



Dear Parents and Students,

First of all, thank you for opening this newsletter and investing your time in updates and announcements for what will be coming.

The school year is off to a strong start in the academics and building community. I am proud of the leadership that the students provided for the Freshman Orientation. The witness they gave by their own presence, ownership, and pride in SHG was the best message we could possibly give to the new kids on the block. Student leadership will continue as upperclassmen will present topics to the freshmen during the Freshmen Focus program. Further details on this program will be shared through the web page soon.

The freshmen have also attended a study skills workshop. The slides of the Study Skills presentation are on the website so parents can review the skills and support/reinforce the skills at home (SHG home page>Academics > Learning Lab> Study Skills). A special thank you to Mrs. Rapacz, Mr. Weir, and Mrs. Klachko for getting the freshmen primed for studying and also for tracking their grades and assignments via RenWeb. An interesting tidbit from the presentation was a formula for figuring out an average for the length of time students should be studying each evening. "Take the grade you are in and multiply it by 10 (actually 10 minutes), so a 9<sup>th</sup> grader times 10 would be 90 minutes of study per evening." All that we ask is that everyone give his/her best effort in all venues.

SHG has been a member of the North Central Association for 77 years. Our school goes through a quality review every five years as part of a process of accreditation that is based on continuous improvement in the school. The new name for NCA is AdvancED. We will be hosting the outside review team on October 18, 2011. We are always in the process of improvement. An additional task at hand is verifying the improvements by documents, policies, written processes, etc. It can be compared to getting ready for a BIG test or a BIG game. It takes strategy, time, devotion, and commitment. We will be ready for the BIG day!

All parents are welcome to our Back to School Night on September 1. Remember to bring your student's schedule. Please stay connected to all the activities, educational opportunities, and social events that bring us together as a community of faith. A monthly calendar is included in this newsletter. Also, please read daily announcements. Blessings to each one of you...

With prayers and hope for a great year,  
Sr. Margaret Joanne



## Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith

September, 2011

### *Around the School ...*

#### *Welcome!*

The Sacred Heart-Griffin faculty and staff extend a warm welcome to the class of 2015 all 200 of them, our new transfer students, and all their families. We hope your experience at SHG will be academically, spiritually, and personally fulfilling. To all our returning students ... "WELCOME BACK!"

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#### *Student Absences*

If your student is absent, **PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE (787-1595) BY 9:00 A.M. TO REPORT THE ABSDENCE.** Upon returning to school, the student **MUST** bring a note from home explaining the absence. The student will bring the note to the main office **BEFORE** school and will then be issued a pass to get back into his/her classes. When your student is absent from school for less than three days, we ask the student refer to RenWeb for homework missed. On or after the third day of absence, you may contact the guidance office who will then send worksheets and/or materials not available on RenWeb. If a student must leave during the day (i.e. appointment), he/she **MUST** bring a note of verification to the main office and a pass will be issued to the student. A verification of an appointment during the school hours **MUST** be brought back to school and turned in to the main office. Please consult the Student Handbook, Page 8 regarding further explanation of attendance.

The school **MUST be notified in writing** at least two school days prior to an absence for personal reasons. The school **MUST** be notified in writing at least five school days prior to a vacation which exceeds two days. **If the school does not receive prior notification of absences for any reason other than sickness or death in the family, the days will be considered un-excused.** There is no guarantee that the student's grades will not slip during these absences. The teacher is not obliged to make up tests/quizzes or to spend extra time preparing assignments. Teachers may reduce credit for work missed. If teachers allow students to make up work, they may require that tests/quizzes are taken and assignments handed in **PRIOR** to the student's departure. All long term assignments must be handed in **PRIOR** to the student's departure. (Student Handbook, Page 9, "Non-Medical/Vacation Policy")

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#### *After School Student Pick-Up*

There is **ONLY ONE PICK-UP LINE AFTER SCHOOL** which is the back parking lot off Monroe Street. There are directions and a map to help with after school pick-up on the Dean of Students webpage (Administration > Dean of Students > after school pick-up). Please follow the directions to ease the congestion after school and **PLEASE BE PATIENT!** The circle drive along Washington Street **CANNOT BE USED!** The Washington Street entrance is blocked off for the safety of our students fifteen minutes prior to the end of school and remains so until fifteen minutes after school is dismissed.

