



Dear Parents and Students,

We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week! The theme is:

Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service.

We are proud of our commitment to all three of these aspects of Catholic education.

The opportunities to learn and practice our **faith** abound daily in theology classes, across the curriculum, and in hallway encounters. The faith dimension fortifies the sense of community. What we see is faith in action.

I hope none of us ever tires of hearing about **academic** excellence! I have the privilege to observe in all the classrooms here at SHG and I regularly document student engagement, teaching strategies, the rapport of students and teachers with one another, the use of technology, classroom management, the ah-ha moments, the student presentations, and so much more. I guarantee you, the excellence is real!

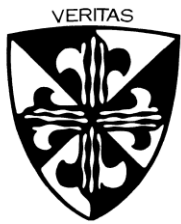
Service is a daily lived reality. It seems more visible every day. The students are office runners, guidance runners, library assistants, technology assistants, NHS tutors, future educators who also tutor, lunch room cleanup, Student Council carrying lunch trays and giving time to many projects, the SEA Club recycling, the kindnesses of one student to another, the caring for students with injuries/bruises/etc., the generosity in the huge contributions of food to St. Martin de Porres Center via City Tournament, the school spirit and pride seen at school events, the athletes laying sod at WC, the reported service on yellow cards, the choral groups leading the songs at Mass, the ambassadors who helped the third graders have a special day, the upperclassmen providing Freshman Focus, the students who came in the evenings for the phone calls for the Annual Appeal, and all the other service that I have not mentioned here!!! Oh, but let me add an acknowledgement and thank you to the parents who constantly are role models for service and reaching out. Thanks for your generous contributions of food and gifts for the Faculty/Staff Appreciation lunch on February 3 to name the most recent.

In late January, we had meetings with approximately 220 eighth graders and their parents who are potentially our incoming freshmen in August 2012. The meetings are an invitation to come and be a part of the SHG tradition which I only hinted at in the above paragraphs. Please share your stories of success with them too.

We continue to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, our SHG traditions, and the success of our students!

Wishing you continued blessings!

Sr. Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P.



Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith

February, 2012

Around the School ...

We Are Proud Of You!

Congratulations to the following SHG Art Students on their Scholastic Art Awards: Ellen Wesly, Gold Key winner; Jessica Frankowiak, Honorable Mention; and Mary Regan, Honorable Mention. Great job artists!

Congratulations to the following music students who represented SHG at state: Ellen Curry and Danny Guttas, selected for the State Choir, and Sadie Hamilton, selected for the State Honors Choir. Over 15,000 students competed across the state of Illinois and only the top scorers were selected for State.

Congratulations to the following German III Honor students who will be inducted into the German Honor Society of SHG and the national German Honor Society Delta Epsilon Phi: Luke Criscione, Matthew Hazelrigg, Jared Kink, Joseph Mocharnuk, McKenzie Moredock, Maria Mosley, William Rolens, Nathan Schroeder, Luke Schulz, David Smith, Adam White, Hannah Winders, and Ben Yoswig. Students achieved at least a 3.6 GPA in their German studies.

After School Pick-Up

When picking up students in the back lot after school, parents are **NOT** allowed to park in the drive off Monroe Street. The drive needs to be open for two-way traffic. Please pull up, out of the drive, and find a parking space. Acceptable parking spaces are along the outside edge or in one of the parking spaces in the lot. Please be courteous to others and do **NOT** block the drive. There are directions and a map on the Dean of Students webpage (Administration>Dean of Students>after school pick-up) to help with the after school pick-up. If you do not like dealing with the congestion in the back lot, have your student walk down one of the numerous side streets and pick them up there. If you have any questions, please call Mr. "C" at 787-1595 extension 108.

Valentines Day Carnations

The Sacred Heart-Griffin Art Club will be selling "delivered carnations on Valentines Day" to students, parents, and teachers. Book your order and fill out your card February 6th through the 13th in the Commons. Carnations will be mixed colors (no preferences) with a valentine tag and will be delivered second hour to recipients. They are \$1 per stem. Parents may email metzroth@shg.org for further information on placing an order. Money raised will be used to help fund the Art Club's Art Institute train trip to Chicago.

