

Sacred Heart of Jesus School Newsletter

August 4, 2009

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

Well, once again the time flies by. Summer never lasts as long as we hope. But, it is always good to get back into the routine of school and sporting activities. The fall weather is the best in Michigan with the beautiful colors God gives us and the cooler nights for sleeping.

I want to welcome all of the Saint Peter and Paul families. It is our privilege to be able to serve you in a Christ centered environment. I know you will find Sacred Heart to be a warm and welcoming school. The students and parents here are the best. If there is anything any of us can do to help, please let us know. We will welcome Father Dennis whenever he is able to make it here.

As in most years, there are a few changes for the new school year. We will have Mrs. Kate Norman teaching in the Middle School. She will concentrate on all Language Arts. Mrs. Herron has agreed to teach both Math and Science. All of the Middle School teachers will run the Science Olympiad as a team. I think this will work very well for those who are interested. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail them early so we can have a decent volunteer bank ready to roll when the time comes.

Since Mrs. Norman has moved up to sixth grade, Miss Sund will be teaching the fifth grade. She is a very familiar face and the entire staff looks forward to working with her this year. I hope everyone will make her feel welcome. I know the new third graders will be happy to see her here at Sacred Heart. Along with Miss Sund, her little sister Clara will be back with her classmates and we are very happy about that.

On Saturday, August 8th, we will have a special dinner after mass (see the "Knights of Columbus Spaghetti for Scholarship" article). The prices are right and all of the proceeds will benefit the students who need scholarship help. There is more information on our web site as well as the Knights of Columbus website. Along with that, if you have misplaced your supply list for your children you can check out the web page for those details.

I am confident we will have a blessed year with some great new faces to welcome and pray for throughout the year. I look forward to working with all of you to make this a successful year. I want to thank you for choosing Sacred Heart for your child(ren). We are very blessed to have such wonderful families to work with here at school.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Christine Peplinski

Notes and Reminders:

1. The School Supply list can be found on the school website (www.sacredheartgr.org) under the "Forms" section.
2. The first day of school will be a uniform day.
3. The lunchroom will be open and serving that day. A lunch sign up sheet will be coming home in the next newsletter so keep an eye out for that. Just a reminder that our lunch program has a pre-pay arrangement. Forms for reduced lunches will also come home in the next newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday Aug. 8	6:00 pm—Knights of Columbus Spaghetti for Scholarship Dinner & "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" Competition
Sunday Aug. 23	Noon—Parish Picnic at John Ball Park
Tuesday Sept. 1	8:00 am—SCHOOL STARTS Full Day—Uniform Day

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti for Scholarships

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus and the School Staff and Teachers are proud to announce a spaghetti dinner to benefit students of Sacred Heart of Jesus School. The dinner will be held in Friendship Hall immediately after the 5:00pm Mass on August 8th. The dinner will include Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, drinks and desert. The cost of the dinner will be \$6.00 per person.

Plan to meet your friends and fellow parishioners at this event for an evening of fun and community friendship while you help support a strong quality Catholic education at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. All profits will go to the Sacred Heart School scholarship fund.

You'll never guess who is brave enough to take on the Sacred Heart fifth graders in a battle of knowledge. That's right—Father Ed Hankiewicz! Father Ed has agreed to match wits with the Sacred Heart fifth graders in an entertainment event that will follow the Spaghetti for Scholarships dinner. The entertainment event will be free to all those that purchased a dinner.

Parish Picnic Information

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Knights of Columbus are pleased to be partnering with The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society and Home and School to present the 2010 Sacred Heart Parish Picnic.

When: Sunday, August 23rd - 12:00 - 5:00pm

Where: John Ball Park

What: Potluck dinner with your fellow parishioners - Burgers & Dogs provided

What Else: Games for Kids and Fun for All

Please fill out the following information and return via email or in the Sunday collection by August 14th.

Send us your reservations and we'll put your burgers on the grill

The Sacred Heart parish picnic will be held at John Ball Park on August 23rd

Burgers – Hotdogs – Potluck Dinner – Kids Games – Community and Fun

Family Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Kids' Names & Ages:

Email Address: _____

Please RSVP by August 14th - Send your reservation to SacredHeartgr@comcast.net or return this form with your Sunday collection Please plan to bring a dish to pass and your favorite non-alcoholic beverage

Sponsored in partnership by:
Sacred Heart Home and School – Altar Rosary Society – Knights of Columbus

Enclosures

1. WORD Program sign up sheet
2. A Note from the Athletic Director

Volunteer Opportunities

HIGHLIGHTS FOR OPPORTUNITIES:

- Auction is gearing up for another fabulous event! If you can help obtain or log donations, package prizes, assist with set up or clean up or would like to work at Auction please call Nikki Pacific at 458-0762.
- The Home and School has several programs that they could use help with. The Publishing Center, Welcoming new families, meals for families (new baby, death in the family and hospitalization)... just to name a few. If you would like more information, please contact Nikki Pacific at 458-0762.
- Bingo needs workers on Wednesday evenings. This is done for tuition credits.
- The parish fall festival will take place on October 18th. Volunteers are needed to help with the games, the dinner and Bingo. Please call Alan Dunst at 459-7425 if you can help out.

Falcon Sports

Practices for fall sports will begin soon. If you have not signed up for a fall sport and would like to participate (grades 5 –8), please contact the Athletic Director—Joe Lidgard at 453-3143.