



Dear Parents and Students,

At our last faculty meeting (1/14/11), we welcomed Benjamin McClean and Diane Pugh from St. John's Hospital to advance the conversation regarding the educational partnership between St. John's and SHG. We reviewed the contacts and programs completed thus far. Four guest speakers came to the summer health classes; Faye MiniRemen spoke at the orientation for grades 10-12 about the ten reasons not to drink alcohol; Suzanne Schalber spoke to parents as they gathered for Back To School Night on ways to encourage their teens to not drink alcohol; first semester health classes had guest speakers; Wendy White spoke at the Sophomore Retreat about holistic health, including good nutrition, adequate exercise, and sleep (every night, not just a twelve to fourteen hour catch up on weekends). Besides these presentations, there have been several planning meetings. A goal for the future is a **mentoring program** that will give SHG students an opportunity to observe and to talk to St. John's professionals about the field in which the students are interested for their futures. A variety of professionals could include doctors, nurses, dieticians, administrators, technicians, etc. The committee for planning the mentorship will include St. John's representatives, SHG faculty, a parent or two, and students (numbers and selection to be determined). If you are interested in being a part of planning this innovative project, please send an email to me. The committee is being formed so, at this time, I do not know the format, time commitment, or number of meetings. My guess would be an hour to an hour and a half about every 5-8 weeks until the program is in operation. The time beyond that will be determined by the committee.

Beginning this second semester, the grades you will see on RenWeb will include two decimal places. We found that you need to see that detail because the teachers are using decimal places for semester grades.

The students showed a tremendous spirit at the Boys' City Tournament. We are proud of their efforts in coordinating the activities and in working together to make a difference. Also, thanks for the tremendous generosity shown in the food collection that was part of the Spirit of Giving program. In this case, **social networking** was used in a very positive and productive way to teach the cheers and to unify the student body. If only technology were ALWAYS a blessing and used for the good of all!!! Wow, what a world this could be!

On January 24, 2011, we announced a new tradition. The girls' athletic teams known as the Blazers will now be known as the Cyclones. The Blazer tradition is a proud one. Girls' athletics in Springfield and CS8 are huge and notable because of the trail "blazing" of our SHA/SHG girls. The change was initiated by an SHA Blazer alum, and the SHG Board of Directors endorsed the idea. In conversation with some Blazers, we realize that there is much pride, emotion, and attachment to the Blazer tradition, but we are also hearing that they too believe that the time is right to unify our athletes under one name, one team, one Cyclone Nation. Go SHG!!!

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January 27 – February 5 is Catholic Schools Week. See the daily announcements for details. The theme for the national week of celebration is:

***A+ for America***  
***Catholic Education***

Catholic Education is a plus for America. Catholic Education is a **PLUS** for America. **Catholic** Education is a plus for America. Catholic **Education** is a plus for America. Catholic Education is a plus for **America**. Notice the meaning shifts depending on what you accent.

Sacred Heart-Griffin is a Catholic, Dominican high school that welcomes a diverse student population to pursue academic excellence in a community of faith. What do you accent as you make the choice to send your children to Sacred Heart-Griffin?

Wishing all of you a great month and a Happy Valentine's Day; we'll see you at the Family Dance, and enjoy Presidents' Day! As always, thanks for continuing to support and monitor student learning at school and at home.

With prayers and support,  
***Sr. Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P.***



## *Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith*

*February, 2011*

### *Around the School ...*

#### *We Are Proud Of You!*

Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart-Griffin Art students who won at the **January 15** Scholastic Art Competition: Maggie Ambrose, Honorable Mention; Tessa Armich, Silver Key; Lauren Barganz, Gold Key; Jennifer Brenneisen, Gold Key; Molly McIntrye, Honorable Mention; Dorothy Pham, Honorable Mention; Joanna Song, eleven Gold Keys and two Honorable Mentions; and Kelsey Warner, Honorable Mention. In addition to the Scholastic Art awards, 24 special awards were given and Joanna Song won four of them. All Gold Key pieces go on to the National Competition.

Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart-Griffin Hockey Players who were selected to play in the LLHSHL All-Star game on **January 21**: seniors Zachary Carwile, Tyler Gansky, Roberto Maiocco, and Anthony Swann and junior Anthony Rocco.

Congratulations to junior Brendan Finnell who was selected to be the piano soloist with the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra at their Spring Concert. Brendan has studied piano with Sister Francis Mary Philipp, O.P. for eleven years.

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#### *Thank You!*

To all the parents who donated items and/or time to the SHG Snowball event on January 14-16, THANK YOU! Without your generous support, this program would not be possible. To view pictures of the event (as well as a Lost & Found list) go to [www.shg.org>Students>Prevention](http://www.shg.org>Students>Prevention).

