



Dear Students and Parents,

As we move in to the final weeks of the school year, a realization hits us! There are only three weeks before semester exams. This thought may cause students to buckle down and give their best work yet! Others put the burdened thought out of their mind until tomorrow! And then again tomorrow! We are about academic excellence, and it does take dedication and perseverance. I offer my encouragement, support, and best wishes as you accept the blessing of academic opportunity as well as the challenge to give life your best.

The following pages of the newsletter are filled with information. Along with the facts, know that there is the beautiful spirit of Christmas in our students and in our SHG family -- you are angels (God's messengers). Thank you to those who have volunteered: you have worked for SHG Works; donated for Thanksgiving baskets; given coins for Our Lady of Nazareth School in Nairobi, Africa; purchased gifts for those in need on our Angel Tree; contributed your Jeans Days' monies for the academic competitions, the purchase of turkeys, and other goodwill activities; gave blood at the Blood Drive; prayed for those in need, in poor health, in the Book of Life, and for special intentions; and contributed to the Generations Campaign. The spirit of Christmas is also in your daily smiles, in your care for one another, and in your willingness to extend a helping hand. SHG is a great place to be year round! Thank you for your "presence," which is one of the greatest presents that you can give.

May you be filled with joy, peace, and love!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sr. Margaret Joanne

### **An Advent Reflection**

"With the liturgical season of Advent upon us, the Church invites us once again to reflect over our own lives and more fully embrace the conversion from being receivers of life to becoming channels of it. Anticipating the Solemnity of the Incarnation of Christ we are encouraged to more completely internalize our Baptismal vocation: to be instruments of God's grace for our world. The task is simple yet awesome: to encounter God and to share with others the grace we discovered. Or, as an ancient Dominican axiom would have it, we are to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of our contemplation.

During Advent we are encouraged then to take up the Christian practice of being aware and watchful. Like Jesus, take notice of God's action in your life. During the day look around. How is God speaking to you through the ordinary events of your life? What is one quality that makes your coworkers, family members, friends, and students like God? What in the still of these later autumnal days reminds you of God? As you move through your day's experience of many thoughts, emotions, and actions, what is of God? And, having found God, we proclaim Him in our worlds!"

C.H. Honkomp, O.P.



*Around the School ...*

*We Are Proud of You!*

Congratulations to the following fall athletes on earning **ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS: BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** – David Ahrens, Jon Bluhm, Seth Faloon, Brendan Finnell, Aaron Fyalka, Mitchell Kerr, Theodore Luker, Glen McClain, Elek Wellman, and Pierce Yu; **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** - Brigid Cavanagh, Abigail House, Alexandra House, Meredith McClain, McKenzie Moredock, Maria Mosley, and Lilly Park; **FOOTBALL** – John Belz, Matthew Hazelrigg, Ryan Hickman, Ryan Kim, Nate Lewis, Tyler McEvoy, Sung Min Seo, Christopher Smith, Patrick Smith, Malik Turner, and Ryan Williamson; **BOYS GOLF** – Connor Etheridge, Adam Gonzalez, Steven Sartore, and Gabe Urbance; **GIRLS GOLF** – Marguerite Ambrose, Jayme Cartwright, Victoria Farris, Grace Luker, Abigail Ralph, Hayley Reed, and Olivia Zeigler; **SOCCER** – Nolan Brennan, Justin Halford, Andrew Hoffmann, Daniel Kalvaitis, Andrew Koehler, Justin Lee, Joshua Megginson, Logan Miller, Anthony Nestler, Zachary Scott, Travis Vogel, and Adam White; **SWIMMING/DIVING** – Sarah Coe, Laura Collings, Julie Conrad, Amy Marszalek, Rebecca Merrill, Caroline Schmidt, and Hannah Winders; **TENNIS** – Alexandra Lamtyugina, Hannah McNear, Lydia Nelson, Jessica Seadler, and Laura Seadler; and **VOLLEYBALL** – Corinne Brent, Paige Brinker, Jenna Erickson, Tori Faulkner, Meredith Favero, Camille Garcia, and Kathleen Healy. **To earn Academic All-Conference Honors, students must be in the top twenty percent of their class, and/or have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.6, and are in good standing on the varsity team (sophomores, juniors, and seniors ONLY).**

