



August, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

This newsletter is bittersweet. Reading an August newsletter from school means the summer vacation will soon be over (bitter) and the new school year with its hopes and excitement is here (sweet)!

SHG is rooted in tradition so there will be many things that will be familiar and expected. We will continue to strive for academic excellence in a community of faith. Our curriculum is strong and teachers continue to edit/revise/initiate/implement ideas to enhance the learning process. The teachers' growth in using technology is laudable. We have had some major changes in technology which includes another smartboard, two e-beam white boards, video streaming availability for all classrooms, multi-media projectors (installed in each classroom), another tablet in the math department, a new server, and a new student data management program (RenWeb). There is a learning curve to all of this as the switchover to the new server has not gone without roadblocks and hurdles. We ask your patience during the transition. This also affects your access to the students' grades and assignments. After the storm, the benefits will be parent and student access to grades, assignments, lunch accounts, and discipline record. It will also allow parents to update family information from home. We will keep you informed regarding the progress and accessibility to use RenWeb.

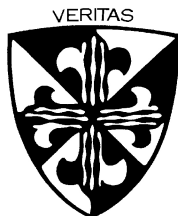
Throughout the year, we will continue to use School Reach which is an automated phone system that allows us to send a message to your homes and cell phones. The database of phone numbers is built from the information you have provided. The messages are important but not exclusively for emergencies. There will be updates, reminders for what we consider significant happenings, a call for volunteers, and other topics that need across-the-board family contact. The message begins "This message is sent from your child's school..." The feedback from parents regarding our use of School Reach has been 98% positive and supportive. We have heard very few negatives, one being that parents panic when they see the school number.

SHG is a successful school because we have parents who are involved and supportive in their child's education. Please take the time to read the student handbook which you will be signing off on Aug 16 or 17 so that you have a fresh reminder of the philosophy, rules and policies. Students will return the contract from the last page of the handbook to their fourth period teachers on the first day of class.

Please continue reading this newsletter for information regarding the start of school, orientations, and required forms for school as well as athletics.

Enjoy the final days of summer break. Welcome to Sacred Heart-Griffin and a great new school year.

Wishing you blessings,  
*Sr. Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P.*



*Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith*  
*August, 2010*

*Around the School ...*

***We Are Proud of You!***

Congratulations to the following 2010 Sacred Heart-Griffin spring athletes who were selected as All-Conference: **Baseball** – Mike Hurwitz, Jared Jachino, Andrew Kelley, and Will Pufundt with special mention to Ridge Ackerman and Zach Rockford; **Soccer** – Bridget Finn, Jessica Megginson, and Rachel Murrill with special mention to Alison Boyer and Kelsey Hartwig; **Softball** – Mallory Beck, Megan Kucher, Megan McLean, Madison Murphy, Kaitlyn Reiser, and Jessica Taylor with special mention to Audrey Butler, Liz Narup, and Audrey Trees; **Boys Tennis** – Aaron Midden, Joe Stegeman, and Sam Vaughn; **Boys Track** – Eric Delvo with special mention to Sean Ryan and Michael Schaddel; and **Girls Track** – Joelle Christy, Emily Delvo, Kelsi Frank, Lauren Fyalka, Sarah Giacomini, Kayla Kolis, Meredith McClain, Lily Mocharnuk, Madz Negro, and Sarah Treat with special mention to Kassidy Gietl and Chrissy Smith.

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***Fees Day Follow-Up***

Thank you for participating in Book and Fees Day. We appreciate your patience, support, and greetings. For those students who were unable to attend, please note:

**Schedules** may be picked up and fees paid in the main offices **Monday-Friday** from **7:30-3:00 (except the week of August 2-6 as the offices will be closed)**. **ALL 2010-2011 FEES MUST BE PAID BY MONDAY, AUGUST 16**. Please call Mrs. Becky Jones at 787-1595 x 156 with questions regarding fees.

**Books** may be purchased at the Bookstore on **Monday, August 16** and **Tuesday, August 17**. Books can be purchased at this time only. **THE BOOKSTORE WILL NOT BE OPEN AT ANY OTHER TIME BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN!**

**I.D. Pictures** – Students will receive their picture packets and I.D. cards at orientation. Those students who did not have an I.D. picture taken (**THIS INCLUDES SENIORS**) will need to do so **BEFORE SCHOOL on Monday, August 23 at 7:15 a.m.** Picture retakes will also be that day.

**Student Parking** – Students may register and pay the \$10 parking fee in the main office Monday-Friday. Senior parking is assigned randomly!

