



Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith
June/July, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

As we finish the books for this 2008-09 school year, we can truly celebrate the gifts of academic excellence, our community of faith, much success, great adventures, and many rewarding experiences. May God bless all of you who have been a part of SHG.

We congratulate Helen Dulle, Women's Athletic Director, as she retires. Mrs. Dulle has had a profound and positive impact on the establishment and growth of our girls' athletics. Her expertise and dedication will long be remembered and appreciated. We wish Mrs. Dulle many blessings in her continued enjoyment of life.

We also bid farewell to Mrs. Kristen Clow, Fr. Steve Janoski, Mrs. Ann Hart, Mrs. Heather Nieders, and Miss Nancy Weichert as they move on to the next phase of their careers. We want to say a huge thank you to all of our faculty who serve as moderators, coaches, and advisors to our academic teams, clubs, sports, and big events. They are invaluable to our extracurricular program.

This has been a year of learning for all of our teachers. There has been a renewed investment in their response to intervention (RtI) for students who need extra support. All of our teachers have taken a video course from ASCD on Differentiated Instruction. We continue in our efforts to approach teaching in a variety of ways so that we can better serve the variety of learning styles that are our students' strengths. All of the teachers have also worked on an online course in preparation for presenting and supplementing student learning activities in an online format. We will continue to learn and invest in using technology in ways that support learning.

The Honors Assembly for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors was held on May 11. Honors included Student Council Officers Induction, music awards, academic achievements, scholastic awards, recognition of SHG ambassadors, NHS new members, department awards, and academic competitions. New scholarships included "in memory of Jeff Lamont" and "in memory of Coach Sowinski."

Campus Ministry has been center stage these past weeks. April 8 was a great Freshmen Retreat Day that included having the 198 freshmen going out to work for a couple of hours at various agencies and organizations in Springfield. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who provided transportation and supervision. The all-school, end of the year Mass on May 13 was a spirited celebration. Thank you to Sr. Linda Mary, Mr. Cory, Mr. Bauser, and Mrs. Danner for all the extras they do for the set up and music.

JOSHUA, the mission trip that includes about 40 students and helpers, has been organizing for their summer trip which leaves on May 31. They have been at every parish with their M&Ms (Money for Mission) fundraiser. They have had bake sales and a dance. They put in hours of work before they ever arrive in Stuebenville. There is also a great group of adults who help Sr. Linda Mary and Mr. Cory as chaperones/mentors in this annual project.

Summer Events:

Summer School will be held June 1-July 3. There are about 310 students enrolled.

Book and Fees Day will be Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with Freshmen.

Freshman Parent Meeting on June 18

Back to School - Orientation.... begins August 11, 2009

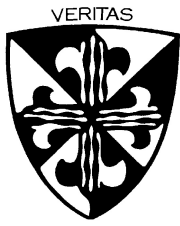
Have a great summer. May your families be blessed in many ways.

With prayers,

Sr. Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P.

This 20th anniversary year of SHG continues to verify and celebrate the fact that

SHG WORKS!



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ... 7:15-2:30

We Are Proud of You!

Congratulations to Brittany Idusuyi and Conner Fahey who were crowned Prom queen and king on May 9. Brittany and Conner were selected by their fellow senior classmates.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009 who on Sunday, May 24 graduated from Sacred Heart-Griffin. There were 214 students who walked across the stage at the U.I.S. auditorium to receive their diplomas from Sister Katherine O'Connor, O.P. and Sister Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P. The Valedictorian was Shanthi Narla and the Salutatorian was Matthew Stegeman. To the entire Class of 2009 we say good luck and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Congratulations to the newest Sacred Heart-Griffin Hall of Fame members Sister Mary Dorothea Sondgeroth, O.P., Sacred Heart Academy, 1954 and Terrence J. Farmer, Griffin High School, 1977. They were inducted to the SHG Hall of Fame during the graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 24.

Congratulations to the following third and fourth year Spanish students who received awards for their scores in the National Spanish Exam: 95th percentile and above, Ryan Brennan and Stephen White; 85th through 94th percentile Patrick Mosely, Shanthi Narla, Kristen Gonterman, and Matthew Knudsen; 75th through 84th percentile, Jacob Meyer, Leslie Naritoku, Anne Farrow, Erin Kehoe, and Aaron Midden; and 50th through 74th percentile, Lily Criscione, Lindsey Atwood, Emily Kroner, Mary Sheehan, Sarah Kenney, Claire Laughlin, Jessica Sestak, Steven Begando, Alexandria Maillet, Erin Lokatis, Douglas Dlouhy, Steven Cummins, Andrew Sweeney, David Brown, Rumer Glen Diamante, Julia Sames, Benjamin Seadler, Morgan Clem, Christopher Romanelli, Andrew Kelley, Brendan Cavanagh, Jessica Megginson, Mason Switzer, and Amy Thomas.