Congratulations to the following fall athletes on their selection as **ALL-CONFERENCE: BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** – Jon Bluhm with **Special Mention** to Matt O’Shea; **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** – Meredith McClain with **Special Mention** to Abigail House, Bridget McClain, Meghan McClain, McKenzie Moredock, and Taylor Pohlman; **FOOTBALL** – Neal Aherin, Connor Bland, Chris Harris, Sean Kenzel, Ben Ketchum, Conner Peters, Michael Reavy, Pat Smith, and Kemper Younkin with **Special Mention** to Noah Becker, John Belz, Hunter Clark, Billy Fleischli, Jon Hupp, Matt Janes, Nate Lewis, Carter Pranger, Matt Sables, Mitch Trees, Malik Turner, Tavion Whitaker, and Ryan Williamson; **BOYS GOLF** – Connor Etheridge, Steven Sartore, and Peter Staab, with **Special Mention** to Joe Buscher and Erick Campbell; **GIRLS GOLF** – Marguerite Ambrose, Meghan Kramp, Grace Luker, Hayley Reed, and Olivia Zeigler with **Special Mention** to Abby Ralph; **SOCCER** – Josh Megginson, Nate Megginson, Joe Miller, Austin Swift, and Niall Torricelli with **Special Mention** to Nathaniel Langfelder and Travis Vogel; **SWIMMING/DIVING** – Kerby Ingram, Gabrielle McDermott, and Elle Ryan with **Special Mention** to Lia Barkmeier, Sarah Coe, Laura Collings, Julie Conrad, Erin Flessner, Amy Marszalek, Rebecca Merrill, Emma Morris, Sophie Mounce, and Hannah Winders; **TENNIS** – Lexi Enno, Sydney Lynch, Gina Santarelli, Jessica Seadler, and Laura Seadler; and **VOLLEYBALL** - Allison Brent and Jenna Erickson with **Special Mention** to Corinne Brent, Meredith Favero, Jen Fliege, and Camille Garcia.

**Congratulations to the following Class of 2012 Illinois State Scholars** – David Ahrens, Anna Ball, Rachel Beaman, Brigid Cavanagh, Madison Clem, Sarah Coe, Molly Connelly, Ellen Curry, Austin Eagleton, Seth Faloon, Thomas J Faulkner, Brendan Finnell, Ryan Fleckenstein, Camille Garcia, Daniel Guttas, Stefan Huffman, Alexander Kane, Nicholas Kavish, Grace Luker, Amy Marszalek, Joel Rogers, William Rolens, Jessica Seadler, Grace Stannard, Bradley Vost, Ellen Wesley, Courtney Withrow, and Matthew Yochim.

Congratulations to the junior-varsity academic team who placed first at the conference tournament on Saturday, November 19 at Southeast High School. They played eight matches and won all but one, giving them the best overall finish.

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Marian England on taking home the trophy at “Dancing with the Starz” at the Hoogland Center on Saturday, November 19. Mrs. England raised the most money by earning the most votes. All monies raised went to the Prairie Art Alliance.

Congratulations SHG on a very successful first blood drive held on November 28. There were 86 presenters with 78 units of blood acquired. Please remember that when donating blood to mention that you are donating for SHG’s High School Blood Drive Challenge.

### ***Luers Uniform Clothing Sale***

Luers Annual Holiday Sale began **Monday, November 28** and will run through **Saturday, December 3**. All school uniform clothing (pants, skirts, shirts, tights) will be on sale for an additional 20% off. It is a great time to replenish those outgrown or ragged uniforms or to add a few new items.

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### ***SHG Bookstore & Booster Club Sale***

Do some Christmas shopping at Sacred Heart-Griffin! The SHG Bookstore along with the Booster Club will be open for Christmas shopping on **Saturday, December 3** in the main campus Commons area. Both the Bookstore and the Booster Club will open at **8:00 a.m.** Plan on doing a little (or a lot) of shopping for all your SHG fans while helping out SHG at the same time.

