



Dear Parents and Students,

There is so much going on at SHG. Relying on the foundational knowledge, skills, and experiences of the first quarter, our faculty and students continue to build in academics, in extra-curricular activities, in faith, and in the excitement of every day. In the summary from the Quality Assurance Review team from AdvancED (QAR, Oct. 18), the prominent accent was hearing and witnessing the sense of pride our students, stakeholders, and faculty have as a part of the SHG family and its traditions. Other details from the review will be given to us in a written report later this month.

Mr. Simon Cory's trip to the hospital on the weekend of October 15 caught us all off guard. After several days of tests, he was diagnosed with cancer. SHG students, faculty, and alumni have united in prayer and support for Mr. Cory as he begins chemo therapy. Many of you know that Mr. Cory moved from Campus Ministry to teaching Theology to seniors and juniors this year. We are hoping he is back in the classroom soon.

Congratulations and thank you to Ms. Becca Benson and her FIRE (Friends in Resistance Education) crew for the information, decorations, and drug prevention awareness throughout Red Ribbon Week. Hopefully, the messages of making healthy choices are being absorbed and are making an impact on our students. Related to this information is the concept of "Self Reporting!" This concept is in the student handbook. We (most parents, most students and all the faculty) want our students to make good choices and say "no" to drugs, alcohol, and dangerous behaviour. There are severe consequences for students who are caught or reported to have used drugs and/or alcohol. If a student makes a wrong choice but has the courage and integrity to admit the wrongdoing by calling an SHG administrator, s/he will be counselled but not suspended from school. This option is in place to encourage parents and students to be honest about alcohol and drug use instead of being deceitful, dishonest, or covering up the truth. The conversation usually begins at home and parents seem not to understand the self-reporting. It is a tool to support parents and students in dealing with the situation. The debate is "maybe they (SHG) won't find out" but what if they do! There is also the game of not wanting to "use up" the one self-report because the student might need it again during the next few years. My assurance to any of you (parents and students) is that it will serve you better to tell the truth! The truth does not mean there will never be consequences, but the truth will put you in a better light even if the information shared puts the student in a bad light. Veritas, SHG motto, is about seeking truth. Feel free to ask me questions about "self-reporting" so that I can attempt to explain it better.

During November, we will remember all those who have died in our morning prayer and Masses offered in our chapel. With this remembrance, there is also a celebration of their lives and an appreciation for who they were for us.

Parents of freshmen, ask your student what's new in Freshman Focus. They meet with their student leaders three times a week. They are "covering" many topics. Your questions will be a pop quiz to ascertain effectiveness.

Please read the rest of this newsletter for recognition of students and events, announcements, and important information. Thanks for reading daily announcements and checking RenWeb regularly.

As you consciously give thanks during the Thanksgiving Season, know that you are in my heart and prayers as I give thanks for your commitment to SHG, Catholic education, and your children.

Wishing you many blessings....

Sr. Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P.

Beatitudes



- ℞ Blessed are those who do what is right even when no one is watching, for their actions will be acknowledged
 - ℞ Blessed are those who suffer addiction, for they will find the help they need.
 - ℞ Blessed are those who say no, for they will be rewarded in the long run.
 - ℞ Blessed are those who work to prevent drug related accidents, for they will help save many lives.
 - ℞ Blessed are those who forgive, for they shall be granted eternal happiness
 - ℞ Blessed are those with pure intentions, for they will enjoy a healthy, drug free relationship with God.
 - ℞ Blessed are those who set the example for others, for they shall impress the world.
 - ℞ Blessed are those who do what is good even in the face of adversity, for they will have the strength to persevere through tough times.
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Red Ribbon Week 2011!



Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith

November, 2011

Around the School ...

We Are Proud of You!

Congratulations to seniors Billy Fleischli and Lauren Lanzotti on being crowned the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen.

