



Sr. Margaret Joanne's letter www.shg.org under Administration November, 2008

Around the School ... We Are Proud Of You!

Our apologies to Lilli Stelle whose name was misspelled in last month's newsletter.

Thank You!

Sacred Heart-Griffin has received \$4700 from the Springfield Diocese "Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope" endowment to be used for need based scholarships. We are grateful to all in the diocese who make this endowment possible.

Sacred Heart-Griffin has received a check in the amount of \$182.24 from Target through their "Take Charge of Education" program. Since the program's inception in 1997, SHG has been the recipient of a total of \$3707.75. If you would like to be part of this program, please sign up at Target and designate SHG as your school. Target will donate up to 1% of every purchase made with their REDcard to SHG. The "Take Charge of Education" dollars are donated to SHG twice a year.

Veteran's Day Band Concert

The Sacred Heart-Griffin Concert and Jazz Bands will present their 8th annual Veteran's Day concert on **Sunday, November 9** beginning at **4:00 PM** in the Dominican Hall Auditorium. A soup/chili supper and bake sale will be held in the school

• More than 1/3 of 9th grade students report having tried alcohol before the age of 13 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2006)! Help your student take a stand by encouraging them to participate in prevention activities throughout the year. Operation Snowball is a great way to get students involved and meet new friends who share similar views on underage drinking and other risky teen behaviors. Snowball

cafeteria immediately following the concert. Come out and enjoy some patriotic music as we salute our veterans and stay for supper!

SHG Preview Night!

Sacred Heart-Griffin will welcome seventh and eighth grade students along with their parents/guardians to our annual Preview Night on **Thursday, November 13**. Registration will begin at **6:30 PM** with the feature presentation beginning at **7:00 PM**. It is an evening designed to offer prospective students the opportunity to walk through our halls. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

T.S. Buzby Scholarship

The T.S. Buzby Scholarship provides scholarship monies for a student presently employed. The scholarship is applicable to any current SHG student. The applicant must prove consistent, gainful employment for no less than three months immediately prior to the application deadline and must have worked an average of seven hours or more per week. Employment consists only of paid work. Verification may include, but is not limited to, pay stubs, earning statements, cancelled checks, or a letter from an employer. Application forms can be obtained in the main office and are DUE back by **Monday, November 24**. The recipient's name

• 30% of High School Students have reported drinking five or more drinks of alcohol in one sitting (that's BINGE DRINKING) is a three-day drug and alcohol free lock-in with great motivational speakers, educational workshops, group activities, a dance, a talent show, and tons of fun for any high school student!

(Operation Snowball was founded in Rockford, Illinois in 1977. Operation

will be drawn from among those students who apply. The selected student will be named in the January, 2009 SHG newsletter.

Holiday SCRIP

This year, Thanksgiving is celebrated on November 27. Why is that date important for SCRIP purchasers? There are only three full weeks after Thanksgiving to order SCRIP before SHG's Christmas break. Start planning ahead for those gift card purchases. If you haven't signed up to participate in the SCRIP program, or have any questions regarding SCRIP, contact Becky Jones in the Finance Office at 787-1595 ext. 156 or by email at jones@shg.org.

Early Christmas Shopping

Mark your calendars ... the SHG Bookstore and the SHG Booster Club will be holding their annual sale on Saturday, December 6. Come to the main campus Commons beginning at 8:00 AM to shop for both your school and sports needs.

Prevention

Did you know....

within the past 30 days (Illinois Youth Survey, 2006)

Snowball is an alcohol and other drug use prevention program focusing on leadership development to empower youth to lead a drug-free life. The name originates from the idea that "If I have a positive impact on you, you can have a positive impact on someone else and the effect snowballs." Out of this concept emerges "A Community of Caring"-

the success of Operation Snowball.)

Upcoming Snowball Events

Parents, events like this can only be run with the help of dedicated volunteers! Please sign-up (at SHG) to help us throughout the week-end. We really need your support to make this happen!