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### ***Flu Shot Clinic***

On **Tuesday, December 6**, Sacred Heart-Griffin will hold a Flu Shot Clinic from **10:30 a.m.** to **1:30 p.m.** hosted by Public Health. Cost is \$27 per person or no charge with a Medicare or Medicaid card. If your student is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must be present for the shot. This clinic was planned over the lunch periods to accommodate parents. No pre-registration is required. All SHG students, faculty, staff, parents, siblings, etc. are invited to participate. This is strictly optional, but recommended to avoid a contagious flu outbreak and to ultimately keep our students healthier. SHG is providing this clinic as a convenience to our students, families, and faculty.

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### ***Eighth Grade Placement Exam***

The placement exam for eighth grade students wanting to attend Sacred Heart-Griffin in the fall of 2012 will be held on **Saturday, December 10** beginning at **8:30 a.m.** A \$10 fee (to cover the cost of the testing) is to be paid that morning. This placement exam is essential for admission into SHG as a freshman. Classes are determined by the number of students testing in December. No pre-registration is necessary. Those students wanting to be part of SHG's class of 2016 simply need to come to Sacred Heart-Griffin (1200 West Washington) the morning of Saturday, December 10 arriving **BEFORE 8:30** with two #2 pencils, a calculator, and \$10. Information on tuition, financial aid, and scholarships will be available to parents from 8:30-9:30 that morning. Testing will be finished around 11:00 a.m.

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### ***Christmas Show***

The Encore, Premiere, and Mixed Choirs of Sacred Heart-Griffin will present their annual Christmas Show, "*GENERATIONS – We Believe in Christmas*" on **Sunday, December 11** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Dominican Hall Auditorium, 1200 West Washington. The program will have traditional as well as contemporary song selections. In addition to the choirs, the newly renovated Dominican Hall Auditorium will be re-dedicated and a punch and cookie reception will follow the program. Tickets will not need to be purchased; however, a freewill offering will be accepted at the door.

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### ***Christmas Band Concert***

The Sacred Heart-Griffin Band Christmas Concert will be held on **Tuesday, December 13** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the Dominican Hall Auditorium. Features on the program will be the SHG Concert and Jazz bands. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend and share in the joy of Christmas.

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### ***Angel Tree***

The Sacred Heart-Griffin Angel Tree sponsored by the Student Council is now up in the main office. Many angels are waiting for you (students, parents, faculty, staff, etc.) to choose from. Choose as a class, club, group of friends, individual, etc. The category this year is books and craft items for specific ages ... grades K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and high school. Angel tree items are to be returned UNWRAPPED by **Wednesday, December 14**. Come take an angel or two and help those who are less fortunate.

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### ***Tuition Payments***

Bills for the second semester tuition payment were mailed to parents on October 31. All second semester tuition payments are **DUE by December 15** or by December 1 if your family qualifies for the early discount. Please call Mrs. Becky Jones at 787-1595 ext. 156 if you have any questions about your tuition payment.

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## *Semester Exams Schedule* *December 19-22*

There will be two exams per day:  
**8:30-10:00 and 10:30-12:00**

Honors and AP exams are:  
**8:00-10:00 and 10:30-12:30**

Monday	(Dec. 19)	Periods 1 and 2
Tuesday	(Dec. 20)	Periods 3 and 4
Wednesday	(Dec. 21)	Periods 5 and 6
Thursday	(Dec. 22)	Period 7

### **\*\*\*PLANNING AHEAD ... IN CASE OF ADVERSE WEATHER\*\*\***

If weather conditions are questionable and unfavorable listen to **WMAY** (970 AM), **WTAX** (1240 AM), **WFMB** (1450 AM), and/or **WCVS** (96.7 FM). **Channel 20** (or website **WICS.com**) has the school closings printed across the bottom of the screen continuously. School closings are usually posted after 6:00 AM.

Emergency options for semester exams (December 19-22) may include starting one hour later (**ONLY IF OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED**).

Exams would be:

**9:30 - 11:00 and 11:30-1:00**

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[Cafeteria food (minimal choices) would be available as well as snack machines.]