Congratulations to the 20 Sacred Heart-Griffin Choral and Band students who were selected for the 2011 IMEA All District. Each musician achieved this through competitive audition with over 1200 students from our district. They will attend the District Festival in Macomb at Western Illinois University on **Saturday, November 5** and are eligible for All State Selection in mid-December. Choral members are: Brigid Cavanagh, Julie Conrad, Ellen Curry, Missy DeMarco, Camille Garcia, Sierra Gonzalez, Danny Guttas, Sadie Hamilton, Kevin Hart, Emmy Hylin, Kathleen Lokaitis, Ted Luker, Joseph Mocharnuk, Jewel O'Brien, Pat Regan, Gina Santarelli, Luke Schulz, Mary Tapocik, and Keelin Valenti. Marcy Shrenk was selected for Percussion. Congratulations to these fine musicians and their teachers for their achievements. These students must attend All District to be considered for All State.

Congratulations to Sacred Heart-Griffin freshman, Courtney Caldwell, who has been selected to perform in the Bradley University Freshman/Sophomore Honor Band. The band will rehearse on November 8 and 15 and will perform a concert with the Bradley University Symphonic Wind Ensemble on **November 15 at 7:30**.

Honor Roll

Sacred Heart-Griffin publishes a quarterly Honor Roll approximately one to two weeks after report cards have been emailed. This gives time for grades to be adjusted, if need be, and finalized. There are two honor rolls ... High Honor Roll and Honor Roll. For students to earn High Honor Roll status they must have a current GPA of 4.0 or above. For students to earn Honor Roll status their current GPA is 3.2000 to 3.9999. If a student takes weighted courses, the higher of the two GPA's is taken. In quarters two, three, and four there is a third Honor Roll which is the Merit Honor Roll. Students whose GPA has improved .5 or better from the previous quarter but are not on either the High Honor Roll or Honor Roll earn Merit Honors. These Honor Rolls are published on the SHG website (www.shg.org) under Academics > Honor Roll and also printed and placed in the lobby of East Campus.

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. Jones at 787-1595 ext. 156 if you have any questions about your tuition payment.

Veteran's Day Band Concert

The Sacred Heart-Griffin Band along with the Springfield Catholic Grade School Bands will present their 11th annual Veteran's Day concert on **Sunday, November 6** beginning at **2:00 p.m.** in the SHG cafeteria. The program will feature music, as well as comments and recollections from veterans. Everyone is invited to attend and light refreshments will be served.

Dessert & Dazzle

Please be our guest at Sacred Heart-Griffin's 6th Annual Dessert & Dazzle on **Wednesday, November 16** at the Hoogland Center for the Arts from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** Reservations are required for attendance. RSVP to the Advancement Office at 217-787-9732 or ashcraft@shg.org. Proceeds will benefit the SHG Vocal Music Department.

Sacred Heart-Griffin Preview Night

Sacred Heart-Griffin will welcome seventh and eighth grade students along with their parents/guardians to our annual Preview Night on **Thursday, November 17**. Registration will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with the feature presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is an evening designed to offer prospective students the opportunity to walk through our halls. Mark your calendar and tell your friends!

T.S. Buzby Scholarship

The T.S. Buzby Scholarship provides scholarship monies for a student presently employed. The scholarship is applicable to any current Sacred Heart-Griffin students. The applicant must prove consistent, gainful employment for no less than three months immediately prior to the application deadline and must have worked an average of seven hours or more per week. Employment consists only of paid work. Verification may include, but is not limited to, pay stubs, earning statements, cancelled checks, or a letter from an employer. Application forms can be obtained in the main office and are **DUE** back by **Tuesday, November 22**. The recipient's name will be drawn from among those students who apply. The selected student will be named in the January, 2012 SHG Newsletter.

SB 3016 (Sex Offender Registration)

Passed both houses; signed by the Governor; Public Act 94-0994. Among many other things, this legislation requires a principal to advise parents of children that they may access information regarding registered sex offenders that is available to the public. The Illinois Sex Offender Registry is available through a link on the Illinois State Police website at <http://www.jsp.state.il.us/>. Individuals may search the database by name, zip code, or county. Access is free.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

“Sacred Heart-Griffin High School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.”

Emergency/Disaster Situations

Should an emergency or disaster situation ever arise in our area while school is in session, we want you to be aware that Sacred Heart-Griffin has made preparations to respond effectively to such situations. Should we have a major disaster during school hours, your student(s) will be cared for at school. Sacred Heart-Griffin has a detailed disaster plan which has been formulated to respond to various emergencies.

