



Dear Parents and Students,

As we step forward into the new school year, I would like to accent **who we are as a Catholic and Dominican school**. The Dominican identity comes from the Dominican Sisters who established our school in 1896. The Sisters were called Dominicans but their official name is Order of Preachers (O.P.). The Dominican charism and way of life is supported by the four pillars of community, prayer, study, and service. No pillar stands alone or in importance but rather works in harmony with the others to support the preaching, or the mission. The mission for SHG is academic excellence in a community of faith. Our motto is VERITAS (Truth). One Dominican author succinctly accents the Catholic and Dominican 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.”

We tell the students about the four pillars. The words are posted in the hallways. The pillars become a way of life as our students pursue truth and grow mentally, academically, spiritually, socially, and physically. We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children. We will be working with you to educate our students and grow as a community of faith.

### *SHG Mission ...*

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



The cross in the center signifies that Jesus is the center of our lives.

**The Dominican motto is Veritas (Truth)** which is pursued and supported by prayer, study, community, and service/preaching. Preaching is rooted in the gospel and takes many forms as it is expressed by individuals with differing talents and gifts.

The four pillars of the Dominican tradition are:

- Prayer** - participation in prayer whether that be private or public, as an individual or as a group.
- Study** - participation in classes, in the completion of assignments, in reading, in observing, in conversing, in questioning... in pursuing truth in each subject, content area, and life.
- Community** - daily interaction and connections with one another; participation in school activities and the broader community; spending time with others; taking an interest in others.
- Service** - we preach by our words, works, and actions. In response to love we are compelled to reach out and help others.

The pillars parallel the four-fold dimension of Catholic education found in To Teach As Jesus Did:  
**message, service, community and worship**

May God bless all of us throughout this academic year.

With prayers, Sr. Margaret Joanne



*Around the School ...*

*We Are Proud of You!*

Congratulations to the following 2011 Sacred Heart-Griffin spring athletes who were selected as All-Conference: **BASEBALL** – Michael Hurwitz, David Jacob, Carter Pranger, Michael Reavy, Clint Sestak, and Patrick Smith with **Special Mention** to Neal Aherin and Jarrod Sergent; **SOCCER** – Brittany Bertoni, Jenna Hopkins, and Rachel Murrill with **Special Mention** to Lexie Gaffney and Katy Johnson; **SOFTBALL** – Megan Kuchar, Elisabeth Narup, Kaitlyn Reiser, Audrey Trees, and Courtney Withrow with **Special Mention** to Christina Bate, Audrey Butler, Cassie Kuizin, and Nicole Ramirez; **TENNIS** – Bryan Bitzer, Joseph Stegeman, and Sam Vaughn with **Special Mention** to Connor Sommers and Pierce Yu; **BOYS TRACK** – Eric Delvo with **Special Mention** to Matt Janes and Michael Kelley; and **GIRLS TRACK** – Emily Delvo, Meredith McClain, Lily Mocharnuk, Diana Montgomery, and Sarah Treat with **Special Mention** to Alexandra House and Abigail Ralph.

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*Book and I.D. Day Follow-Up*

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

- **Books** may be purchased at the Bookstore beginning **Tuesday, August 9** from **8:00-3:00**.
- **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 CLASSES** on **Thursday, August 18** beginning at **7:15 a.m.**
- **Student Parking** – Students must register and pay the \$10 parking fee in the main office Monday-Friday.

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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 (787-1595) **AND** send a note if students are ill and cannot attend the orientation.

**Monday, August 15** – Freshmen, Transfer Students    **Tuesday, August 16** – Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

**FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS ORIENTATION**

- **Monday, August 15 (7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)** – **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** for all freshmen and all transfer students. Please arrive between **7:45-7:55 a.m.** to check in. Orientation begins promptly at 8:00 and will end at 3:00 p.m. Please have a ride available at that time. Students will need to bring a notebook and pen. 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 15 (7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)** – All freshmen and transfer students are welcome back in the evening for an activity and snacks. It is a great, fun way to meet your new classmates!

**FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS PARENT ORIENTATION**

- **Monday, August 15 (7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)** – There is a **MANDATORY** meeting for all parents/guardians of freshmen and transfer students. Bring your freshman or transfer student back to school for an informal get-together while you attend the parent meeting in the gym. You will get a glimpse of your student's orientation session.

**SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR/SENIOR ORIENTATION**

- **Tuesday, August 16 (8:00 a.m.) – REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** for all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN! Students will go directly to the gym for the orientation. After, students will then proceed to the commons to pick up their student handbook, schedule, I.D., and pictures (if ordered). Orientation will last approximately 90 minutes.

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**2011-2012 Classes**

All classes begin promptly at **8:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, August 17**. The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. and all students should be seated in their first hour class BEFORE the 8:00 a.m. bell. Wednesday will be a 12:00 dismissal. Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19 will begin the full-day classes (8:00-3:00). Students, remember to have your student I.D.'s with you AND money on your account if you are planning to purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Uniforms are REQUIRED beginning the first day of classes (Wednesday, August 17).

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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. Please refer to the parking instructions located on the SHG Home Page > Administration > Dean of Students > Downloads > After school pick-up. 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 athletes (fall, winter, and spring) along with at least on parent ARE REQUIRED to attend a MANDATORY sport's meeting on **Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in the gym. 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. Medications must be left in the office and must have identification.

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**Fall Sports**

Most fall sports for the 2011-2012 school year will begin practice on **Wednesday, August 10**. 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 practices/schedules 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 10**. 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 extension 119.

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**Fall Sports Showcase**

There will **NOT** be Black & Gold games on Friday, August 19 due to construction, lack of parking, and no rest room facilities. Sorry!

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### ***Freshmen Physicals***

Current physicals are REQUIRED of all incoming freshmen. They are DUE to Sacred Heart-Griffin by **Friday, September 2, 2011**. 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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### ***Discount Cards***

The 2011-12 Discount Cards will be ready by **August 15** for teams and organizations who would like to sell them to benefit your program. They sell for \$10 each and for every one you sell your program will receive \$8. Please call the Advancement office 787-9732 or e-mail JoAnne Ashcraft at [ashcraft@shg.org](mailto:ashcraft@shg.org) or e-mail Jen Bettis at [bettis@shg.org](mailto:bettis@shg.org) for more information.

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### ***2011 Mega-Raffle!***

#### ***YOU CAN WIN FREE TUITION!***

The SHG 17<sup>th</sup> annual Mega Raffle will kick off at Back to School Night on **Thursday, September 1**. If you sold tickets last year, you will be contacted by your team captain or the Advancement office. If you have never sold before and you are a freshman parent, you will hear more about it at Parent Orientation on **Monday, August 15**. If you have never sold before and would like to sell this year or would like to have more information, please call the Advancement office at 787-9732. **Don't pass up this chance to win FREE TUITION!**

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# August, 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 <b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>	2 <b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>	3 <b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>	4 <b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>	5 <b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Freshman & Transfer Students Orientation <b>(7:45-3:00)</b>  Freshmen & Transfer Students <u>Parent</u> Orientation <b>(7:00 p.m.)</b>	16 Upper Classmen Orientation <b>(8:00 ONLY)</b>  ALL Sports Meeting <b>(7:00 p.m.)</b>	17 Classes <b>(8:00-12:00)</b>	18 Zero Hour <b>(7:05-7:55)</b>  Classes <b>(8:00-3:00)</b>  <b>DUE:</b> <b>Student Handbook back page</b>	19 Classes <b>(8:00-3:00)</b>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31  All-School Mass	1  Parent's "Back-to- School" Night	2  <b>DUE:</b> <b>Freshmen Physicals and Birth Certificates</b>	