**IF SCHOOL IS CLOSED**, the following schedule will be used:

<b>IF school is closed on Monday (19):</b>	<b>IF school is closed on Tuesday (20):</b>	<b>IF school is closed on Wednesday (21):</b>
Tues. (20) Period 1 ( 8:30)	Wed. (21) Period 3 ( 8:30)	Thur. (22) Period 5 ( 8:30)
Period 2 (10:30)	Period 4 (10:30)	Period 6 (10:30)
Wed. (21) Period 3 ( 8:30)	Period 5 (12:30)	Period 7 (12:30)
Period 4 (10:30)	Thur. (22) Periods 6 and 7	
Period 5 (12:30)		
Thur. (22) Periods 6 and 7		

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### *National Honor Society*

Is your junior or senior student anticipating applying for National Honor Society this month? Following is a quick run down of the requirements for application.

*Membership is based on the criteria of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. To be eligible, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of five semesters at SHG; have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.8 (out of 4.0 weighted grade point average); have a minimum of 60 hours of service on record by December (80 hours for seniors) with a required 12 hours to the community, 12 hours to Church or religious community, and 12 hours to SHG; are able to cite previously held offices of leadership or leadership roles with the school or the larger community; and are able to present witnesses to the quality of the character.*

Applications will be available mid-December (watch/listen to the announcements). Be working now to get the necessary elements in place before the **January 23, 2012** deadline.

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### *Student of the Month Selection*

Sacred Heart-Griffin Students of the Month are chosen by the SHG faculty. Students are nominated and chosen for exemplifying character, leadership, service, and Christian values.

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### *SHG Operation Snowball 2012*

In January, Sacred Heart-Griffin is hosting the Sangamon County Operation Snowball event (**January 13-15, 2012**). Over 300 students from local high schools participate in the event as one way to have a drug-free, fun-filled weekend!

What is Operation Snowball? "Through the development of leadership skills, Operation Snowball shall be a youth and adult partnership, providing awareness and prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, while encouraging healthy decision-making in an active community of caring" ([www.os-iti.org](http://www.os-iti.org)). Over the course of the

weekend, students have the opportunity to listen to engaging speakers, participate in small group discussions, try out for a talent show, enjoy a dance party, and get involved in many different activities!

Participation forms are available outside of Ms. Benson's office and are **DUE Friday, December 16**. Parents, we can always use your help! Please see the volunteer/donation form included in this newsletter.

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### ***Prevention***

#### ***OPERATION SNOWBALL FUNDRAISER AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE***

Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, December 6** from **4:00-10:00 p.m.**, a portion of your purchase at Texas Roadhouse (corner of Iles and Veterans Parkway) will go towards the national Operation Snowball program. In 2011, SHG students benefitted from Operation Snowball scholarships and were able to attend the Illinois Teen Institute (I.T.I.) leadership retreat in July.

For more information on Operation Snowball and I.T.I., please visit [www.os-iti.org](http://www.os-iti.org). Applications for the SHG Snowball are currently available outside of Ms. Benson's office (participant applications are **DUE by Friday, December 16**). I.T.I. applications will be available in the spring and posted in the school announcements.

#### ***OPERATION TEEN SAFE DRIVING***

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School received the Illinois Department of Transportation's Operation Teen Safe Driving (OTSD) grant for the 2011-2012 school year! SHG will begin our program in December through the end of February. For more information on this program, as well as ways for students to get involved, please check out [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org) > students > prevention. SHG OTSD meetings will coincide with F.I.R.E. club meetings on Tuesdays after school.

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### ***Microsoft Office 2010 Professional Plus***

Sacred Heart-Griffin students can now purchase copies of Microsoft Office 2010 Professional Plus at a discounted price through an agreement with Microsoft. Here is how you get started:

1. Go to the following link: <http://goo.gl/81aUk>.
2. Choose the product you want to purchase.
3. Decide whether you want a download-only copy which is saved as a file to your computer, or purchase a DVD copy, which will be mailed to you.
4. Add the product to your cart, and click 'Register' on the next page.
5. On the Verification Page, choose the second option "I will submit proof of my academic affiliation."
6. Fill out the required information.
7. In the "Acceptable Proof" box you will find the options for how you can prove your affiliation with SHG. Decide what you want to use as proof, then scan and upload the image or fax it (along with the registration form).
8. Your verification message will arrive within a few days, and you will receive the software via download or through the mail.