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#### *After School Pick-Up*

When picking up students in the back lot after school, parents are **NOT** allowed to park in the drive off Monroe Street. The drive needs to be open for two-way traffic. Please pull up, out of the drive, and find a parking space. Acceptable parking spaces are along the outside edge or in one of the parking spaces in the lot. Please be courteous to others and do **NOT** block the drive. There are directions and a map to help with the after school pick-up on the Dean of Students webpage (Administration>Dean of Students>after school pick-up). If you do not like dealing with the congestion in the back lot, have your student walk down one of the numerous side streets and pick them up there. If you have any questions, please call Mr. C at 787-1595 extension 108.

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#### *Family Dance ... February 12, 2011*

“Valentine’s Day” is the theme for this year’s Family Dance to be held on **Saturday, February 12** from **8:00-11:00 p.m.** This event is by far the favorite of all the social activities at SHG. Fathers accompany their daughters while mothers accompany their sons for an evening of visiting, dancing, and fun. If a student’s father or mother cannot attend the dance, students are encouraged to “adopt” a parent for the evening. Class officers and a crew of students plan and decorate this family celebration. Tickets are \$10 per family and will be sold during all lunch periods from February 7 through 11. (Girls going on Kairos February 8 are reminded to purchase their tickets **BEFORE** they leave.) **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 12 and come join the fun.

**DRESS CODE FOR FAMILY DANCE** – Dresses and tops should reflect a concern for Christian values in being both modest and tasteful. Low cut and bare mid-riffs **ARE NOT ALLOWED**. The front of the dress or top must be cut above the breast line in a solid material. The back of the dress or top must be cut above and not at the waistline in a solid material. Strapless dresses or tops are inappropriate for an evening of dancing and are highly discouraged. If in doubt, do not buy it; do not wear it. Gentlemen’s attire includes a dress shirt and tie, dress slacks, shoes, and socks. **PLEASE, NO JEANS!** Those dressed inappropriately will be asked to leave.

### ***Academic Signing***

Seniors parents, we are having an inaugural "Academic Signing" on **Wednesday, February 16 at 3:15 p.m.** in the Commons. We would like to honor our seniors that have already made a decision about where they are planning to attend college next year. While several seniors have not received all their acceptances at this time, other seniors have already decided on their choice for next year. This will be our first signing and we will have others this winter and spring. We invite to you to attend, share refreshments, and take the opportunity to visit with faculty and staff. Please contact Mrs. Sandi Heckman (College Counselor) at 787-1595 extension 138 or [heckman@shg.org](mailto:heckman@shg.org) if you will be able to attend and celebrate with the students.

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### ***Western Catholic Union (WCU) Scholarship***

Western Catholic Union (WCU) is offering five \$1000 scholarships to Catholic High School students. To apply for the 2011-2012 scholarship, the student must be in 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade and attend a Catholic high school. The student and at least one parent of the student must be a WCU life or annuity member. Scholarship application forms are available in the main office. The deadline for the application to be mailed is **March 1, 2011**.

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### ***Mostaccioli Sunday ... March 6, 2011***

Sacred Heart-Griffin's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mostaccioli Dinner and Raffle will be held on **Sunday, March 6, 2011**. The student kick-off was on Wednesday, January 26. On the kick-off day, SHG students received six adult dinner tickets (**\$60**) and four raffle books (**\$40**) totaling **\$100**. The current financial policy states that "*each student is required to sell the assigned quota for the Mostaccioli Dinner/Raffle. Any portion of the quota not met will be charged to the student's tuition account*" (2010-2011 Student Planner, Tuition and Fees, Page 4). Parents, please ask your student for the packet so that it is not left in their locker or book bag. Information is included in the packet regarding collection days and student incentives.

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### ***2011-2012 Tuition/Financial Grants***

Eligibility for grants requires payment of the student's 2011-2012 registration fee of \$225 and completion of the financial aid application forms by **March 15, 2011**. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. If you have any questions regarding tuition and grants, please contact Mrs. Becky Jones at 787-1595 extension 156.

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### ***Father Thomas Pisors Scholarship***

The Father Thomas Pisors Scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year will be awarded to two current Juniors who are in good standing at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School and who are registered for the 2011-2012 school year. Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship toward next year's tuition. The SHG Science Department will select the recipients. Applications are now available in the main office or on the SHG website under Admissions (click on Forms). Completed applications must be returned to Sr. Katherine O'Connor, O.P., President; Sacred Heart-Griffin; 1200 West Washington Street; Springfield, IL 62702 by **March 15, 2011**.

