sale from November 2 thru November 13. Regular and jalapeno tamales are \$8.00 per dozen, and chicken tamales will be sold for \$10.00 per dozen. Tamales can be purchased from any band member or the following officers of the Band Booster Club: Kris Allen at 979-758-1758, Tim Hines at 798-5554; Laurie Janak at 798-4361, Becky McElroy at 798-2831, or the school office at 798-4251. Delivery date is set for Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at the Sacred Heart Parish Family Center from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

***** NOTICE *** NOTICE *** NOTICE*****

The deadline to purchase a yearbook at the price of \$65.00 is Friday, December 4, 2009. After this date, the order price will become \$70.00 until March 31, 2010. No extra copies will be ordered. If there are overrun copies from the final shipment by the publishing company, they will be sold at \$75.00 each. You also have the option of printing a name on the cover of your book at the cost of \$5.00. Plastic protective covers are available at \$2.00 each. Thank you to all who placed early yearbook orders!

LEAVING CAMPUS DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY – If circumstances require a student to leave school during school hours, a written request from a parent/guardian must be presented to the principal/school office **before first period** for approval. The note should state the reason and the time leaving. No student will be permitted to leave campus without a written excuse from a parent/guardian.

An admission slip, which allows the student to leave school, is to be obtained from the principal or his designee before first period in the morning. When the student returns to school, he/she must report to the front office and sign in before returning to class. Any student who received an early dismissal is responsible for the assignments and the class work missed. All assignments and projects due that day must be turned in to the teacher before leaving.

If it becomes necessary for a student to go home because of illness, permission must be obtained from the principal or his designee. The student must see the school designee before permission may be granted. Parents will be contacted before the student is given permission to leave.

Students are not permitted to leave the campus at any time during the school day without expressed permission of the principal or his designee. Upon permission granted, student must sign out in the office before leaving.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VENERABLE JEANNE CHEZARD DE MATEL – We will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Jeanne Chezard de Matel on November 6th. Jeanne was born in France in 1596. As a young girl, she had a strong faith and a deep desire to be closer to Jesus. As she grew, she prayed and discovered that God was calling her to begin a religious order devoted to making Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved by all people around her. The order that she founded is called the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. In 1882, these sisters opened Sacred Heart Catholic School, and Incarnate Word sisters have continued to minister here for all of the school's 127 year history.

Since this is the month of the Poor Souls in purgatory, let us reflect on some words from Jeanne de Matel's Prayer for the Dead from her writings:

Prayer for the Dead

Divine Wisdom,
how much You are glorified in Your chosen ones
who have lived holy lives!
Oh, how true it is
that the torments of death do not touch them.
Their angels present them to You
in the evening of their lives.
Then You take them,
crown them with your mercy, and adorn them with majesty.

K.C. FALLING LEAVES FESTIVAL - The Knights of Columbus Council 2433 will hold their annual Falling Leaves Festival on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at the Knights of Columbus Hall here in Hallettsville. A delicious fried chicken & sausage dinner with trimmings will be served from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The festival will include a cakewalk, country store, and a quilt-and-cash prize raffle. Live polka and waltz music will be provided from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Catholic School will receive 50% of the profit generated by the festival.

We need cakes for the CAKEWALK, which is part of the Falling Leaves Festival and is held on the pavilion. Items are also needed for the COUNTRY STORE such as pies, kolaches, poppyseed or cheese rolls, homemade noodles, and homemade canned goods. Please bring all cakes and items for the CAKEWALK and COUNTRY STORE to the K.C. Hall by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 22.

WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR SERVING PLATES TO GO FROM 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A HUGE SUCCESS. We encourage everyone to come support this event. The Knights of Columbus are great supporters of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS - APPEALS PROCESS -

Although the Diocese of Victoria endeavors to establish a harmonious Christian atmosphere within its schools, it recognizes that misunderstandings or differences of opinion sometimes occur. Ideally, such matters can be resolved informally by a parent or guardian by meeting with the immediate authoritative person (teacher, coach, principal, etc.) to discuss the matter. If, however, the matter is not then settled to the parent or guardian's satisfaction, and the parent or guardian believes the dispute to be a misapplication or misinterpretation of a school related policy, only then may the parent or guardian institute a formal grievance. A formal grievance must be in writing and must be received in five (5) working days following the occurrence of the event on which the grievance is based. Please contact the principal for a copy of the diocese's current Complaint Procedure for Students and Parents for further details. Also, please note that current policy supersedes and replaces all previous policies and statements regarding institution and processing of formal grievances within the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Victoria.

Student/Parent Handbook, page 37

THANK YOU, FRIENDS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION- The Sacred Heart Catholic School Family would like to thank the Friends For Catholic Education (FFCE) organization for their recent grant of \$6,670.00. The grant included \$2,070.00 for bus transportation for 23 students from the Schulenburg area to Hallettsville and \$4,600.00 for quarterly subsidy payments for students from the Schulenburg Deanery.