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***Orientation Days***

Orientation days are **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** days for all students. They ensure quality education beginning with the first day. Parents are asked to call the school office and send a note if students are ill and cannot attend the orientation.

**August 16** - Freshmen/Transfer Students ONLY

**August 17** - Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

**FRESHMAN ORIENTATION and SHG TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**Monday, August 16 (8:00-3:00)** – **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** for all freshmen. Students will need to bring a pen and notebook. The cafeteria **WILL** be open to purchase lunch with the student I.D. provided money has been deposited in the student's lunch account. (Lunch fees are payable to SHG in the Commons Office with a \$10 minimum payment.) Students may bring a sack lunch if not wanting to purchase a cafeteria lunch. It is helpful to bring change if you are planning to get something to drink or snacks from the vending machines. Dress is casual, but appropriate, showing respect for yourself and others ... **NO** short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, or short skirts.

**Monday, August 16 (7:00-8:00 p.m.)** – There will be a dance in the Commons for the freshmen, transfer students, and orientation leaders **ONLY**. Dress is casual and modest.

**Freshman and Transfer Student Parent Orientation** – There is a MANDATORY meeting for all parents of freshmen and transfer students on the evening of **Monday, August 16** from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Bring you freshman or transfer student to the dance while you attend the parent meeting in the Auditorium. You will get a glimpse of your student’s orientation session. If you are unable to attend, please call the main office.

#### **TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION**

Transfer students (Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors) are strongly encouraged to attend orientation on **Monday, August 16**. This will help in making an easier transition to SHG. All transfer students will be grouped together.

#### **SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, SENIOR ORIENTATION**

**Tuesday, August 17 – REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** for all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. There will be two sessions available to attend ... **8:00 a.m.** or **2:00 p.m.** Students have the option of attending one or the other. Both sessions will be identical in content. **ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN!** Students will go directly to the Auditorium for the orientation then will proceed to the Auditorium Lobby to pick up their student handbook, schedule, I.D., and pictures (if ordered). Orientation will last approximately 90 minutes.

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#### ***2010-2011 Classes***

All Classes begin promptly at **8:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, August 18**. The first bell rings at **7:55 a.m.** and all students should be seated in their first hour class by the 8:00 bell. Wednesday will be an early dismissal at noon. Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20 will begin the full-day classes (8:00-3:00). Students, remember to have your student I.D.’s with you to purchase lunch. Yes, uniforms must be worn beginning the first day (Wednesday, August 18).

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#### ***Before School Drop-Off/After School Pick-Up***

Sacred Heart-Griffin has two drop-off lines before school. One drop-off is the circle drive in the front along Washington Street and the other is in the back parking lot off Monroe Street. **THERE IS ONLY ONE PICK-UP LINE AFTER SCHOOL** which is the back parking lot off Monroe Street. The circle drive along Washington Street is blocked off to after-school traffic for the safety of our students. During the school day, please do not block traffic by double parking in the circle drive. The circle drive is the fire lane for emergencies.

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#### ***\*\*\*ALL Sports Meeting\*\*\* (Fall, Winter, Spring)***

ALL Sacred Heart-Griffin fall, winter, and spring athletes along with at least one parent ARE REQUIRED to attend a MANDATORY sport’s meeting on **Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium. The evening will include general information about the SHG athletic program. This will be the only sport’s meeting this school year, so please be in attendance. In addition, each individual sport will schedule their own parent meeting.

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#### ***\*\*\*Medical Alert\*\*\****

If your student has a medical condition that might require first aid or emergency treatment, please make this information known in writing and turn it in to the main office attention Principal. Health records are checked, but sometimes all the information is not on the form. If a student must take medication during the school day, a parent must sign a medication release form. These forms are available in the main office. Medication must be left in the office and must have identification.

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#### ***Fall Sports***

Most fall sports for the 2010-2011 school year will begin practice on **Wednesday, August 11**. It is the responsibility of each student on any team to check with the coach of that sport for the exact time and place for practices. Many teams post schedule on our SHG website.

Cross Country	Ed Gaffigan	Soccer (boys)	Peter Christofilakos
Football	Ken Leonard	Swimming (girls)	Mike Schwartz
Golf (boys)	Mike McDonald	Tennis (girls)	Enrique Pozo
Golf (girls)	Jen Ciotti	Volleyball	Kristen Sams

All fall athletes must have a current physical on file PRIOR to August 11. No athlete will be allowed to tryout for a team without a current (less than a year old) physical on file. NO PHYSICAL, NO PRACTICE!!! If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lisa Burg at 787-1595 x 119.