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### ***Prom Dresses***

Sacred Heart-Griffin's Junior/Senior Prom is **Saturday, May 7, 2011**. We know that girls begin shopping early for that special Prom dress. The following guidelines **MUST** be followed when selecting a dress. Dresses should reflect a concern for Christian values in being both modest and tasteful. The dress style should cover rather than reveal the bust line. Low cut, tight, and/or revealing bust lines are neither modest nor acceptable. Bare mid-riffs **ARE NOT ALLOWED!** Different body shapes and sizes have differing styles to address modesty and good taste. Please dress according to guidelines so that we can all enjoy the evening. Those dressed inappropriately will be asked to leave. This also applies to dates from other schools. **PARENTS** please do your part; if you have questions, call us!

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***Are You Interested In Reducing Your Tuition Costs?  
Are You Interested In Professional Work Experience?  
Are You Interested In Earning a 0.5 Business Elective Credit?  
Then the Sacred Heart-Griffin Internship Program May Be For You!***

Sacred Heart-Griffin is pleased to offer current sophomores and juniors the opportunity to be part of the SHG Internship Program. This SHG administered program assists qualified students with tuition costs while providing them with professional work experience in businesses in the community. Upon completion of course work, students also earn a 0.5 business elective credit.

Parents of interested sophomores and juniors are required to complete and submit the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment form by **March 15, 2011**. Students are required to complete an internship application and, upon review, qualified students will be contacted for a confidential interview.

Internship applications are now available in the main office the Finance Office. To be considered for the internship program, the internship application must be received in the Finance Office by **March 15, 2011**. For more detailed information on this program, please visit [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org)>Admissions>SHG Internship Program or contact Mrs. Ellie Garvey, Program Director, at 787-1595 extension 145.

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## ***SHG GUIDANCE OFFICE UPDATES***

### **2011-2012 COURSE REGISTRATION**

Registration for next year's classes will begin in **February** beginning with the students in the current junior class. Each student will meet with his/her guidance counselor to select classes for the upcoming academic year. A copy of selected courses will be mailed to the parents for approval before the schedule is finalized.

### **ACT/SAT PREPARATION CLASSES**

Many students take a preparation class prior to taking the ACT and SAT exams. There are several different prep classes offered throughout the Springfield area including one offered at SHG. (We have these listed on our school website under the Guidance Office tab.) Please check the starting dates for the Springfield area prep classes. All juniors have received information regarding the ACT prep class at SHG. This class will begin on **February 27**. Information on this class can be found on the SHG website under the Guidance Office and ACT/SAT Test Information tab or at: [http://www.shg.org/academics/guidance\\_act\\_sat.php](http://www.shg.org/academics/guidance_act_sat.php).

### **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The seniors have applied to colleges, received admission decisions in many cases, and are narrowing their choices down. In addition, they are looking for ways to pay for college. On the SHG website, we have listed the scholarships that we have received information on as well as some helpful websites. There are many university scholarships that are not listed here but can be found at the university's website. We encourage you to check our website at [http://www.shg.org/academics/guidance>scholarships>financial\\_aid.php](http://www.shg.org/academics/guidance>scholarships>financial_aid.php). A brief description of each scholarship, applicable due date, and criteria for the scholarship is listed. We encourage you to read these to see if the scholarship might fit your student. Applications can either be downloaded or obtained in the Guidance Department.

# Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Office of Advancement

787-9732

## SHG Celebrates 52 years of Mostaccioli!



**Sunday, March 6 will mark 52 years of SHG Mostaccioli!**

The annual Mostaccioli Dinner has become a traditional event in Springfield that thousands of people take part in year after year and is a major fundraiser for SHG.

The students, parents and alumni are the key to the success of the event. With their help, SHG is able to serve between 9,000–10,000 dinners each year!

**Volunteering is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other parents, students, faculty, staff and alumni!**

**Please join us this year: The Mostaccioli Dinner will be held on March 6 at SHG's West Campus from 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

### Mostaccioli Kick-Off:

Students received their Mostaccioli tickets, which included 4 raffle books and 6 adult dinner tickets, in their homerooms on Wed., January 26. **Parents, please ask your student for the packet so that it is not left in their locker or book bag. Information is included in the packet regarding collection days and student incentives.**

### Mostaccioli Volunteers:

It's going to take everyone's help to put on the dinner. Please see the shifts below and e-mail your preference to Mostaccioli Volunteer Coordinators, Mary Leach and Debbie Nemecek at shgmeatballs@yahoo.com or call Mary's cell phone at 899-2575.