Friends For Catholic Education is a tax-exempt, non-profit, publicly supported organization dedicated to the promotion of Catholic education and the preservation of Catholic schools. Since its beginning in 1989, Friends For Catholic Education has contributed in excess of \$658,000.00 to area Catholic schools. All donations, bequests, gifts or legacies are tax deductible. Persons interested in making a contribution should contact Friends For Catholic Education, P.O. Box 215, Schulenburg, TX 78956.

A total of 79 students from Schulenburg and the surrounding areas have graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic High School since 1989. We want to commend the members of the FFCE for providing these young people with the opportunity to receive a Catholic high school education.

JR. HIGH STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Congratulations are extended to the nine Sacred Heart Junior High students who have qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) for the 2009-2010 school year. This program recognizes high-achieving seventh graders and gives them the opportunity to measure their verbal and mathematics abilities by qualifying them to take the SAT or the ACT college entrance exam. In order to become eligible for this honor, students must score exceptionally high (within the top 5%) on their sixth grade achievement tests. The qualifying Sacred Heart students excelled on the Stanford Achievement Test in the areas of reading and/or math.

These students, along with other TIP participants, have the option of taking either the ACT or the SAT exam in December or January. Both of these exams are designed for college-bound high school juniors and seniors. The results of the exam will give the students the opportunity to determine how well they are academically prepared at this stage of their education. The data received is also a means of comparison with other TIP participants and with junior and senior students. TIP recognition enables the participants to receive educational materials and programs for advanced students throughout their high school careers. High-scoring individuals will receive an invitation to a special Duke University Talent Identification Program state recognition ceremony.

Again, congratulations to these high achievers. The Sacred Heart students recognized by TIP are Olivia Bohuslav, Ashlan Bujnoch, Dylan Grahmann, Nicholas Hadash, Emily Harper, Michael Herndon, Scott Huser, Kelton Koehne, and Taylor Opela.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 16 – The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center is in need of blood since most of their supply was depleted over the summer months. Therefore, the Sacred Heart Catholic High School Student Council will be having a blood drive on Monday, November 16, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the school. We encourage everyone who is able and willing to give blood to come out and donate. Tell a friend.

Other dates the Student Council has set for blood drives are Jan. 11, March 8, and May 3. Mark your calendar.

CONGRATULATIONS, LIONS CLUB PUNT, PASS, AND KICK WINNERS -The annual Hallettsville Lions Club Punt, Pass and Kick contest was held recently at the Hallettsville Brahma Stadium. A total of 77 young people, ages 7-12, participated.

Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart students who placed in the contest:

7 Year Olds	1 st Nolan Steffek	142.5 feet
	3 rd Dalton Grahmann	114 feet
8 Year Olds	2 nd Derrick Janak	146.5 feet
	3 rd Austin Kraatz	140 feet
9 Year Olds	1 st Logan Holik	192.5 feet
10 Year Olds	1 st Braden Popp	175 feet
	3 rd Luke Harper	140 feet
11 Year Olds	1 st Tyler Kraatz	178 feet
	3 rd Landon Leopold	155 feet

The first place winners advanced to the District Punt, Pass, & Kick Contest which was held on Saturday, October 24, in Angleton.

DREAM STUDENTS – Dream students are students who display the following characteristics: have good **D**iscipline, are **R**esponsible, give lots of **E**ffort, work hard in their **A**cademics, and show good **M**anners.

September DREAM students are

Kindergarten **William Harper** 1st grade **James Baker** 2nd grade **Karlye Bujnoch**

Congratulations goes out to these students for being DREAM students!!

SHINING STAR STUDENTS – Each nine weeks the kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades are looking for a “Shining Star Student!” This 1st nine weeks the teachers were looking for a student that has a super attitude, is always excited about learning and loves everything about school!

The 1st nine weeks “Shining Star Students” are

Kindergarten **Bailey Schindler** 1st grade **Addie Bludau** 2nd grade **Carley Haas**
3rd grade **Brian Bennett** 4th grade **Logan Holik**

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

The September DYNAMITE students are 3rd grade **Macy Henke** 4th grade **Briana Haas**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! –

- Leroy & Alice Janak for donating the wieners for the Brave Spirit Day Meal.
- Evelyn Velek for donating a homemade poppyseed roll and cream cheese roll for the faculty & staff.
- JoNell Janecek for donating a fresh fruit tray and homemade muffins for the faculty & staff.
- Angela McConnell for volunteering to supervise dismissal in front of church daily.
- Norma Casey for volunteering to supervise dismissal by cafeteria & junior high annex daily.
- Karen Wysocki for volunteering as a teacher aide all day every day.
- Richard Klimitchek for volunteering technology support for all of our computer and technology needs.
- Nanci Hadash for volunteering at school every Friday & other times as needed.
- Gerardette Haas for volunteering as school nurse.

SACRED HEART ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB NEWS - Ethan Svetlik was the winner of last months trivia question. The correct answer to the "Who won the game ball at the Flatonia game?" was Johnny and Marilyn Svetlik. Ethan also correctly guessed that I only asked the question because I had forgotten who had won, and he therefore declined the hamburger meal prize. Thanks, Ethan, I owe you one.

