

The Pulse



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A Letter from the Principal

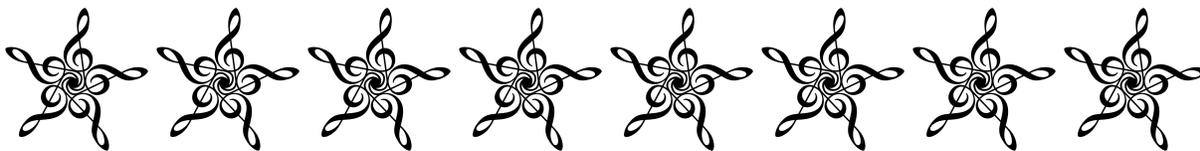
In the first issue of *The Pulse*, I listed three areas I hope to focus on over the next few years, namely identity, connectedness, and excellence. Last month, I discussed our identity; this month, I consider our connectedness.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is often described as a family, and there are many different members of that community. There are students, roughly 275 of them, ranging from age three to eighteen. We have almost thirty teachers and aides with professional expertise that range from phonics to physics. We have administrators and support staff who help make the business of education possible. Our family, however, doesn't stop there. It includes parents, alumni, and volunteers. It also includes our priest Fr. Charley, the church staff, and parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In short, our family is large and diverse. In order to provide a quality education in a supportive, Christian environment, this entire family must be *connected*, and that's no easy task given our diverse community.

Perhaps one of the best ways to connect is to communicate. It builds a sense of belonging, mutual understanding, trust, and support. We have made an intentional effort to increase our digital communication with those in our family, and it hasn't gone unnoticed. I am thankful for all the positive feedback you have given regarding our newsletter, *The Pulse*, and our Facebook page. Besides these venues, there are others that will keep everyone in the loop. I encourage you to sign up for our Remind notification service, which is used in the case of an emergency or school closing (see directions on p. 3). For the most up-to-date calendar, see our Google "academic calendar," accessible on our Sacred Heart website (http://shcards.org/academic_calendar.html). You may also sync our calendar to your smartphone (see directions on p. 4).

In Christ,

Jeremiah Russell, Ph.D.



Band News

Band has started at Sacred Heart and Mr. Renda enjoys working with all his students. The band program is in need of gently used instruments. We still are accepting new students. So if you are interested please contact Mr. Renda at renda36265@earthlink.net for more information

Private Music Lessons

Our private music lessons are going so well! All spots are full but if you would like to be added to our waiting list please contact Mrs. Russell at arussell@shcards.org



HIGH SCHOOL FALL DRAMA PERFORMANCE

On October 12th at 6:30pm our high school drama department will perform **15 Reasons Not to be in a Play!** Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. This show is appropriate for all ages and will be filled with laughter. Tickets will be sold in afternoon carpool line beginning Oct 2nd. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the show. The show will be performed in the Fine Arts Room at the school.

Children's Choir/Youth Choir

We will begin meeting in October. Any student in 2nd-8th grade is invited to join us. This year beginner choir will be for grades 2-4 and youth choir will be offered for 5th-8th grade. Mrs. Russell will lead the beginner choir and Mrs. Wilcox will lead the youth choir.

Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays at 2:00-3:00 at the school and the cost for the year is \$30 per student. There is a signup sheet on Mrs. Russell's office door. A letter has been sent home as well. Please contact Mrs. Russell for more information arussell@shcards.org.

Talent Show Auditions

Our annual talent show is coming in November but auditions will be held Friday **October 13th at 3:00-4:00 in the fine arts room.**

There is a signup sheet on Mrs. Russell's office door. The talent show is open to any student in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR
SACRED HEART'S FIRST
CHRISTMAS CASH GIVEAWAY ON NOVEMBER 3RD!!
IT WILL BENEFIT SACRED HEART'S ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

ATHLETICS

SHC Cross Country

10/7 Titan Trail Noccalula Falls

10/14 Terrortorium Oxford On the Creek

10/21 Wildcat Rail White Plains

Varsity Volleyball

10/3 @ Ohatchee/Weaver - 5:00

10/10 @ Anniston - 5:00

10/17 vs. Anniston Senior Night - 5:00

10/23 Area Tournament TBA

10/28-28 Super Regional TBA



Zoghby's will be here 10/4 from 2-6 and 10/5 from 8-12



<http://www.zoghbyuniforms.com/>

Important Dates

Oct. 4th: Zoghby's 2-6

Oct. 5th: Zoghby's 8-12

Oct. 6th: PTO @ 12:00

Oct. 12th: Report Cards, Young @ Hearts, H.S. Drama Dinner

Oct. 17th: Volleyball Senior Night @5:00 pm

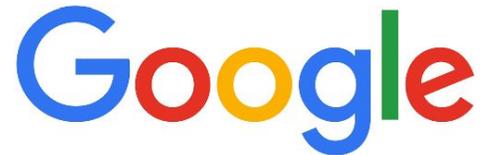
Oct. 24th: Adoration

Oct. 25th: Writer's Bowl @ JSU

Oct. 28th: Memorial Mass for Fr. Macy 10-12 @ St. Charles



International Food Fair was a huge success. We had food represented from 19 countries!



All important dates are posted on the school's Google calendar. You can sync the calendar to your Smartphone and have access to the most up-to-date schedule. Simply go to our school website, click on "Academic Calendar," then click the plus symbol at the bottom, right of the calendar.

Remind App

We have set up a rapid notification service through Remind.com that will enable us to text out important information with just a few clicks. This is for **important** school-wide reminders and emergencies. **It is not for regular communications and weekly updates.** This service is free and allows the office to text privately from a computer or smartphone and protects your private number and information from being seen by others.

Anyone who needs to keep up with important reminders and emergencies may opt to signup and you may choose to leave the group at any time. There are 2 ways to signup: Sign up for push notifications or text to the signup number for plain texts.

Plain Texts (Easiest):

Signup for free text messages without creating an account (preferred by most) by texting "@shcfam" to 81010. If that number doesn't work for you, you can try texting "@shcfam" to (256) 373-5515. *Standard text message rates apply.* OR

Push Notifications (through the app):

To receive push notifications on your smartphone, open the Internet browser on your smartphone and go to rmd.at/shcfam. It will walk you through the process of signing up for a free account and downloading the app.