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#### *Student I.D. Cards*

The Sacred Heart-Griffin Student I.D. card serves as a lunch\* card, a library card, attendance to study hall, and a pass to home CS8 athletic events (exclusive of play-off and tournament games). If an I.D. card is lost, the replacement cost is \$10 and may be purchased **BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL ONLY (NOT DURING THE LUNCH PERIODS)!**

- A student deposits money (MINIMUM of \$10 in his/her lunch account in the Commons Office **BEFORE** school. When the account is depleted of money, the cafeteria cashiers will take the card and turn it in to the Commons Office. When the student makes a deposit (MINIMUM of \$10) in to his/her account, the I.D. is returned to the student. All students have a temporary I.D. card located in the Commons Office that may be used for lunch **THREE** times during the entire school year

when a student has forgotten their card. (THE TEMPORARY I.D. MAY BE USED ONLY IF MONEY IS IN THE STUDENT'S ACCOUNT!) Students MAY NOT purchase lunch for others.

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### ***Service Hours***

The philosophy of Sacred Heart-Griffin is to provide a well rounded education. We want our students to have a life long habit of service and volunteering. Therefore, students are REQUIRED to record (via yellow service cards) a minimum of twenty (20) service hours each year. Most of our students go far beyond this minimum. The yellow service cards are available in all the Theology classrooms, in Campus Ministry, and in the main office.

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### ***Back-to-School Night for SHG Parents/Guardians***

The annual Sacred Heart-Griffin Parent's Back-to-School night will be held on **Thursday, September 1**. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and parents/guardians will need to proceed to their student's first hour class at 6:45. Parents/Guardians will then continue to follow their student's schedule and meet the teachers. The Administration Staff will be in the Commons to meet, greet, and answer questions. During the student's study hall, please join us in the cafeteria for some conversation and socializing. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT'S SCHEDULE WITH THE PERIOD, CLASS NAME, ROOM NUMBER, AND TEACHER'S NAME.**

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### ***Mega-Raffle***

Find out how to win **FREE TUITION** by selling mega-affle tickets. (For every twenty tickets you sell, your name goes in one time for a chance to win **FREE TUITION** ... \$6975 value.) The Mega-Raffle kicks off at Back-to-School Night on **Thursday, September 1**. Pick up your packet in the cafeteria. You must sign up for a packet in order to have one prepared for you at back-to-school night. Call the Advancement Office at 787-9732 to sign up for a seller packet or for more information.

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### ***Theology "R" Rated Video***

Occasionally, it is necessary for a Theology teacher to show a video or video clip with a "R" rating. The video is relevant to the material being presented in the Theology class. If you prefer your student NOT view any "R" rated material, please send a note to your student's Theology teacher by **Thursday, September 8**.

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### ***Volunteer Nurses Needed***

Volunteer nurses are needed to help go through Sacred Heart-Griffin's freshmen and athlete's physical forms. Please call the school's main office (787-1595) to volunteer to help us on the evening of **Tuesday, September 20** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** You do not need to be experienced at this, but you must be a nurse. Thank you in advance for your help and remember that *many hands make light work*.

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### ***SHGWorks***

Parent volunteers are needed for SHGWorks the weekend of **October 8-9**. Sign up to help out our community by assisting low income, disabled, and elderly homeowners maintain their homes and yards. You may sign up for one day or two. If a full day commitment is not in the cards, see about volunteering to help deliver lunches, help with supper, or take a shift for the overnight. Sunday will begin a little later to allow time to attend 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes. Please return your volunteer sheet to the main office. Forms are available on our website, [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org). If you have questions, contact Mrs. Nora Yochim at 698-9846 or [norayochim@comcast.net](mailto:norayochim@comcast.net).

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### ***Daily Announcements***

To get a daily review of what is happening at Sacred Heart-Griffin, go on line at [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org) and click on Announcements. Each day, announcements are updated and read over the PA System at the beginning of third hour. Check out our announcements to get a glimpse of what is going on in our school each and every day.

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### ***Who You Gonna Call?***

Included with this September Newsletter is a listing of the Sacred Heart-Griffin Guidance Counselors and the "Avenues for Additional Support." Each includes their responsibilities. If you need to speak to any of these staff members, please call the main office (787-1595) and your call will be connected or a message left in their mail box. Additional sources of information include the SHG website daily announcements, monthly newsletter, and <http://www.thezonelive.com>. In case of inclement weather, the following TV/radio stations will announce school closings: Chanel 20 News, WFMB (1450 AM), WTAX (1240 AM) and WMAY (970 AM).