Family Dance ... FRIDAY, February 17

Mardi Gras is this year's theme for the annual Family Dance to be held on FRIDAY, February 17 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. This event is by far the favorite of all the social activities at SHG. Fathers accompany their daughters while mothers accompany their sons for an evening of visiting, dance, and fun. If a student's father or mother cannot attend the dance, students are encouraged to "adopt" a parent for the evening. Class officers and a crew of students plan and decorate this family celebration. Tickets are \$10 per family and will be sold during all lunch periods from February 13 through 16. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** Mark your calendars for FRIDAY, February 17 and come join the fun!

DRESS CODE FOR FAMILY DANCE – Dresses and tops should reflect a concern for Christian values in being both modest and tasteful. Low cut and bare mid-riffs **ARE NOT ALLOWED**. The front of the dress or top must be cut above the breast line in a solid material. The back of the dress or top must be cut above and not at the waistline in a solid material. Strapless dresses or tops are inappropriate for an evening of dancing and are highly discouraged. If in doubt, do not buy it; do not wear it. Gentlemen's attire includes a dress shirt and tie, dress slacks, shoes, and socks. **PLEASE NO JEANS!** Those dressed inappropriately will be asked to leave.

Blood Drive

Give what's in your heart. Free t-shirts for donors! Bring Photo ID with date of birth for everyone and consent forms for sixteen year olds. Please join us to donate blood at Sacred Heart-Griffin on **Tuesday, February 28** in support of the central Illinois blood supply. We welcome students and staff to donate from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Central Illinois Community Blood Center is the blood provider to area patients of fourteen counties at twelve central Illinois hospitals. They are the only provider of blood to Memorial Medical Center and St. John's Hospital. Please join us for this life-saving event. Students are to sign up in their Theology classroom.

Western Catholic Union (WCU) Scholarship

Western Catholic Union (WCU) is offering five \$1000 scholarships to Catholic High School students. To apply for the 2012-2013 scholarship, the student must be in 9th-11th grade and attend a Catholic high school. The student and at least one parent of the student must be a WCU life or annuity member. Scholarship application forms are available in the main office. The deadline for the application to be mailed is **March 1, 2012**.

Mostaccioli Sunday ... March 4, 2012

Sacred Heart-Griffin's 53rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner and Raffle will be held on **Sunday, March 4, 2012**. The student kick-off was on Wednesday, January 25. On the kick-off day, every SHG student received six adult dinner tickets (**\$60**) and four raffle books (**\$40**) totaling **\$100**. The current financial policy states that "each student is required to sell the assigned quota for the Mostaccioli Dinner/Raffle. Any portion of the quota not met will be charged to the student's tuition account (2011-2012 Student Planner, Tuition and Fees, Page 4). Parents, please ask your student for the packet so that it is not left in their locker or book bag. Information is included in the packet regarding collection days and student incentives.

2012-2013 Tuition/Financial Grants

Eligibility for grants requires payment of the student's 2012-2013 registration fee of \$225 and completion of the financial aid application forms by **March 15, 2012**. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. If you have any questions regarding tuition and grants, please contact Mrs. Becky Jones at 787-1595 extension 156.

Father Thomas Pisors Scholarship

The Father Thomas Pisors Scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year will be awarded to two current juniors who are in good standing at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School and who are registered for the 2012-2013 school year. Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship toward next year's tuition. The SHG Science Department will select the recipients. Applications are now available in the main office or on the SHG website under the Admissions page (click on Forms). Completed applications must be returned to Sr. Katherine O'Connor, O.P., President; Sacred Heart-Griffin; 1200 West Washington Street; Springfield, IL 62702 by **March 15, 2012**.

Are You Interested In Reducing Your Tuition Costs?

Are You Interested In Professional Work Experience?

Are You Interested In Earning a 0.5 Business Elective Credit?

Then The Sacred Heart-Griffin Internship Program May Be For You!

Interested students may pick up an internship application in the main office or in the finance office. Please see Mrs. Garvey in the finance office for more information. Completed applications are **DUE** by **March 15, 2012**.

