

Sacred Heart School Family Newsletter

February 8, 2018

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe, but Lent starts next week with Ash Wednesday on the 14th. In the attached edition of Partners in Faith you can read several topics on the subject and there is even a calendar of daily things families can do in preparation for Easter.

The 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert was His time of purification and enlightenment. The church gives us this time of Lent for the same purpose. In too many ways this time of Lent has become a cliché. We joke about giving up sweets, then pick and choose what qualifies as sweets. We decide that over Lent we are going to cut down on calories when we were already on a diet. You get the point.

When a child is young (below second grade) we ask them to give something up that they really like because doing so is something they understand. By the time a child is in second grade he or she is much more capable of understanding what purification and enlightenment of oneself truly means. Therefore, as they age, a child, and us as adults should be using this Lenten period to purify oneself (get rid of something about our self that is not good) and enlighten oneself (learn more about God and our relationship with Him.)

The attached Lenten calendar gives some good ideas of what individuals and families can do each day to help bring about purification and enlightenment. It's also possible to use one or more of the ideas as a daily activity.

Help children to grow in their faith during this season of Lent by working with them to choose an activity that will positively change something they (or as parents, you) see as a negative. For example, as your child gets older, maybe you see them acting selfishly more than you would like. For Lent the family could enforce "pleases and thank yous" and once a week do something for others in need. Maybe you feel your child lacks humility. Have them compliment a classmate or sibling and read about a different Saint each day during Lent. Having to compliment another and read how difficult our Saints had it will go a long way towards humbling a person.

Lent is a time for growth. If the children simply go through the motions of Lent only to shovel a handful of candy into their mouth on Easter morning, they've missed the point and we've missed an opportunity to teach.

In Partnership,
Mr. Bruzzio

No School Tomorrow – Friday, February 9th

Diocesan In-Service Day

Attachments:

- **March Hot Lunch Order Forms:** March Hot Lunch menus for grades K through 5th are attached to this week's newsletter. Additional order forms are available in the school office. **Monday, February 26th, is the absolute deadline** to get your orders in! Sorry, late orders will not be accepted.
- **Partners in Faith February Newsletter**

8th Grade Graduation Fundraising Event – Paint Night! Everyone is invited to our first SHS Graduation Paint Night Fundraiser, Saturday, March 17th in McNellis Hall (Preschool Building). All proceeds raised by this event will go to help our 8th grade class with Graduation expenses. Space is limited. Sign up today <https://www.paintnite.com/events/sacred-heart-school-fundraiser-3-17-18-10054956>.

15th Annual Gala & Auction next Saturday, February 17th: This school year's Gala is being held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells. Our featured Guest Speaker is **Condoleezza Rice**. Tickets are \$200 a seat. We still have a few seats available. Please do not hesitate to contact Gina Nestande at gnestande@sacredheartpalmdesert.com with any questions.

- **Hotel Reservation:** Reservation Link is: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/2018SacredHeartGala>. Rate: \$259.00, Resort Charge: \$5.00
- **Gala Sponsorship:** The deadline for submitting a Gala Sponsorship is Thursday, February 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business in our Gala Program and contribute to your FFA.
- **Car Raffle:** This year we are raffling a 2018 Ford Mustang. **The car is parked across from the school office.** You can complete your Scrip and FFA requirement for the year by **selling 10 car raffle tickets**. You have to sell all 10 car raffle tickets to take advantage of this opportunity, not 5, not 9 but 10. Tickets must be returned to the office by Friday, February 16th. Car raffle tickets are available for purchase Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings outside the school office.

Donut Sale: Mission & Movement junior high elective students are holding another Donut Fundraiser for those that missed out! - February 12th during morning recess for grades 3rd-5th and 6th-8th ONLY. (Grades K - 2nd were able to purchase their donuts earlier this week. Thank you for your support.)

25 cents for donut holes

\$1.00 for glazed donuts

\$2.00 for vanilla/chocolate with sprinkles

Don't forget your money as it all goes to a great cause!!! We are sponsoring 2 young men in Africa to attend high school!!! Please support us if you can!!