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### ***Crisis Management Plan***

Sacred Heart-Griffin has an emergency medical plan that was designed and submitted according to the proposed rule issued from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Emergency Team responsibilities are established each school year. There are parent coordinators for each grade who will advise parents of the emergency situation, advise parents if their student is or is not involved in the emergency, and after the crisis assist those parents who wish to take their student(s) home. There are first aid providers and counselors when needed. Each year, SHG has practice fire drills, tornado drills, intruder drills, bus evacuations, etc. so that our students are ready and know what to do in case of an emergency. We assure you that the safety and protection of our SHG students and staff are our first priority.

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### ***School Reach***

School Reach is an automated message system which delivers a message via phone to all homes. We will use it for emergencies, special announcements which affect more than 50% of students, and as a reminder for major school events. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBERS ARE UP-TO-DATE.

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### ***Admission 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 education policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

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### ***Dessert & Dazzle***

#### ***November 16***

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will hold its sixth annual "Desert & Dazzle" on Wednesday, November 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Springfield. "Dessert & Dazzle" is an initiative to raise money for SHG's vocal music department and the spring musical. The event will feature choreographed vocal entertainment by SHG student performers and gourmet desserts. The title of the spring musical will also be announced. Attendees will have an opportunity to contribute to the vocal music department at "Dessert & Dazzle." Contributions will support the production of the spring musical and the ongoing needs of the vocal music department. For more information about SHG's vocal music department or to R.S.V.P. for this event, please contact the Advancement Office at (217)787-9732.

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## PREVENTION SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### PEER LEADERS - FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Welcome to SHG, Class of 2015 and our new students! A huge “THANK YOU” to all the SHG Peer Leaders that guided our newest students during Orientation on August 15<sup>th</sup>: **SENIORS:** Abby B., Ali, Allison, Anastacia, Ashli, Aubrey, Bella, Billy, Brady, Brendan, Brennan, Casey, Conner, Corinne, Devon, Dominic, Emily, Grace L., Grace S., Hannah Mc., Hannah P., Joshua, Kaitlyn, Katy, Keelin, Kendall, Lauren A., Lauren L., Lexi, Maggie P., Maitlin, Mary, Matt J., Megan H., Neal, Nick, Noah, Sadie, and Sean. **JUNIORS:** Abby H., Abby R., Caitlin, Catie, Courtney, Curt, Darcy, Erik, Glen, Hannah M., Joe S., John, Joe M., Kathleen, Kimberly, Laura, Lauren F., Lauren S., Maggie A., Marcus, Matt M., McKenzie, Megan M., Megan R., Molly, Morgan, Ryan, Sarah, Tabitha, and Tori. **SOPHOMORES:** Adam, Allyson I., Allyson P., Andrea, Corey, Haley, Nick, and Zach. You all did a fantastic job!

Freshmen Orientation would not have been possible without the following senior co-directors: Abigale Millburg, Amanda Mandeville, Brigid Cavanagh, Ellen Curry, Inga Kalvaitis, and Izzy Silveri. These six students met once a week throughout the entire summer to plan (and run) the entire day. THANK YOU!!!

Throughout the year, please check out the prevention website for ways to get involved! Go to [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org), click on “students”, then click “prevention”.

### PREVENTION OPPORTUNITY- CONFERENCE

Attend the “Putting Prevention into Action” conference on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am-5:00pm at Illinois Central College (East Peoria, IL). Prevention First is looking for students and adults who would like to raise awareness and learn to advocate for prevention within the community. Cost is \$25 and space is limited. For more information and/or to register for the event, please go to: <https://members.prevention.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?i=1107>

### CURRENT PREVENTION OPPORTUNITIES

#### **F.I.R.E. (Friends in Resistance Education) Club:**

All students who commit to a drug-free lifestyle can join! Members serve as role-models to peers, plan prevention activities throughout the year (Red Ribbon Week, safe driving, and suicide awareness), and facilitate programs at local elementary schools. F.I.R.E meetings are every Tuesday after school.