Prom Dresses

Sacred Heart-Griffin's Junior/Senior Prom is **Saturday, April 28, 2012**. We know that girls begin shopping early for that special Prom dress. The following guidelines **MUST** be followed when selecting a dress. Dresses should reflect a concern for Christian values in being both modest and tasteful. The dress style should cover rather than reveal the bust line. Low cut, tight, and/or revealing bust lines are neither modest nor acceptable. Bare mid-ribs **ARE NOT ALLOWED!** Different body shapes and sizes have differing styles to address modesty and good taste. Please dress according to guidelines so that we can all enjoy the evening. Those dressed inappropriately will be asked to leave. This also applies to dates from other schools. **PARENTS**, please do your part; if you have questions, call us!

PREVENTION

OPERATION SNOWBALL

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered at and/or donated to the SHG Operation Snowball event on January 13-15! We had close to 350 local high school students participating, and it would not have been possible without your support.

FRIENDS OF RACHEL (F.O.R.) CLUB

The Friends of Rachel club has teamed up with the American Red Cross' Junior Heroes Campaign this year to raise money for disaster relief efforts in our community. We are more than halfway to our goal of \$1,000!

Do you know a local hero? The American Red Cross is looking for your nominations of individuals or groups! Please visit www.it-redcross.org. Those selected will be recognized at the Heroes Breakfast on April 20th at the Springfield Crowne Plaza.

OPERATION TEEN SAFE DRIVING (O.T.S.D.)

SHG has received the Illinois Department of Transportation's Operation Teen Safe Driving grant for the 2011-2012 school year! All informational meetings are held after school on Tuesdays in the cafeteria. For more information on our program, visit <http://www.shg.org/students/OTSD.php>

A MESSAGE FROM THE GATEWAY FOUNDATION

Michael Darcy, CEO of the Gateway Foundation, a drug treatment facility in Illinois, stopped by Fox News Chicago to discuss the new synthetic marijuana ban in Illinois. Drug treatment centers are seeing a huge increase in abuse and serious health problems associated with K2.

Watch the interview here: http://www.myfoxchicago.com/dpp/good_day/synthetic-marijuana-ban-illinois-k2-spice-michael-darcy-20120102?CMP=201201_emailshare

SHG GUIDANCE OFFICE UPDATES

2012-2013 COURSE REGISTRATION

Registration for next year's classes will begin in February beginning with the students in the current junior class. Each student will meet with his/her guidance counselor to select classes for the upcoming academic year. A copy of selected courses will be mailed to the parents for approval before the schedule is finalized.

ACT/SAT PREPARATION CLASSES

Many students take a preparation class prior to taking the ACT and SAT exams. There are several different prep classes offered throughout the Springfield area including one offered at SHG. (We have these listed on our school website under the Guidance Office tab.) Please check the starting dates for the Springfield area prep classes. All juniors have received information regarding the ACT prep class at SHG. This class will begin on **February 26**. Information on this class can be found on the SHG website under the Guidance Office and ACT/SAT Test Information tab or at: http://www.shg.org/academics/guidance_act_sat.php.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The seniors have applied to colleges, received admission decisions in many cases, and are narrowing their choices down. In addition, they are looking for ways to pay for college. On the SHG website, we have listed the scholarships that we have received information on as well as some helpful websites. There are many university scholarships that are not listed here but can be found at the university's website. We encourage you to check our website at http://www.shg.org/academics/guidance_scholarships_financial_aid.php. A brief description of each scholarship, applicable due date, and criteria for the scholarship is listed. We encourage you to read these to see if the scholarship might fit your student. Applications can either be downloaded or obtained in the Guidance Department. In addition, scholarship information can be found on Naviance.



Black & Gold Mardi Gras!

Please HOLD THE DATE for the Black & Gold Mardi Gras, Saturday, February 11 at 7 p.m. at West Campus. The event is sponsored by the Booster Club and will feature live mice races, live and silent auctions, live DJ, photo booth, cash bar and catering by McCormicks. Tickets are \$25 each (must be 21). Please RSVP by calling 787-9732 or mailing in your reservation form from your invitation. If you have sports-related items to donate to the silent auction, please call 787-9732.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

53rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner!



The 53rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner kicked off Wednesday, January 25 in homerooms. Each student should have received a packet of 6 dinner tickets and 4 raffle books to sell. Details are in their packets. Thank you in advance for your help! This will be an especially big year as this will be our first Mostaccioli Dinner in the newly renovated West Campus.