Students should listen to announcements regarding availability and deadlines for Snowball applications

SB 3016 (Sex Offender Registration)

Passed both houses; signed by the Governor; Public Act 94-0994. Among many other things, this

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legislation requires a principal to advise parents of children that they may access information regarding registered sex offenders that is available to the public. The Illinois Sex Offender Registry is available through a link on the Illinois State Police website, at <http://www.isp.state.il.us/>. Individuals may search the database by name, zip code or county. Access is free.

Nondiscriminatory 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

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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 educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.”

The October Newsletter had an incorrect enrollment for 2008-2009. The correct enrollment is Freshmen, **198**; Sophomores, **200**; Juniors, **212**; and Seniors, **219** totaling **829** students.

November Dates of Note

- Saturday, November 1 - SHG Alumni & Friends Shopping Trip
Thursday, November 6 - CiCi's Pizza (4:00-10:00 PM, sponsored by SHG Band)
SHG Dessert & Dazzle (7:00-9:00 PM, Hoogland Center)
Sunday, November 9 - SHG Band's Veteran's Day Concert & Soup/Chili Supper (4:00 PM)
Thursday, November 13 - SHG Preview Night for all 7th/8th grade students (7:00 PM)
Friday, November 14 - 12:00 DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting)
Tuesday, November 18-21 - Girls Kairos
Wednesday, November 19 - MID-QUARTER
Thursday, November 27 - NO SCHOOL (Happy Thanksgiving)
Friday, November 28 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving holiday)

Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 27 - November 21

Key Club Moderator, Dan Wilson

“Preach always and sometimes use words.” This quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi calls to us today to preach through our actions to those most in need. It is time for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Last year, SHG provided food for 145 families who would have otherwise gone hungry here in our own Springfield community. SHG will team up with Catholic Charities and many other organizations around Springfield to put together Thanksgiving food baskets to give to more than 300 families who could not otherwise celebrate the holiday with a feast like so many of us do. I pray that this year we may succeed once more in helping those less fortunate among us with a Thanksgiving to remember. Thank you for your time and all that you do to help SHG be a vibrant and growing community of faith. Included below is a list that will be posted in each classroom at SHG which indicates what is needed to complete a basket.

1 laundry basket (medium or large size), 1 pkg. Pop Tarts or breakfast bars; 1 drink mix (i.e., coffee, tea, kool-aid); 4 boxes macaroni and cheese, 2 lg. cans of baked beans, 2 pkg. muffin mix, 1 box stuffing mix, 1 desert mix or cookies, 1 lg. can spaghetti w/ meatballs, 1 lg. pkg. of pudding mix, 1 pancake mix, 1 pkg. of sugar, 1 jar of peanut butter, 2 cans of soup, 1 box of cereal, 2 lg. cans of vegetables, 1 lg. can of yams, 1 bag chips/snacks, 1 box instant potatoes, 2 cans of fruit, 1 pkg. rice or noodles, 1 lg. pkg. of jello mix, 1 box of hot cocoa mix, 1 bottle of syrup, 1 pkg. brown sugar, 1 jar jelly, 1 pkg. toilet paper, 1 laundry soap, 2 bars of soap, 1 shampoo, 1 toothpaste, 1 pkg. napkins/paper towels.

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COLLEGE PLANNING UPDATE

– Don't forget that the priority filing deadlines for the state universities are rapidly approaching. The following list shows the upcoming state school priority filing deadlines:

University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign	November 1, 2008
Northern Illinois University	November 15, 2008
Illinois State University	November 15, 2008
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	December 1, 2008

– First consideration is given to applications received by the priority filing date. If space allows, applications received after the priority filing date will be considered. If your student is planning to apply to any of these schools, please allow at least seven days for completion of the counselor form, transcript processing and mail delivery.

– St. Louis University, University of Missouri-Columbia, St. Louis University, Marquette, and University of Dayton are just a few of the colleges that have December deadlines affecting merit-based scholarship consideration. Because the requirements are so varied, please carefully read each school's application information or talk to your student's guidance counselor to determine the filing deadlines for specific school your student is interested in attending.