**Sunday, February 27** is pizelle making in the SHG cafeteria! Shifts are 12-2:30 and 2:30-5. E-mail Linda McKenna to sign up at mcklake@comcast.net

**Tuesday, March 1** from 5:30 p.m. — ? (usually finished by 7:30-8 p.m.)

**Thursday, March 3** from 5 p.m. — ? (adult men only)

**Saturday, March 5** from 8:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.

**Sunday, March 6** from 10 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. (be there at 9:30 a.m.)

**Sunday, March 6** from 2:30 – 7 p.m. (be there at 2 p.m.)

**Sunday, March 6** from 7 – 9 (Little Flower Men's Club and the baseball team along with their dads help with clean up... other dads and sons welcome too!)

**Monday, March 7** from 9 a.m.— Noon

**Please keep reading the on-line announcements and newsletters for more information!**

## Save the Date:

**Sunday, March 6—**  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mostaccioli Dinner

**Saturday, March 19—**  
Black & Gold with a touch o' green  
Booster Club event, 7:00 p.m. at  
SHG's East Campus Commons and  
Gym

**Thursday, March 24-Sunday,  
March 27—** Spring Musical,  
*Anything Goes*

Tickets for this year's musical will go on sale to the general public on February 16. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. All tickets are reserved and may be purchased by phone at 787-1595 ext. 153 or by mail by sending a check, your name, phone, number of tickets and performance date to the school office. Tickets will be waiting at the box office before the show or may be picked up at the school office during school hours.

"Set Sail with *Anything Goes*" Children's Event is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling the SHG Advancement Office at (217) 787-9732.

**Friday, June 17—** SHG Scholarship Scramble at Piper Glen Golf Course

*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](mailto:bettis@shg.org).*



# COUNTRY CUPBOARD

**SHG MOSTACCIOLI DINNER**

**March 6, 2011**

**Needed: Your HOMEMADE pies, cookies, breads, etc.**

*Please package to sell: Clear wrap (no foil) or disposable container. Label contents.*

## **Students Can Earn Service Hours!!**

Baking for a bake sale is considered service

Examples: 3 doz. Cookies = 1 hour of service (3 hr. limit)

Pie = 2 hours

Bread = 1 hour

Be sure to sign the sheet when dropping off items.

Items can be dropped off any time during the Mostaccioli Dinner, the Saturday morning before the dinner, **OR STUDENTS WHO DROP OFF ITEMS FRIDAY (March 4) BEFORE SCHOOL IN THE CAFETERIA GET AN SHG WINDBREAKER!** (You must make at least 3 doz. cookies or 2 pies, 2 cakes, 2 breads, etc. to qualify). Limited quantity of windbreakers available—first come, first serve.

**BEST SELLERS - Rice Krispie treats, angel food cake, pies, brownies,  
and cinnamon rolls.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!!**

# SHG

Black & Gold

with a touch o' green

Saturday, March 19, 2011

7:00 p.m.

SHG's East Campus Commons/Gym

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment by  
The Emerald Underground

☘ Catered by McCormicks ☘

☘ Cash Bar ☘

☘ Live/Silent Auction ☘

Tickets - \$25 per person

For more information or to order tickets, call the  
SHG Advancement Office at 217-787-9732

Hosted by the SHG Booster Club

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Presents



**PERFORMANCES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 - 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - 7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 - 2:00 P.M.

**"SET SAIL WITH ANYTHING GOES" CHILDREN'S EVENT**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - 2:00 P.M.

**TICKETS**

\$10 - ADULTS

\$8 - SENIORS/STUDENTS/CHILDREN

CALL 787-1595 EXT. 153

## February, 2011 Black History Month

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>30</b>  Catholic Schools Week A+ for America Catholic Schools	<b>31</b>  All-School Mass	<b>1</b>  Black History Month	<b>2</b>  Mostaccioli Collection  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Meeting (6:00)	<b>3</b>  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Meeting (6:00)	<b>4</b>  Mid-Quarter  <b>12:00</b> <b>DISMISSAL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Family Dance Tickets Sold (10:45-12:15)	<b>8</b>  Girls Kairos  Family Dance Tickets Sold (10:45-12:15)	<b>9</b>  Girls Kairos  Mostaccioli Collection  Family Dance Tickets Sold (10:45-12:15)	<b>10</b>  Girls Kairos  Family Dance Tickets Sold (10:45-12:15)	<b>11</b>  Girls Kairos  Family Dance Tickets Sold (10:45-12:15)	<b>12</b>  Family Dance (8:00-11:00)
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Mostaccioli Collection  Academic Signing (3:15)	<b>17</b>  <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Mostaccioli Collection	<b>24</b>  National Honor Society Induction (7:00)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  ACT Prep Class (1:00-3:00)	<b>28</b>					

**2011 Summer School – May 31–July 1 ~ Book & I.D. Day – June 22**