Please join us this year: The Mostaccioli Dinner will be held on March 4 at SHG's West Campus from 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The students, parents and alumni are the key to the success of the event. With their help, SHG is able to serve between 9,000—10,000 dinners each year! **Volunteering is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other parents, students, faculty, staff and alumni!**

Our volunteer coordinators, SHG parents, Mary Leach and Debbie Nemecek have a big job securing parents and students to fill all of the shifts. **See the shift options below and please consider what would work best for you and your student(s).**

Sunday, February 26 is pizelle making in the SHG cafeteria! Shifts are 12-2:30 and 2:30-5. E-mail Linda McKenna to sign up at mcklake@comcast.net

Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 - ? (usually finished by 7:30-8 p.m.)

Saturday, March 3 from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (be there at 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday, March 4 from 2:30 – 7 p.m. (be there at 2 p.m.)

Monday, March 5 from 9 a.m. - Noon

Please consider a shift and e-mail Mary at shgmeatballs@yahoo.com or call Mary's cell phone at 899-2575. Debbie, Mary and other parent volunteers will be making calls as well in the coming weeks to secure volunteers.

Thank you so very much for considering a volunteer slot for this year's Mostaccioli Dinner. As many of you know, this dinner is a long-standing tradition and is in its 53rd year. It's the biggest sit-down dinner in Springfield and is a very important fundraiser for SHG's operating budget. (Tuition would be approximately \$1,100 higher per student if it weren't for initiatives such as the Mostaccioli Dinner, Mega-Raffle and Annual Fund).

Thanks again!
Jen Bettis
Director of Advancement

P.S. If you wish to place an ad in the Mostaccioli ad book, rent a booth space and/or donate an item to the silent auction/drawing (new this year), please contact me at bettis@shg.org or 787-9732.

COUNTRY CUPBOARD

SHG MOSTACCIOLI DINNER

March 4, 2012

Needed: Your HOMEMADE pies, cookies, breads, etc.

Please package to sell: Clear wrap (no foil) or disposable container. Label contents.

Students Can Earn Service Hours!!

Baking for a bake sale is considered service

Examples:

3 doz. Cookies = 1 hour of service (3 hr. limit)

Pie = 2 hours

Bread = 1 hour

Be sure to sign the sheet when dropping off items.

Items can be dropped off any time during the Mostaccioli Dinner, the Saturday morning before the dinner, **OR STUDENTS WHO DROP OFF ITEMS FRIDAY (March 2) BEFORE SCHOOL IN THE CAFETERIA RECEIVE SERVICE HOURS AND GET INTO A DRAWING FOR SOME GREAT PRIZES!** (You must make at least 3 doz. cookies or 2 pies, 2 cakes, 2 breads, etc. to qualify).

BEST SELLERS - Rice Krispie treats, angel food cake, pies, brownies, and cinnamon rolls.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!!

MUSICAL NEWS!



SHG Spring Musical is Grease!

The Sacred Heart-Griffin High School spring musical, Grease, will be hold five performances that will take place Thursday, March 22 – Sunday, March 25, 2012 in the newly renovated Dominican Hall Auditorium. The "Sock Hop" (children's event) will be held on Sunday, March 25. Children will have a light lunch, meet-n-greet with cast members, backstage tour, and get to learn some 50's dance moves with the cast. Tickets to the "Sock Hop" event also include admittance to the Sunday matinee.

Tickets go on sale February 15 and the cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/seniors/children. For more information contact Bill Bauser at bauser@shg.org or Karen Danner at danner@shg.org OR click on the Spring Musical Info link on www.shg.org.

February, 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Catholics Schools Week (Catholic Schools-Faith. Academics. Service.)			1 Mostaccioli Collection	2	3 12:00 DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting)	4
5	6	7 Boys Kairos	8 Mostaccioli Collection Boys Kairos	9 Boys Kairos	10 Boys Kairos	11 Black & Gold (7:00)
12	13	14	15 Mostaccioli Collection	16	17 Family Dance (8:00-11:00)	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21	22 Mostaccioli Collection Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer	23	24	25
26 ACT Prep Class at SHG (1:00- 3:00)	27	28 BLOODDRIVE	29 Mostaccioli Collection			

2012 Summer School – May 29-June 29 ~ Book & I.D. Day – June 27