– If your student is using the common application to apply to colleges and universities there have been a few changes this year. When a student applies online, they must designate the name of their counselor and teachers for the evaluation sections. The teachers/counselors have the option of completing the information online or opting out of online submission. If they opt out of submitting their information online, an e-mail will be sent to the student and the student must then print the evaluation forms with all of the student information and bring into the appropriate individuals. The counselors must opt out due to our transcript software so your student must bring the secondary school report forms into the Guidance Office. *Because this is a new procedure and there could be a time delay, please have the student follow up with the teacher and counselor to ensure a seamless process.*

– On Oct. 15, the seniors attended a presentation we titled "Tell Me Your Story". Seniors spend a great deal of time making decisions about their course of study and next step following high school. Four presenters agreed to speak about their story and share their paths to success as they left high school. These stories included the ups and downs of their educational, work and personal experiences. The panel included the following:

Butch Elzea- local businessman and visionary of Southwind Park (the largest projected handicapped accessible park in the USA)

Mike Orlando- SHG parent and owner of seven Subway stores

Howard Peters- attorney and Executive Assistant to the CEO of the Springfield Urban League

Greg Steil- SHG alum and president and owner of ATI Physical Therapy

We would like to offer our gratitude and thanks to these individuals for their insightful and very motivational talks. We appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedules to share their stories with our senior class.

– Attention all College Bound Athletes: On November 3 at 7:00 p.m., Springfield High School, in conjunction with the athletic department at ISU, will host a workshop on the NCAA initial-eligibility requirements for Division I and II colleges. More information on the workshop can be found on the

enclosed flyer.

Dear Parents,

Hello, my name is Kristen Clow, the Prevention Coordinator at Sacred Heart Griffin High School. As I am beginning to plan a huge event, and have been working with many of your students, I thought it would be the appropriate time to ask for your help! On January 16th-18th of 2009 we will be hosting the Sangamon County Snowball at SHG. Snowball is a three-day lock-in, focusing on teen empowerment and living a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle. In past years, we have had over 200 students and teen staff members participate in the event, and we would love to have your help and support! **Please mark what areas you can help us with:**

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Chaperones: (this would be a huge help!)

- ____ Friday evening: 5:30pm-11pm - check-in duty/set-up/supervision
- ____ Friday night: 11pm-7:00am (Sat) - female adult for supervision of girl's room
- ____ Friday night: 11pm-7:00am (Sat) - male adult for supervision of boy's room
- ____ Saturday morning: 7am-11am - serving breakfast/clean-up/ general supervision
- ____ Saturday: 11am-1:30pm - Serving Lunch/clean-up
- ____ Saturday: 2:30pm- 7:00pm - general supervision/dinner/clean-up
- ____ Saturday: 11pm-2am (Sun) -chaperone dance/ serve snacks
- ____ Saturday: 11pm-7am (Sun) - chaperone dance/ female adult for supervision of girl's room
- ____ Saturday: 11pm-7am (Sun) - chaperone dance/ male adult for supervision of boy's room
- ____ Sunday: 7am-9am - Serve Breakfast/clean-up
- ____ I can help any time throughout the whole weekend & am willing to stay the night

Food Donations:

- ____ I would be willing to donate money towards food (needed for Friday night snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks, and for Sunday breakfast)
- ____ I would be willing to donate some of the following food or drinks:

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| ____ Orange Juice | ____ Milk |
| ____ Large Bags of Chips | ____ Cookies |
| ____ Fruit | ____ Bottled water |

Supplies:

- ____ I would be willing to donate some of the following supplies:
 - ____ Napkins
 - ____ Paper Plates (small)
 - ____ Plastic Forks/Spoons
 - ____ Paper towels
 - ____ Plastic cups
 - ____ Paper plates (large)
 - ____ Styrofoam bowls (for cereal)

If you are able to help us in any way that would be great!! Please return this form to

SHG Snowball as soon as possible. I will follow-up with more information and details, as the date nears. Thank you for all your help & support in keeping our kids at SHG on the path to living a healthy life!