#### **OPERATION SNOWBALL:**

O.S. is a three-day retreat where 300+ teens learn leadership skills through hands-on activities and team-building exercises. This program also provides teens with information to make smart choices and avoid risky behaviors. Applications for Glenwood High School’s Snowball in November will be available soon. Watch for information posted in the announcements. SHG will host Snowball in January.

For more information: [www.os-iti.org](http://www.os-iti.org)

#### **ILCAAAP (Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems) Teen Board:**

This board is made up of area high school students who spread drug-free messages to youth groups, schools, camps, parent programs, and community groups. “Trainers are nationally recognized and teach leadership skills, team building, drug & alcohol prevention, healthy relationships, and recognizing teen stressors”. Find articles, statistics, and ways to get involved: [www.ilcaap.org](http://www.ilcaap.org)

**F.O.R. (Friends of Rachel) Club:** Founded after a “Rachel’s Challenge” presentation at SHG in 2009, this club strives to create a welcoming environment within SHG and the community through acts of (anonymous) kindness. F.O.R. meets after school on Wednesdays! More information on Rachel’s Challenge can be found at [www.rachelschallenge.org](http://www.rachelschallenge.org)

*All students at SHG are introduced to these organizations throughout the school year and are encouraged to participate. Any information regarding prevention programming will be available for viewing on the daily announcements and on the prevention page of the SHG website.*

## GUIDANCE OFFICE UPDATE

The Guidance Office staff visited all the senior English classes the end of August to discuss the college application process. They were re-introduced to Family Connection by Naviance, a web-based system designed especially for students and parents.

Students were also given an unofficial copy of his/her transcript. Students were encouraged to begin personal statements and resumes that are included with many college applications. Students should allow at least two weeks notice when requesting a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor. A copy of the student's resume and completions of a recommendation request by the student is a helpful aid for teachers and counselors in writing letters of recommendation. The Recommendation request can be obtained in the College Counseling Center or Guidance Department. Many of the regional colleges will be sending representatives this fall to talk with the seniors. Please check scheduled visits in Family Connection or see posted in the daily announcements.

Mrs. Heckman, our college counselor, will offer an in depth explanation of the Common Application to interested students before and after school on Wed, Sept. 7 in the Computer Lab. She will cover the use of the application and all the other details of using this application method for applying to several schools. The Common App is not used for our public universities in Illinois. Also, if you would like to make an appointment to discuss your student's choices of colleges, please contact Mrs. Heckman or your student's Guidance Counselor.

More information on navigating the college process will be shared in a presentation for parents on September 14 at 6:00 p.m. Students are also welcome to attend. More information is listed in this newsletter.

### The SHG OFFICE of GUIDANCE and COUNSELING

*Presents:*

### ***COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT***

- \* How to find the right college
- \* The application process
- \* Admission criteria
- \* ACT/SAT information
- \* Naviance Succeed software to help you and your child with the college search and application process

**Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 pm**  
**SHG Sr. Rachel Conway Auditorium**  
(Formerly the SHG Choral Room)

**AVENUES FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**  
**August, 2011**

**MAIN OFFICE – 217-787-1595**

**PRINCIPAL ... Sr. Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P.**  
(smjg@shg.org)

Curriculum  
Teacher Problems or Situations  
Parent Contacts  
Teacher Supervision  
Sexual Harassment  
Enforcement of Policies  
Approval for Field Trips, Fund raisers  
Contracts for Faculty  
Approval for Workshops  
Approval for Personal and Professional Days  
Self Reports of Drug/Alcohol Policy Violations  
I-20 International Students

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ... Mr. Bob Brenneisen**

Teacher Supervision  
Attendance Records/Early Dismissals  
Athletics  
Teacher Problems or Situations  
Reserving Rooms in Building  
Dress Code Interpretation  
Discipline Problems  
AdvancEd process and review  
Honors Night  
Lists of Students for Field Trips  
Substitutes/Lesson Plans  
Monitor Sick/Personal Days

**ADVANCEMENT OFFICE – 217-787-9732**

**PRESIDENT ... Sr. Katherine O'Connor, O.P.**  
(skoconnor@shg.org)

Chief Executive Officer of SHG  
Mission Effectiveness  
SHG Board of Directors  
Strategic Planning  
Policy Formation  
Financial Issues  
Development Issues  
Legal Issues  
Public Relations