Your cooperation is necessary in any emergency. Do not telephone the school as lines may be needed for emergency communication. In the event of a serious emergency, students will be kept at school until we can reach a contact or an identified responsible adult who has been identified as such on the school contact list. (Please make sure your emergency contact list is up to date on RenWeb.) Students will only be released to parents and persons identified on the emergency contact list. During an extreme emergency, students will be released at designated reunion gates located on or near campus. Parents should be patient and understanding with the school release process. For emergency announcements, turn to local radio and television. If students are to be kept at school, local media will be notified. Impress upon your children the need for them to follow the directions of any school personnel in times of emergency.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Key Club Moderator, Dan Wilson

“*Preach always and sometimes use words.*” This quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi calls to us today to preach through our actions to those most in need. It is time for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Last year, Sacred Heart-Griffin provided food for many families who would have otherwise gone hungry here in our own Springfield community. SHG will team up with Catholic Charities and many other organizations around Springfield to put together Thanksgiving food baskets to give to more than 300 families who could not otherwise celebrate the holiday with a feast like so many of us do. I pray that this year we may succeed once more in

helping those less fortunate among us with a Thanksgiving to remember. Thank you for your time and all that you do to help SHG be a vibrant and growing community of faith. Included below is a list that will be posted in each classroom at SHG which indicates what is needed to complete a basket. Items should be brought to the student's homeroom by **Friday, November 18**. Distribution of baskets is Monday, November 21 at St. Francis Cabrini Church Hall.

1 laundry basket or Rubbermaid bin; **1** box of cereal; **1** box breakfast bars; **1** drink mix (coffee, tea, or kool-aid); **2** cans of vegetables; **2** boxes of macaroni 'n' cheese; **1** large can of yams; **2** cans of baked beans; **1** bag/box chips or snacks; **2** pkgs. muffin mix; **1** box or bag of potatoes; **1** box or bag stuffing; **2** cans of fruit; **1** dessert mix; **1** pkg. egg noodles; **2** cans of pasta; **1** lg. pkg. of jell-o mix; **1** lg. pkg. of pudding mix; **1** box of hot cocoa mix; **1** pancake mix; **1** bottle of syrup; **1** pkg. of sugar; **1** pkg. brown sugar; **1** jar peanut butter; **1** jar jelly; **2** large cans of soup; **1** box crackers; **1** pkg. cookies; aluminum foil pan; dessert cookies, cake or pie (NO frozen); **1** package of toilet paper; laundry soap; **2** bars of soap; shampoo; and toothpaste.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is founded in memory of Enrique Camerena, an undercover DEA officer tortured and killed while investigating a Mexican undercover drug ring. His family and friends began to wear red ribbons in support of Camerena's career. The satin ribbons serve as an inspiration of united support for Red Ribbon Week, an event recognized across the country to educate people on drug trafficking and the dangers of substance abuse.

SHG Red Ribbon Week was celebrated October 24-27th. Our theme, "Hello World" based on the song by Lady Antebellum, was selected by F.I.R.E. club members. Throughout the week, students were able to obtain their own ribbons, participate in contests, and gain substance abuse knowledge. The goals of SHG's Red Ribbon Week are to support the students making healthy decisions and educate all students about the risks associated with substance use.

At lunch on Wednesday, all students were invited to take a test over information posted throughout the week. Entry forms with correct answers were entered into a raffle for Halloween gift baskets. **Congratulations to the Red Ribbon Week overview challenge winners Anna Krug & Caroline McKenna!**

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!

"The mission of the program is to provide initiative and resources required to challenge the creativity of Illinois teens to develop and implement community-based programs to reduce fatalities and injuries due to traffic crashes among their peers" (teensafedrivingillinois.org)

Program sponsors include Governor Pat Quinn, Secretary of State Jesse White, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, the Ford Motor Company, The Allstate Foundation, and the Governors Highway Safety Association.

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 > students > prevention. SHG OTSD meetings will coincide with F.I.R.E. club meetings on Tuesdays after school.

