



Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you are having a great summer break. On July 29th and 30th we had a overwhelming response to a request for help to move books back in to the newly renovated library/learning center. The generosity and enthusiasm of the students was great. Whether the student came as part of a team, club, group, or individual she/he became part of team that made a huge difference in a few hours. To each one of you, I want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU. My next hope is that you and all the students and teachers will find the library/learning center a place that invites and encourages your thirst for knowledge and academic pursuits.

The start of school is August 12 for Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors as they attend one of the required orientation sessions (9 or 11). Orientation for Freshmen and Transfers will be on Wednesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 14 from 8:30. Please make it a daily habit to check our SHG website under **daily announcements** to find out more details as we approach the dates. The newsletter with other information was sent on July 24th.

All athletes (fall, winter, spring sports) and one of their parents are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 7:15 p.m. Please go into the auditorium and have a seat. We want to avoid the hallway noise and distraction during the assembly.

Sacred Heart-Griffin is a Catholic, Dominican high school that welcomes a diverse student population to pursue academic excellence in a community of faith.

It is of utmost importance as we step forward into the new school year that we accent **who we are as a Catholic and Dominican school**. The Dominican charism is supported by the four pillars of community, prayer, study, and service. No pillar stands alone or in importance but rather works in conjunction with the others to make the mission of academic excellence in a community of faith a lived reality. One Dominican author succinctly accents the Catholic identity in the following quotation:

“Catholic education forms students in a manner consistent with the values and teachings of the Church, and helps them grow in faith. It is based on belief in human reason, ethical truth, moral norms and a sacramental imagination. Students learn the importance of building community, proclaiming the message, participating in worship and prayer, and engaging in service.”

Let us maximize our Catholic and Dominican identity by using the four pillars to support all that we do as we work together to educate our students and grow as a community of faith.

Wishing you many blessings,
Sr. Margaret Joanne