Please be aware that aside from these instructions, SHG does not offer any assistance or customer support for Microsoft Office. Please direct your questions to [onthehub.com](http://onthehub.com).

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## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SHG GUIDANCE OFFICE UPDATE**

To date, about 60% of the senior class has applied to over 98 different colleges. Hundreds of transcripts along with secondary school/counselor reports, teacher evaluations and recommendation letters have been mailed or electronically transmitted. We would like to reiterate a couple of points:

- Colleges are receiving thousands of applications this time of year. Please allow two to three weeks for them to receive all supporting documents including the transcript. In many cases, the school's admissions website will allow the student to see if their application is complete, and if not, what documents they are missing. We have found that the online status has not always been updated even though the necessary documents have been received. In addition, letters stating what supporting information is needed are often mailed from the university shortly after an application has been completed online but before the transcript has been received. 99.9% of the time, it is a cross in the mail or in processing. We keep track of when the transcript was sent from our office. If two to three weeks has passed and the status has not changed, feel free to contact the admissions department at the college/university, but realize the backlog they may be experiencing.
- As we have stated before, we **DO NOT** list ACT/SAT scores on the transcript. ACT/SAT scores must be sent specifically from the testing agency. Please read the requirements for each university when applying to ensure you are providing the required supporting documents.
- The Common Application has become very popular with students. We want to remind you to be cognizant of the requirements of each college. To make sure that each application is accompanied by the correct number of teacher recommendations and any supplements; go online to [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org) and check the college to which you are applying. Please make sure your recommenders know the deadlines you are trying to meet.
- As always, please be aware of all application deadlines. The school will be closed after finals on Thurs. Dec. 22 through Tuesday, January 3. Transcripts must be requested no later than end of school day on Tuesday, Dec. 20 to ensure they are mailed out before the Christmas break.

### **NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION**

If your son or daughter might participate in Division I or II athletics as a college freshman, he/she must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. While you can register for the clearinghouse at the beginning of your junior year, they do not want your transcript submitted until after junior year has been completed. However, it is never too early to begin familiarizing yourself with the requirements for eligibility. For more information, you may go to the official website at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) or contact Dr. Moredock in the Guidance Office.

In addition, the NAIA requires submission of a transcript and test scores for student athletes prior to participation at the collegiate level. If your son or daughter signs at an NAIA school, go to [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org) and complete the student eligibility registration.





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Parents,

Hello, my name is Becca Benson, and I am the Prevention Coordinator at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. On January 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, SHG will be hosting the Sangamon County Operation Snowball event. Snowball is a three-day lock-in, emphasizing leadership through living healthy lifestyles. Last year, we had over 300 students participate in the event and would love to have your support!

Please consider making a donation:

**CHAPERONES: (THIS AREA IS IMPORTANT!)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening: 5:30-7:30 p.m. – check-in duty
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday night: 7:30-9:00 p.m. – (there will be small groups and set-up for a speaker at this time)  
Duty would be signing in late arrivals at the main door.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday night/Saturday morning: 11:00 p.m.-4:00 a.m. (speeches, free time, bed)  
Duty would be monitoring the front desk  
\*Need 1 male and 1 female\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning: 7:00-9:00 a.m. – serve breakfast/light clean-up (there is a crew of students to mop, wipe tables, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – serve lunch (sandwiches)/light clean-up (there is a crew of students to mop, wipe tables, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: 2:00-4:00 p.m. – (there is free time and talent show tryout at this time)  
Duties would be monitoring halls and/or sitting at the check-in/check-out table at the front door.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: 5:30-7:30 p.m. – serve dinner (Spaghetti Shop)/light clean-up (there is a crew of students to mop, wipe tables, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: 9:00-11:00 p.m. – (talent show at this time). Duty would be sitting at the check-in/check-out table at the front door.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: 11:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. – (dance at this time). Duty would be chaperoning the dance/monitoring the front desk.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday: 8:30-10:00 a.m. – serve breakfast and clean-up

**FOOD DONATIONS: (please bring to SHG by **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to donate the following (please indicate quantity):
- \_\_\_\_\_ Orange Juice    \_\_\_\_\_ Milk    \_\_\_\_\_ Chips    \_\_\_\_\_ Cookies    \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit    \_\_\_\_\_ Bottled Water