**VICE PRESIDENT ... Mrs. Bev Neisler, C.F.R.E.**

Public Relations  
Marketing  
Student Recruitment  
Fundraisers  
Special Events (i.e. Mostaccioli, Raffle)  
Endowment  
Memorials  
Estate Planning  
Alumni Office

**BUSINESS MANAGER ... Mr. Tom Fiaush**

Tuition (F.A.C.T.S.)  
Scholarship Process  
Financial Aid  
Accounts Payable  
Accounts Receivable

**DIRECTOR STUDENT AND FAMILY SERVICES ... Dr. Bill Moredock**  
**GUIDANCE and COUNSELING**

Substance abuse prevention/problems  
Schedule changes/concerns  
Student problems/academics  
Relational problems between students/teachers or student/student  
Concern about safety/well-being of student  
Crisis intervention  
Concerns regarding parents of students  
College/Scholarship recommendation letters  
St. John's partnership  
Dual Credit (Benedictine University)

**DEAN ... Mr. Eric Chrzanowski**

Discipline problems  
Detentions  
Academic dishonesty  
Dress code interpretation  
Cars/Parking/Parking problems  
Injuries/First Aid assistance  
Student permission to use phones

**DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT – Mrs. Kara Rapacz**

Grade level meetings  
Teaching/Learning Strategies  
Learning Lab  
Students with learning challenges  
P.A.S.S. liason

**TEACHERS ...**

Clarification of class assignments  
Discipline rendered to your student  
Student's academic progress  
Posted assignments/grades  
Concerns relating to a particular class

**CAMPUS MINISTRY ... Sr. Linda Mary DeLoinas**  
**Mr. Phil Seck**

Activities and programs of Campus Ministry  
Service Hours  
Service Opportunities  
Kairos and other retreats

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** Call 217-787-1595 **BEFORE 9:00 A.M.** (you may leave a voice mail)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES**

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES** – lastname @ shg.org (all faculty and staff except the sisters; check the website)  
**MAIN OFFICE** – 217-787-1595 (Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.)

[www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org) – daily announcements, calendar, monthly newsletter, faculty directory, e-mail addresses, honor roll

[www.thezonelive.com](http://www.thezonelive.com) – announcements, cafeteria lunch menu, calendar

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

### **\*BILL MOREDOCK: Students A, L - R (x 127)**

#### **Director, Student and Family Services**

Testing Supervisor

- ACT

- Disseminates testing results to students;  
maintains records

Crisis Team Coordinator

Facilitates weekly Core Group meetings

Prevention Program Liaison

Freshman Registration Coordinator

Transfer Student Registration

Academic Affairs Committee Representative

St. John's academic partnership

Dual Credit with Benedictine University

### **KARA RAPACZ: Director of Academic Support (x 112)**

I.E.P.'s

Differentiated Instruction

Learning Lab Referrals and Scheduling

Class Level Support Teams

### **BECCA BENSON: Prevention Coordinator (x149)**

Student Support Groups

Prevention Events and Activities

Snowball and Snow Flurries

Mandated drug education for students

Coordinate Freshman Orientation

FIRE

Peer Leaders

### **\*LESLIE SECK: Students B, S - Z (x 129)**

Peer Mediation Coordinator

Career Advisement

Testing Day Coordinator

Crisis Team

Assist with Financial Aid Announcements  
and Parent Workshops

College Advisement

### **\*STEPHANIE PHILLIPS: Students C - K (x 126)**

Capitol Area Career Center Coordinator

Military Liaison

Learning Lab Liaison

College Advisement

St. John's mentor/intern liaison

### **SANDI HECKMAN: College Counselor (x 138)**

Recommendations for College Applications

Focus on Seniors as they choose colleges

### **THERESA DUFFIN: Registrar (x 125)**

Scholarship Information Coordinator

College Visit Coordinator

Transcripts

Announcements

Web Site Coordinator

College Information Specialist

### **\*Provide Counseling Service for Students**

- Meet individually with students in case load
  - Monitor academic progress of students
  - Meet with parents as requested and/or needed
  - Consult with faculty regarding the academic and social well being of students
- Maintain temporary student files
- Conduct staffings with teacher and parents to review student achievement for the purpose of establishing a course of action that will maximize the student's potential
  - Conduct registration for current students through individual conferences
  - Conduct registration meetings for incoming freshmen and their parents as directed by the registrar
  - Assessment and referral of students with specific mental health needs
  - Consult with outside mental health agencies (i.e., DCFS, Memorial Adolescent Inpatient Unit) regarding mental health states of students