SHG OPERATION SNOWBALL

Sacred Heart-Griffin will be hosting our Operation Snowball event January 13-15, 2012. Forms for staff and participants will be available outside of Ms. Benson's office beginning Tuesday, November 8th. They will also be made available on SHG's prevention website.

Staff applications will be **DUE Friday, December 2.**

Participant forms will be **DUE Friday, December 16.**

POST PROM

SHG Prevention Coordinator Becca Benson is looking for parents who would like to be involved in planning our Post Prom event this year. As in the past, students would help us plan venue selection, theme, food, activities, and raffle prizes.

Prom will be held on **Saturday, April 28, 2012.**

Please email Becca Benson at benson@shg.org for more information!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

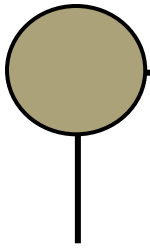
COLLEGE PLANNING UPDATE

- Don't forget that the priority filing deadlines for the state universities are rapidly approaching. The following list shows the upcoming state school priority filing deadlines:

Northern Illinois University	November 15
University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign	November 1
Illinois State University	November 15
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	December 1

- Just a reminder that when applying to a college/university you must send your ACT and SAT scores directly from the testing agency. The scores are not on our transcript. Please remember to allow plenty of time for this.
- First consideration is given to applications received by the priority filing date. If space allows, applications received after the priority filing date will be considered. If your student is planning to apply to any of these schools, please allow at least seven days for completion of the counselor form, transcript processing and electronic or mail delivery.
- St. Louis University, University of Missouri-Columbia, St. Louis University, Marquette, and University of Dayton are just a few of the colleges that have December deadlines affecting merit-based scholarship consideration. Indiana University has a Nov. 1 deadline. Because the requirements are so varied, please carefully read each school's application information or talk to your student's guidance counselor to determine the filing deadlines for the specific schools your student is interested in attending.
- All parents of seniors should have received a registration code for a college planning program called Naviance Family Connection. This program allows you to obtain information on all the colleges and universities as well as see the list of active applications for your student. We encourage you to sign in and explore this informative college tool. Please call if you have any questions.
- If your student is using the common application to apply to colleges and universities they must have submitted the same common app code in their Family Connection account in order for supporting documents to be electronically processed. As always, please allow plenty of time for teachers to write a recommendation and complete an evaluation form. It is very helpful to provide a resume when asking a teacher or counselor for a recommendation letter to be written.
- On Oct. 12, the seniors attended a presentation we titled "Tell Me Your Story". Seniors spend a great deal of time making decisions about their course of study and next step following high school. Four SHG alums agreed to speak about their story and share their paths to success as they left high school. These stories included the ups and downs of their educational, work and personal experiences. The panel included the following:
 - Myra (Long) Hoffman '80, Owner of HIP Advertising Agency in Springfield
 - Dr. Steven Willey '82, a physician in Chesterfield, Missouri;
 - Franklin Ferguson '86, a civil rights lawyer from Los Angeles, California;
 - Angela Laswell Smith '89, a real estate agent from Houston, Texas.We would like to offer our gratitude and thanks to these individuals for their insightful and very motivational talks. We appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedules to share their stories with our senior class.

We have started a new program for seniors called Career Connections. This program features speakers from the community who will talk about their profession and particularly about how a college major can prepare them for the career. Our first presenter was Mark Oldani who spoke about law enforcement and the Illinois State Police. This week Mike Orlando will talk about owning a business. Seniors interested in attending a presentation should see a guidance counselor for a pass.



November 2011

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Office of Advancement

787-9732

Thank you Raffle supporters!

Thank you to all of you who supported the 17th Annual Mega Raffle! We continue to be thankful for all of our Raffle volunteers who have made this fundraiser successful for the last 167 years!

A special thanks to Lynn & John Eck, Jr. and Jeff & Sheri Stauffer who were this year's Mega-Raffle co-chairs and our hundreds of volunteers who sold tickets for us. We are also grateful to all our underwriters for making this a successful year.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

\$100,000—Nick Petrone

\$10,000—Theresa Kolaz

\$3,000 - Sarah, Kelsey, Kyle & Max Hartwig

\$1,000

Madelaine Aherin Group

Karen Becker, Sharon Wanamaker, Deb Keeney, Maripat Cline

Bill & Cindi Fleischli

Donn & Debbie Malwick

Debi Santini

Hannah Rucker

Peter Sheehan & Nicole Hager

More winners listed on next page!