We would like to extend a very big thank you once again this year to Janak Packing for donating all the delicious hot dog wieners for our Hot Dog supper. The Janak's have made this donation each year for as long as I can remember and we truly appreciate their generosity. Remember, If it ain't Janak's, It ain't sausage!!!

Additional thanks go out to the following merchants who have donated prizes to be given away with our game ball drawings:

Edward Jones Investments, Novosad's Meat Market, Glen's Packing, Hermes Country Market, Hallettsville Food Mart, Hallettsville Hardware, Amco Fencing, The Hair Shop, and Yoakum Corner Stop. There are more prizes to come for the final two home games, so check it out when you come in the gate.

Ever wonder what it cost to support Jr. High and High School sports at Sacred Heart? Well, this year's athletic budget, not including salaries or transportation cost, is over **\$87,000.00**. The Sacred Heart Booster Club has made a commitment to contribute **\$38,522.50** toward that cost. The remainder is covered by a major contribution from the Hallettsville Knights of Columbus, and by memorial donations, as well as gate receipts, junior high track meet, and a golf tournament.

So as you can see our contributions cover nearly half of the cost of our athletic program. In addition, other expenses such as scholarships, and miscellaneous items will put us well above \$40,000.00 for this school year. Success of our fund raisers is critical to our continued financial support of Sacred Heart Athletics.

Our next major fund raiser is our Homemade Pecan Christmas Fudge. Last year we sold over 900 pans of fudge for a profit of over \$6,000.00. We would like to increase sales this year to 1200 pans of fudge. This month both the high school and junior high school families will be receiving your ticket packets for fudge sales. Please get out and sell as many as possible to help achieve our goal of 1200 pans. Thanks for all you do to support Sacred Heart Catholic School and its athletic programs.

This Month's Trivia Question: As we support our Indian Football team in their quest for yet another State Football Championship, first caller at 772-0019 to tell me how many state football championships the Sacred Heart Indians have won in their history wins a meal ticket to the Homecoming Chicken Fried Steak Dinner on November 7, at the KC Hall. And no, I didn't forget this one, so you must have the correct number of state championships.

Richard Klimitchek-Sacred Heart Booster Club President

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: Juniors and seniors attended a college fair in Gonzales on October 6th where they were able to visit with representatives from numerous colleges and technical schools. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to ask questions, gather information, and begin seriously thinking about their plans for after high school.

On October 14th, the high school students took standardized tests targeted for their grade levels. These tests are designed to give students an idea of where they are academically in various subject areas and also to help students begin thinking about career paths. The Freshmen took the NEDT, sophomores took the PLAN (pre ACT test), Juniors took the PSAT, and seniors took the ASVAB. Test results should be received by December and will be distributed to the students with information on how to interpret the results.

Senior info: Seniors who plan to attend college should be submitting their applications to various colleges. Those applying to major universities in Texas can complete the "common application" on line at www.applytexas.org or come by my office for an application. Although schools usually require that students complete only 1 or 2 of the essays, several admissions counselors have recommended that students also complete any "optional" essays. The more that the admissions staff learns about a student, the more helpful it is for them to make a decision on whether that student will be successful at their school. Seniors should also complete their resumes and have those ready for scholarship applications. More information about available scholarships will be distributed as I receive them.

Junior info: Meeting Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, for juniors and their parents to discuss prom as well as ACT, SAT, THEA, dual credit policy, and much more. There will be many

handouts and brochures available about preparing for after graduation and what juniors should be doing now. All juniors and their parents are urged to attend this meeting.

Important Dates:

Nov. 1 – Junior meeting

Nov. 6 – registration deadline for December 12th ACT

Nov. 7 – SAT test date

Dec. 1 – College night, Victoria College, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, representatives from numerous colleges and technical schools will be available to answer questions.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water, For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds, For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses, By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields, And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow, And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing, When even the common thornbush
Is aflame with your glory, O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

May God Bless you and your family abundantly.

Happy Thanksgiving
To all of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Family
From The Sacred Heart Catholic School Faculty and Staff

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

1 Cole Mullen	14 Mr. Mike Tankersley
2 Ms. Dorothy Treptow	16 Karlye Bujnoch
3 Connor Popp	Whitney Snider
Cadie Perez	17 Emma Baucom
Dustin Woytek	Morgan Meyer
Mr. Virgil Gutierrez	18 Bailey Rother
4 Carly Haas	Trenton Kraatz
6 Jami Shimek	19 Kayla Harmon
Kelsie Buchanan	20 Tyler Wagner
Kelsey Hartensteiner	22 Braden Bludau
7 Mrs. Kim Henke	Sister Colette
8 Jenna Allen	23 Angel Soto
Shelby McElroy	24 Nickolas Patalik
Shyanne Schlauch	26 Dallas Layton
12 Briahna Mayfield	28 Joey Janak
Chaz Henke	29 Macy Henke
13 Rebekah Krischke	30 Kasey Borel
Fr. Michael Rother	Cole Wick

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 17 Charles & GERALYN Klmitchek

Nov. 22 David & Joyce Smolik

Nov. 29 Robert & Kim Henke