**SUPPLIES: (please bring to SHG by **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to donate some of the following supplies (please mark quantity):
- \_\_\_\_\_ Napkins    \_\_\_\_\_ Plastic Cups    \_\_\_\_\_ Paper Plates    \_\_\_\_\_ Plastic Forks/Spoons    \_\_\_\_\_ Styrofoam Bowls  
(for cereal)

Please return this form to SHG Snowball as soon as possible – I will follow up with more information. Thank you for all your help and support! ~Becca Benson, SHG Prevention Coordinator ([benson@shg.org](mailto:benson@shg.org))

**Parent(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

# SHG

*Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith*

Tell your  
friends and  
family!

## 8th grade **PLACEMENT TEST**

8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

**This is the next step for those interested in attending SHG in the fall of 2012.**

Taking the test will help determine students placement into the freshman classes.

**Exam fee: \$10**

**Bring two #2 pencils**

**No pre-registration necessary**

**Calculators allowed**

Tuition Manager Becky Jones and Sr. Katherine O'Connor, President, will be available to answer parents' questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room.

**For more information,** call Dr. Bill Moredock  
at 787-1595, ext. 127 or e-mail [moredock@shg.org](mailto:moredock@shg.org)

## ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

### SHG Christmas Show

The Mixed Chorus, Encore and Premiere Choirs of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will present their annual Christmas Show, “*Generations – We Believe in Christmas*” on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. in Dominican Hall, 1200 West Washington. This year’s Christmas Show will mark the first performance to be held in the newly renovated auditorium. The public is invited to attend, and tickets do not need to be purchased. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door.

### SHG Announces Spring Musical

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School announced that *Grease* will be this year’s spring musical. There will be five performances this year that will take place Thursday, March 22 – Sunday, March 25, 2012 in Sacred Heart-Griffin’s newly renovated Dominican Hall Auditorium. The announcement was made Wednesday, November 16 at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Dessert & Dazzle event at the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

Karen Danner will be the executive producer; Bill Bauser, Jr. will be the director and vocal director; Gina DeCroix-Russell, choreographer; Karen Ferguson, rehearsal accompanist/assistant conductor; Mary E. Meyers, conductor; T. David Parker, set designer; Jan Walters, costume designer; and Jim Bauser, master set builder.

Ticket information will be available on the SHG website, [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org) after the first of the year.

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### Save the Date(s):

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The Band Christmas Concert will take place on **Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.**

SHG Booster Club is hosting Black & Gold Mardi Gras on **Saturday, February 11** at West Campus. There will be a DJ, live mice races, photo booth, balloon extravaganza, auction of new stadium box seats and parking spots, as well as other fabulous items! Must be 21 to attend! Invitations are to be mailed shortly to all SHG parents.

The 53rd annual Mostaccioli Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 4, 2012. Each student will receive their packet of dinner and raffle tickets at the end of January. This is a great volunteer opportunity for students and parents!**

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# December, 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				<b>1</b> Boys Kairos	<b>2</b> Boys Kairos	<b>3</b> SHG Bookstore & Booster Club Sale (8:00 a.m.)  Christmas Parade (10:00 a.m.)
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> FLU Shot Clinic (10:30-1:30)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> All-School Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> -Grade Placement Test (8:30-11:00)
<b>11</b> Choral Christmas Show (5:00 p.m.)	<b>12</b> Encore/Premiere Tour	<b>13</b> Band Christmas Concert (7:00 p.m.)	<b>14</b> Class Ring Blessing Ceremony (7:15 a.m.)  Jazz Band Tour  Angel Tree gifts <b>DUE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>GREASE</i> workshop	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Semester Exams (Periods 1 & 2) 8:30-12:00	<b>20</b> Semester Exams (Periods 3 & 4) 8:30-12:00	<b>21</b> Semester Exams (Periods 5 & 6) 8:30-12:00	<b>22</b> Semester Exams (Period 7) 8:30-10:00  END OF 2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER/ FIRST SEMESTER	<b>23</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  SHG Ski Trip (3:30 a.m.)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>27</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>28</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>29</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>30</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>31</b>

**CLASSES RESUME TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**