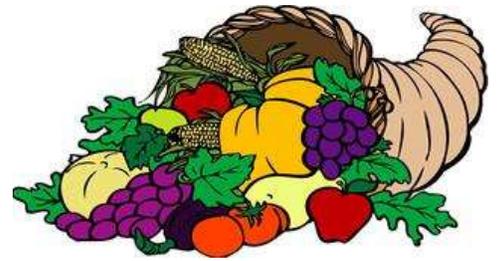




Sacred Heart School
Principal's Pen
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This past Friday marked the end of the 1st Quarter in the 2017-18 school year, and we are looking forward to a successful evening of Parent-Teacher Conferences this evening. Afternoon Conferences are in the classrooms and begin at 12:30 and end by 3:00. Evening Conferences begin at 5:00 and end at 8:30 pm. Evening Conferences will be set up in the gym. Evening meetings are only 10 minutes long. I ask that you stick to this timeframe so everything moves along quickly. If you feel you need more time with your child's teacher you may schedule a separate appointment on a different day.

We have begun this school year without a Home School Association Board in place. I have reached out to a number of parents who have expressed interest in being on the board, and we plan to have our 1st meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28 to get the ball rolling. One of the primary functions of the HSA Board is fundraising. We missed the Gertrude Hawk Chocolate and Wrapping Paper Sale this year, but thanks to Mrs. Meddaugh we raised over \$2,500 with the Yankee Candle Sale.

Mrs. Wajda along with her service dog Angie ran another successful Scholastic Book Fair and raised \$1,000 cash and secured books for each of our classrooms thanks to our parents' generous donations. Mrs. Wajda was extremely pleased with the number of volunteers who stepped up to help out during this week-long event.

Mrs. AnnMarie Woods took care of the pie and cake sale to raise money for the 8th grade's class trip to NYC. Thank you, Mrs. Woods! As I have expressed before, I know we seem to have had a lot of fundraisers this past month, but we are simply trying to offer a variety of resources. We do not expect everyone to support every event, just the ones that appeal to you. We must keep in mind our \$40,000 fundraising commitment for the HSA. If you have an idea for a fundraiser please let the HSA Board know and we will look into it.



Sunday, November 19th was one of our important fundraisers...our Christmas Bazaar chaired by Mrs. Claudia Eckert. An incredible amount of work goes into this event each year. It is truly amazing! There was a tremendous team effort all around. This year we had numerous holiday Craft and Jewelry vendors, a lightly used pocketbook and scarf sale and books for all interests and ages. Although the weather was windy, at least it did not snow like last year!

Soon we will be reaching out to you for your support of our Spectacular Poinsettia Sale! Look for info from Ann Schiller.

I have updated the IRIS Alert system based on the forms you completed and returned to me. I plan to send out a test alert on Monday, November 27th. If you do not receive this alert please call the office or complete an IRIS Alert form which can be downloaded from the SHS website.

Report cards will go home today so check your child's book bag for it.

Tuesday, November 21st, we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving as a school. The children always enjoy this exciting day with our delicious hot Turkey Feast and all the trimmings. It is your generous contributions of time and talents that make this day so special for everyone. We always have so many parent volunteers, thank you. The Birmingham family is at the top of my "thank you list" for shopping, cooking and coordinating this whole event. They are a blessing to SHS!

We have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. We know in our own heart what the reasons are. Thanksgiving Day is a special day to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on each of us. I want to wish all of our families at Sacred Heart School a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Please remember to keep Sr. Rose O'Rourke, our Religious Ed Coordinator, in your prayers. Sr. Rose recently suffered a stroke and has been hospitalized in NYC. We have been saying daily prayers for her speedy recovery. I have not been informed of her progress other than what has been announced off the altar, but I will let you know as soon as I know something more.