Congratulations to the following spring athletes who earned Academic All-Conference: **Baseball**-Grant Bitzer, Mark Harvey, Andrew Kelley, Robert Langellier, and Clint Sestak; **Softball**-Rebecca Brenneisen, Kathryn Domagalski, Jena Grahn, Samantha Schmitt, and Jessica Taylor; **Soccer**-Bridget Finn, Kirby Goetz, Kelsey Hartwig, Jenna Hopkins, Rachel Murrill, and Mary Sheehan; **Tennis**-Young Min Cha, Griffin Ludwig, Matthew Martin, Aaron Midden, Alex Midden, and Benjamin Seadler; **Boys Track**-Evan Kararo, Sean Orlando, and Michael Schaddel; and **Girls Track**-Joelle Christy, Emily Delvo, Lauren Fyalka, Kayla Kolis, Maria Lewis, Lily Mocharnuk, Taylor Moore, Jessica Sestak, Christina Smith, and Julia Wykoff. To be eligible for Academic All-Conference, athletes are in the top 20 percent of their class, have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.6, and are in good standing on an SHG varsity team (sophomores, juniors, and seniors only).

Congratulations to the following spring athletes who were chosen as All-Conference: **Baseball** - Mark Harvey, Tommy Jennings, Andrew Kelley, and Colton White with **Special Mention** to Tyler Ely and Zach Rockford; **Soccer** - Ashley Bensko, Alison Boyer, and Mary Sheehan with **Special Mention** to Kirby Goetz and Rachel Murrill; **Softball** - Mallory Beck, Madison Murphy, Kaitlyn Reiser, Ashleigh Roscetti, and Jessica Taylor with **Special Mention** to Megan Kuchar and Megan McLean; **Tennis** - Sam Vaughn and Ben Seadler; **Boys Track** - Steven Begando with **Special Mention** to Sean Ryan and Mike Witsman; and **Girls Track** - Joelle Christy, Emily Delvo, Kelsi Frank, Lauren Fyalka, Sarah Giacomini, Cassidy Gietl, Maria Lewis, Lily Mocharnuk, Taylor Moore, and Julia Wykoff with **Special Mention** to Jenny Morris and Amy Marszalek.

Young Alum BBQ

If you are an alum from the class of 2005-2008, come join us for games, food, and fun on **June 11** from **6:30-8:30** in the SHG courtyard. Call Jen Bettis for more information at 787-9732 or e-mail bettis@shg.org

SHG Scholarship Scramble

Whether you are a golfer or not, there is a place for you at the 27th annual Scholarship Scramble Golf outing on **Monday, June 22** at Piper Glen. For golfers we have two tee times, 7:00 AM and 12:30 P.M. and for non-golfers, you are welcome to attend the evening dinner event! Go to www.shg.org for more information or call the Advancement office at 787-9732.

Summer Escape

I'm bored! Looking for summer activities for students entering grades 5 through 8? Sign them up for SHG's Summer Escape Camp the week of **June 22-26**. Classes will be held from **8:00-10:00**, **10:00-12:00**, and/or **1:00-3:00**. Camp fee is \$80 per class. Information and registration forms are available on line. Check out the SHG website at www.shg.org and click on Summer Escape.

REQUIRED Summer Reading

All **English I, II, III, and IV Honors** and **Advanced Placement** students have **REQUIRED** summer reading. These books are readily available at local book stores and libraries. After completing each novel, students should take "reading notes" on characters, settings, and plot details and be prepared to take a test on each novel soon after school begins. **English I Honors** students are required to read *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain and *1984* by George Orwell; **English II Honors** students are required to read *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton and *When My Name Was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park; **English III Honors** students are required to read *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles and *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy; **English IV Honors** students are required to read *Among the Thugs* by Bill Buford (New York: Vintage Books, 1993), *Grendel* by John Gardner (New York: Vintage Books, 1989), *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene (New York: Penguin Books 2004), *The Collector* by John Fowles (New York: Little, Brown & Co., 1997), *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro (New York: Vintage International, 1993), and *Frankenstein: Case Studies in Contemporary Criticism* by Mary Shelley (New York: Bedford St. Martin's, 2000); and **Advanced Placement** students are required to read *The Awakening: Case Studies in Contemporary Fiction* by Kate Chopin (New York: Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2000), *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison (New York: Vintage International, 1995), *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner (New York: Vintage International, 1991); *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996), *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Housseini (Riverhead Books, 2005), and *Beloved* by Toni Morrison (New York: Vintage International, 2004). For purposes of class discussion, **English IV Honors** and **Advanced Placement** students need to obtain these specific editions.