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September 2011

# Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Office of Advancement

787-9732

## Get involved with Advancement!

**Programs like these help keep tuition over \$1,000 lower per student! Thank you for helping!**

### 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual SHG Mostaccioli Dinner – Sunday, March 4, 2012

Please hold the date for your family to volunteer and enjoy a wonderful Italian dinner. You will be notified at the first of the new year of volunteer opportunities that are available. This is a great opportunity for students to receive service hours, and for parents to socialize with other parents in one of the longest-running sit down dinners in Springfield! You will be provided your packet of meal tickets and raffle tickets in January – Approximately \$90,000 is raised for the SHG operating budget through this one-day event and almost 9,000 meals are served. Please help us keep this tradition strong!

### Help us promote Sacred Heart-Griffin!

When you sign up to be a Parent Ambassador, you'll have the opportunity to participate in various school events and share your positive SHG experiences with the families of potential students. Your insight could be just what a family needs to make the decision to join our SHG family. For more information or to sign up, contact Erica Cusumano, Director of Student Marketing and Alumni, 787-9732 Ext. 155 or [cusumano@shg.org](mailto:cusumano@shg.org)

### Do you shop at County Market?

If so, you can designate a portion of your purchase to go towards the SHG operating budget. It is so easy. All you have to do is register your MAX card at [www.countymarket.com](http://www.countymarket.com); select a store location; click on Promotions & Events; click on the green bar "Max \$ sign up (you may have to scroll over with the arrow); select Sacred Heart-Griffin High School and enter the first 11 digits of your MAX card number.

### Do you shop at Schnucks?

If so, you can designate a portion of your purchase to benefit SHG. Just go to the customer service desk at Schnucks and tell them you would like to sign up for the eScrip program to benefit SHG and they will provide you with the details.

### Annual Fund Volunteers

The Annual Fund, which is the foundation of our fundraising, supports the SHG operating budget. These vital unrestricted dollars can be used for the areas of greatest need such as financial aid, technology, teachers' salaries, books, utilities, etc. Last year, thanks to the generous support of 1,162 alumni, parents, past parents, grandparents, faculty, staff & friends of SHG, the Annual Fund saw a 9% increase over the previous year in the amount of \$220,722. For the 2011-2012 our goal is \$243,000. Assistance is needed not only in making a gift to the Annual Fund if you are able, but in volunteering to make thank you calls, pledge calls or whatever your comfort level would be. If you would like to be involved, please call or e-mail Jen Bettis, Director of Advancement at 787-9732 or [bettis@shg.org](mailto:bettis@shg.org)

## Advancement Office welcomes new Director of Student Marketing & Alumni



Erica Cusumano, SHG Class of 2001, has been named Director of Student Marketing and Alumni at SHG. In this position, she will direct and plan all student marketing events and activities and all alumni activities and programs. She will also serve as the editor of the alumni newsletter, *Visions*. We look forward to having Erica on board with us!

## Save the Date:

### September 1—

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mega Raffle Kick-Off! Sellers pick up your packets in the cafeteria during Back to School Night. Good luck!

### Friday, October 7—

Early Bird Raffle Drawing  
Live on Sports Radio 1450 AM;  
20 \$500 Prizes will be awarded!

### Monday, October 31—

Mega-Raffle Grand Prize Drawing at Mid-America Advertising and Live on Sports Radio 1450 AM

### Wednesday, November 16—

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dessert & Dazzle;  
Hosted by the SHG Choral Arts Department at Hoogland Center for the Arts

### Thursday, November 17—

Preview Night for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents/guardians.

### Saturday, February 11—

Booster Club event

### Sunday, March 4—

53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mostaccioli Dinner

*For more information about any of our events or to volunteer to help, please contact the Office of Advancement at*

**For more information on SHG Black & Gold Discount Cards, contact your coach or moderator!**

# THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHG MEGA-RAFFLE

## Why be a Mega-Raffle Seller?

### YOU COULD WIN FREE TUITION!

#### SELLER INCENTIVES:

**WIN FREE TUITION:** For every 20 raffle tickets you sell, your name goes in a drawing for FREE TUITION (\$6,975 value).