Save the Date:

Wednesday, November 16—
6th Annual Dessert & Dazzle;
Hosted by the SHG Choral Arts
Department at Hoogland Center
for the Arts

Thursday, November 17—
Preview Night for 7th and 8th
graders and their parents/
guardians.

Saturday, February 11—
Booster Club event

Sunday, March 4—
53rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner

*For more information about
any of our events or to
volunteer to help, please contact
the Office of Advancement at
787-9732 or e-mail
Jennifer Bettis at
bettis@shg.org.*

All Souls' Remembrance

We invite you to list the names of the departed loved ones you would like remembered in the Sacred Heart-Griffin Book of Life. These names will be written in the Book of Life, which will remain in the SHG chapel during the month of November. Whenever Mass is offered in the chapel and each morning when the school community prays together during November, we will pray for those whose names are in the Book of Life. We continue to pray for our deceased loved ones. Please send your names to the Advancement Office or e-mail them to ashcraft@shg.org

BUY ONE WHILE WE HAVE THEM!

SPC cards are available in the Advancement office for \$5. Quantities are limited!



SPC CARD

GETS STUDENTS INSTANT DEALS
EVERY TIME* THEY SHOP!

INSTANT DEALS WHEN YOU SHOP AT THE FOLLOWING STORES IN ILLINOIS:

American Eagle
Banana Republic
Forever 21
Gap
Manchu Wok
New York & Company
Sketchers
XXI Forever
and MANY MORE to come.

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Choice Hotels
G by Guess
Heritage 1981
Motel 6
Pizza Hut
The Body Shop



\$500.00

Bob & Teresa Bettis
Kevin & Jennifer Burke

Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Costa

Kimberly Coughlin

Jeff Egizii

Mary Jo Funk

David Knepler

Rev. Donald Knuffman

Sheila Noonan

Anna Yoho

\$250.00

Rhea Allard

American Metals Supply - St. Louis Branch

American Metals Supply - Springfield, IL
Branch

American Metals - Lenexa Branch

American Metals - Indianapolis Branch

Alice Boylan

Alicia Bresnahan

Dave Cassons

Mary Claunch

Bob & Kim Collebrusco

Delores Gallo

Alice Gantt

F.W. Gumpert

Marita & Tom Hartwig

Anise Humaideh

John F. Keating

Rob Lanaham

Jane Lauterbach

Little Flower School Staff

John Nolan

Darrin Peters

David Puccetti

Adrienne Rubinkowski

J.E. Sankey, Jr.

SHG Lunch Bunch

Ryan, Tim & Cindy Timoney

Michael, Tim & Cindy Timoney

Peggy VanSlachem

Mike Weller

Dereck Wyatt

Seller Incentive Winners!

Full Tuition—

Mike & Lori Coffey

1/2 Tuition—Kim Bertoni

\$1,500 Cash—Ralph Hanauer

\$1,000—Jeff & Sheri Stauffer

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*Please be our guest at
Sacred Heart-Griffin's 6th Annual*

Dessert & Dazzle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

HOOGLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Reservations required for assigned seating.

RSVP to the Advancement Office:

(217) 787-9732 or ashcraft@shg.org

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SHG VOCAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

November, 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 Feast of All Saints Academic Team (5:00 p.m.)	2 Feast of All Souls	3	4	5 IMEA District Concert (Western Illinois)
6 Veteran's Day Band Concert (2:00 p.m.)	7	8 Academic Team (5:00 p.m.)	9	10	11 Sophomore Retreat	12
13	14	15 Academic Team (5:00 p.m.)	16 Dessert & Dazzle (7:00 p.m.)	17 Preview Night (6:30 p.m.)	18 12:00 DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting) JEANS DAY	19
20	21 BLOOD DRIVE Food Drive (at St. Cabrini 1020 N. Milton)	22 Academic Team (5:00 p.m.)	23 Thanksgiving Day of Prayer	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28	29 Boys Kairos	30 Boys Kairos			