Recommended Summer Reading

All SHG Students

The following is a recommended summer reading list for all SHG students:

<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte	<i>David Copperfield</i>	Charles Dickens
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austin	<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	Oscar Wilde
<i>Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Maya Angelou
<i>Don Quixote</i>	Cervantes	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	Ernest Hemingway
<i>To the Light House</i>	Virginia Woolf	<i>Inherit the Wind</i>	Lawrence and Lee
<i>A Farewell to Arms</i>	Ernest Hemingway	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Lorraine Hansberry
<i>Pygmalion</i>	George Bernard Shaw	<i>The Martian Chronicles</i>	Ray Bradbury
<i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>	Kurt Vonnegut	<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i>	Carson McCullers
<i>Native Son</i>	Richard Wright	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	Harriet Beecher Stowe
<i>In Cold Blood</i>	Truman Capote	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee
<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Fyodor Dostoyevsky	<i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	J.D. Salinger
<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>	Alex Haley	<i>My Antonia</i>	Willa Cather
<i>The Bell Jar</i>	Sylvia Plath	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck
<i>Frankenstein</i>	Mary Shelley		

Freshmen Parent/Guardian Picnic

All parents/guardians of incoming Freshmen are invited to a Welcome Picnic the evening of **Thursday, June 18** from **5:30-7:00 PM** at Sacred Heart-Griffin. The purpose of this picnic is to welcome all of our incoming freshman parents/guardians into the SHG family and to provide an opportunity to get acquainted with each other. Please join us for food, fun, a question and answer session, and information about Book and Fee Day.

SHG Uniform Donation

Sacred Heart-Griffin will be accepting gently used and clean SHG school uniforms through June 26. These items will be made available on a first come, first serve basis to families on **Monday, July 13** from **7:30-11:30 AM**.

DENNIS Uniforms Multi-School Uniform Sale

DENNIS is coming to Sacred Heart-Griffin for a special multi-school uniform sale. DENNIS will set up shop at West Campus **Sunday, July 12** from **10:00 AM-3:00 PM** and **Monday, July 13** through **Wednesday, July 15** from **10:00 AM-6:00 PM**. Receive **10% off** your purchases!

Book and Fee Day ... Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Book and Fee Day will be held on **Wednesday, July 15**. This is the day to handle a number of details which assist the smooth transition into a new school year. It is the time to pick up schedules; pay fees; purchase books (new and/or used); take I.D. pictures; register for parking; purchase uniform pants, shirts, and sweatshirts; and enter money into your lunch account. Individual checks are needed for each used book, fees, pictures, lunch, and parking permit. (A complete Textbook List for 2009-2010 is listed under "Announcements" on the website and copies will also be available on Book and Fee Day.)

In order to facilitate fair access to the used books and efficient service to all families, we ask that you adhere to the assigned times. Used books will be sold for each class during the respective times only. Students will not be allowed to purchase books for other siblings unless they come during that sibling's assigned time. If there are conflicts with work or other commitments, arrange to have someone purchase used books for you during the assigned time. This system tries to provide fairness and equal access to used books and keep lines to a minimum.

Freshmen 8:00-9:00

Sophomores 9:00-10:00

Juniors 10:00-11:00

Seniors 11:00-12:00

2009-2010 Dress Code

SHG Dress Code pants and shirts (polo and/or oxford) for 2009-2010 **MUST BE** purchased at Luers. The girls' uniform skirts can be purchased at either Luers or DENNIS Uniform. The uniform skirts length **MUST BE AT LEAST TWO INCHES** below the finger tips when arms are at side (longer is preferred). **A more strict enforcement WILL BE in effect beginning August 14, 2009. Girls WILL NOT be allowed to attend classes until the skirt is the required two inches below the fingertips.** Shirts and pants will be available for purchase and/or order at SHG on Book and Fee Day (July 15) at a 20% discount. Uniform sweatshirts may only be purchased at the SHG Bookstore. Luers annual summer sale will be held July 20 through August 1. During this sale, all SHG uniform merchandise (pants, skirts, shirts) will be discounted 20%. **NEW FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR ...** the size of purses will be limited. If an 8" by 10½" notebook fits inside the purse, the PURSE IS TOO LARGE.

IHSA Sports Physicals

All fall athletes are required to have a sports physical on file in the SHG main office **BEFORE** the season begins (**includes practicing with the team, before summer contact days, and before tryouts**). Athletes **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in practices without the physical. The physicals which were provided at SHG last May will suffice for this IHSA requirement. Freshmen, your 9th grade physical also suffices for a sports physical, but it must be on file **PRIOR** to the season. Physical forms are available in the SHG main office.

Senior Pictures

Class of 2010, remember to get your senior portrait taken this summer at the Terry Farmer Photography Studio. Ladies will wear the traditional drape and gentlemen must wear a dress shirt, tie, and jacket. Make your appointment today ... do not wait until the last minute.

15th Annual Mega Raffle

The 15th Annual Mega Raffle will kick-off the last week of August. We will be contacting sellers and captains soon. We are also looking for new sellers - remember there are cash prizes as seller incentives.

JUNE, 2009

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ... 7:15-2:30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Summer School Begins	2	3 J.O.S.H.U.A.	4	5	6 Nifty-Fifty
7	8	9	10	11 Young Alumni Reunion (6:30)	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Freshman Parent Night (5:30)	19	20
21	22 Scholarship Scramble	23	24 Summer Escape	25	26 Summer Escape Social (3:00)	27
28	29	30				

JULY, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Summer School Ends	4
5	6	7	8 OFFICES CLOSED THIS WEEK	9	10	11
12 DENNIS Uniform at West Campus through Wednesday	13	14	15 Book & Fees Freshmen 8:00 Sophomores 9:00 Juniors 10:00 Seniors 11:00	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 OFFICES CLOSED THIS WEEK	30	31	