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Another chance to win a HALF tuition waiver (\$3,487.50) will be drawn IF we sell all 4,200 tickets. (Current parents and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents only for tuition prizes)

For every 5 tickets you sell, your name goes in a drawing for the following cash prizes:  
**\$1,500, \$1,000 & \$500.**

The Mega-Raffle has a total of 70 cash prizes. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$100,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> place is \$10,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> place is \$3,000; 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> places are \$1,000 each; 11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> places are \$500 each & 21<sup>st</sup>-50<sup>th</sup> places are \$250 each. Early Bird prizes are 20 prizes at \$500 each.

Only 4,200 tickets are sold at \$100 each. Many people like to split tickets or have a group ticket.

The Mega – Raffle **kicks off on Back to School night, September 1** by picking up your seller packet and instructions in the cafeteria.

Four weeks into the Mega-Raffle we hold the Early Bird Drawing. **The date this year is Friday, October 7.** The incentive to have your ticket(s) purchased by then is a chance for an additional 20 cash prizes of \$500 each, and your name goes back in for the final drawing on October 31. We will go live with Sam Madonia on Sports Radio 1450 AM for the Early Bird Drawing between 7:30 - 8 a.m.

The **final drawing** will be held at Mid-America Advertising on **Monday, October 31** and aired live on Sports Radio 1450 AM between 7:30-8 a.m. Everyone is invited for breakfast, sponsored by Mid-America Advertising, and the drawing of cash prizes and seller incentives. You do not have to be present to win any of the Raffle prizes or incentives.

Tickets can be purchased online also at [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org)

We also need office help in the Advancement Office – processing tickets, answering phones, running credit cards, etc. We have a lot of fun!

For more information anything about the Mega-Raffle please call us:

**John & Lynn Eck, Co-Chairs: (home) 698-3257 or [eckjr1@att.net](mailto:eckjr1@att.net)**

**Jeff & Sheri Stauffer, Co-Chairs (home) 529-6524, [jeff@midamericaadvertising.com](mailto:jeff@midamericaadvertising.com)  
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**Jen Bettis, Director of Advancement: (office) 787-9732 or [bettis@shg.org](mailto:bettis@shg.org)**

**Please help us keep this very successful fundraiser going strong! The Mega-Raffle raises approximately \$230,000 for operating costs each year. Thank you!**

17<sup>th</sup> Annual

# SHG MEGA Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$100,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$10,000

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$3,000

4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Prizes - \$1,000

11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Prizes - \$500

21<sup>st</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> Prizes - \$250

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

Friday, October 7, 2011

Live on Sports Radio 1450

20 - \$500 Prizes Awarded

(Early Bird winners are included  
in the Grand Prize Drawing.)



GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mid-America Advertising

100 East Hazel Dell Road

Live on Sports Radio 1450

Breakfast begins at 7 a.m.

(Need not be present to win)



The SHG Mega Raffle is sponsored in part by the following underwriters:

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Bangert Plumbing - Ryan Bangert, '95; Gooch & Associates and Quicksilver Mailing Services

**ONLY 4,200 TICKETS SOLD!**

To purchase a ticket over the telephone, for more information or for questions, please call (217) 787-9732.

Or you can PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.SHG.ORG

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Seller Number \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT INFORMATION (please check one)

Check made out to SHG Raffle     Cash

Money Order     Visa     MasterCard

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$100 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Over the past 16 years Sacred Heart-Griffin High School has awarded almost \$2.5 million to 1202 winners.  
The Raffle benefits the students at SHG, and \$1,000 will be donated to each of the Springfield-area Catholic grade schools.*

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# September, 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> Parents Back-to-School Night (6:45)  SHG Mega-Raffle Kick-Off	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>12:00</b> <b>DISMISSAL</b> Faculty Meeting	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> College Planning Night (6:00)	<b>15</b> Service Fair	<b>16</b> Service Fair	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Jostens w/ Juniors (class rings)	<b>20</b> Volunteer nurses to go over physicals (4:00 -6:00)	<b>21</b> Day of Peace	<b>22</b> Jostens taking class ring orders	<b>23</b> Jostens taking class ring orders	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Jr/Sr. Girls Powder Puff Game	<b>26</b> Day of Prayer	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Homecoming Dance (8:00-11:00)