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### ***Student Directory***

Each year, Sacred Heart-Griffin publishes a Student Directory. This directory is a great tool for parents to network with other parents. If for some reason you DO NOT want your name, address, and phone number published in the directory, please call 787-1595 by August 20. If calling after hours, voice mail is available. Please speak slowly and spell your last name. If you have moved since **January, 2010**, please verify your information is current. Some parents are requesting that a parent email be included. If you wish to support this movement, please send your email to [wingbermuehle@shg.org](mailto:wingbermuehle@shg.org) and subject: SHG Directory.

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### ***Fall Sports Showcase***

The fall sports teams, the Pep Band, Cheerleaders, and Poms will showcase their talents at the Black and Gold games on **Friday, August 20** beginning at **3:45 p.m.** at the West Campus. Please come support your SHG athletes as they showcase their teams. You can get a first look at what their opponents must contend with. Visit the SHG Booster Club Tent to receive your SHG Fall Sports Schedule. While at the tent, purchase your sports apparel and enjoy a cold drink and a sandwich. (All SHG fall athletes, band members, cheerleaders, and poms' meals are complimentary.) A Back-to-School dance will be held in the Commons from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per student and only SHG students may attend. **Appropriate attire** ... knee length or longer pants, t-shirt or golf shirt. Come join in the fun ... it is a great way to begin the 2010-2011 sports season!

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### ***Freshmen Physicals***

Physicals are REQUIRED of all incoming freshmen. They are DUE to Sacred Heart-Griffin by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2010**. All student athletes must have a current physical on file BEFORE they are allowed to participate in any sport (tryouts, practices, and games). THIS POLICY IS STRICTLY ENFORCED. Consequences for non-compliance may include a suspension for one week beyond the date when the completed physical form is turned in to the office.

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### ***SHG Parent Network***

Involvement of all Sacred Heart-Griffin parents is vital to the success of the SHG Parent Network. The annual dues of \$12 provides seed money for their work. Each year, the Parent Network assembles lists of parents who have volunteered to assist with their sponsored activities, thus making the activity chairperson's job easier. The SHG Parent Network registration and volunteer form is available in the main office and will also be available at the Parent's Back-to-School Night. If you have already completed a form and returned it, we thank you. If you have not completed a form, please consider being part of the SHG Parent Network and return it to the main office as soon as possible. If you would like to be the President/Leader/Chairperson for Parent Network, please contact Sr. Margaret Joanne ASAP at [smjg@shg.org](mailto:smjg@shg.org).

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### ***Parents of Seniors***

A reminder to all senior's parents to have your student make his/her appointment with Terry Farmer Photography (698-6000) for their yearbook portrait. Gentlemen must wear a suit jacket, collared shirt, and tie. The ladies will use the traditional wrap. The deadline is fast approaching!

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### ***Shop A Palooza***

Sacred Heart-Griffin's **Shop A Palooza** will feature vendors selling jewelry, clothing, florals, books, household items, and much, much more. The Gold Refinery will also be buying gold for top dollar, so bring your gold to get cash to shop. There will also be a delicious bake sale filled with homemade delicacies. **When:** Sunday, September 26, 2010; **Where:** SHG's West Campus, 1601 West Washington; **Hours:** 12:00-5:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 (kids 12 and under free). Join us for a shopping event you don't want to miss!

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## August, 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2 <b>Offices Closed</b>	3 <b>Offices Closed</b>	4 <b>Offices Closed</b>	5 <b>Offices Closed</b>	6 <b>Offices Closed</b>	7
8	9 Peer Leader Training <b>(9:30-12:30)</b>	10	11 New Teacher Meeting <b>(8:00 am)</b>	12	13	14
15	16 Freshman Orientation <b>(8:00-3:00)</b>  Freshman Dance <b>(7:00- 8:00 pm)</b>  Freshman Parent Orientation <b>(7:00-8:00pm)</b>	17 Soph/Jr/Sr Orientation <b>(8:00 OR 2:00)</b>  Faculty Meeting <b>(8:30 am)</b>  All Sport's Meeting <b>(7:00 pm)</b>	18 Band <b>(7:30 am)</b>  Classes <b>(8:00-12:00)</b>  Board of Directors Retreat <b>(4:00- 9:00 pm)</b>	19 Zero Hour Begins <b>(7:05-7:55 am)</b>  Classes <b>(8:00-3:00)</b>	20 Classes <b>(8:00-3:00)</b>  Black & Gold <b>(3:45 pm)</b>	21
22	23 I.D. Pictures <b>(7:15 am)</b>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 All-School Mass	2 Back-to-School Night <b>(6:40 pm - Presentation for Parents 7:15 p.m. - Class Schedule)</b>  Mega-Raffle Kick-off	3	4