Spirit T-Shirt Day – Tuesday – February 13th: The Student Council is sponsoring a

Valentine Spirit T-Shirt day for grades K through 8th. Please note: We are holding our Valentine's Day celebrations on February 13th this year because all students will be in Mass attire on Wednesday, February 14th, for Ash Wednesday. Students may wear a t-shirt, socks and hair accessories in Valentine colors (pink, red, purple and white) in exchange for \$1.00. Spirit T-shirt and sock day guidelines are as follows:

- Pink, red, white, or purple t-shirts with or without Valentine symbols.
- Shirts must be appropriate for a Catholic school.
- School Uniform shorts ONLY, walking shorts or P.E. shorts.
- Closed toed shoes only.
- If your child does not want to participate, please wear school uniform. This is not a Free Dress day.

Ash Wednesday is next week, February 14th: Ash Wednesday Mass calls for some extra planning on roles of both the school and our families. If you haven't seen the parking lot on the morning of Ash Wednesday, be prepared! **Please allow yourself extra time to get to school on that morning.** We are asking everyone to use the drive through drop-off lanes in the back parking lot rather than parking and walking your children to school. We will have crossing guards on duty that morning who will assist students and control the traffic flow. Our School Mass will begin at **9:00am**. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: Sacred Heart Church will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:45am, 9:00am (School Mass), 12:10pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm (Spanish Mass). All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be held on Thursdays during Lent at 2:15 pm. Parents are invited to join us. Stations will be held in the church on February 15th, 22nd, March 1st & 22nd, and in the Gym on March 8th & 15th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Brown Bag Food Drive Raffle Results: Students who brought in a non-perishable food item to donate last Friday, received a raffle ticket. Congratulations to our February winners: Garen Churukian (3rd – Black); Luke Hixson (1st - Trainor); Maria Michail (6th - Drumheller); Leah Richardson (2nd – Norfolk) and, Nicholas Sanders (7th – Celaya). Our next Brown Bag food drive will take place on Friday, March 2nd. Be sure to bring in a food item to donate for your chance to win. Winners can choose a free dress coupon or pick from a variety of fun prizes.

CHILDRENS BOOK DRIVE - February 20 – February 23: Please help us support the Sacred Heart Church Book Drive. The Sacred Heart Read With Me Ministry is collecting new and gently used books for children in grades Pre-School through 6th grade. Their hope is to give a book to each student at the Mecca Elementary School and Saul Martinez Elementary School during Read Across America week. **BIG CLASSROOM COMPETITION!** All donated books will be counted each morning. First Place class will win a Free Dress Day!

Dance /Theatre News: Classes are now closed as we prepare for our end-of-the-year recital on **SUNDAY, May 20th at 1:00** in the SHS Gym.

***Parents, please make sure you are receiving emails from Julie Ann. If you are not, check your junk mail folder or spam. If you are not receiving emails please contact Julie Ann with an updated email address at Jremirez1@hotmail.com Important dates and details have recently been updated on the website www.spiritofdanceshs.com Please take a moment to review this important information.

JUNIOR HIGH SERVICE HOURS: DUE MONDAY, 2/26!! 2.5 WEEKS LEFT TO EARN 9 HOURS!

NEW EVENT FOR THIS SATURDAY AND AN EARLIER SHIFT ADDED TO FRIDAY'S HOURS!!

Service Hours are rarely e-blasted – only last minute additions! You must check the Outreach Calendar at www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar to sign up! The Calendar Page is updated every Tuesday and Thursday. There are spots still available for Friday's service hours at school that was posted on Tuesday. Please check the page twice per week for new opportunities. We have offered 1,023 hours this trimester and your student only needs 9 of those!

SHS Mom's Faith & Prayer

Join SHS Mom's Faith and Prayer to embark on a fresh journey for the New Year. We will pray, sing, study and share our experience on relationships with Our Lord and Family.

Thursdays - 8:30-10:00am - in the Salta Center room 338

\$10.00 for book

Coffee and snack provided

Woman of Grace is an insightful and intimate Bible study written to help married women grow in holiness in their day-to-day living. Each chapter of this inspirational book includes questions that mine the rich teaching of Scripture and the Church to help women apply those principles in their own lives. Those who seek to grow in holiness as wives and mothers will benefit greatly from this study.

Questions-- text or message— [760-851-7643](tel:760-851-7643) Willena Martin

We pray the Rosary in the church weekly @ 2:30, finished in time for pick up. On Wednesday, February 14th, we will be joined by Miss Lautenschlager's 5th Grade class. All are welcome to join us. Family Prayer for the week:

Dear God, We hold hands in unity. You who have sustained countless generations; with the steadiness of Your love, with the strength of Your wisdom. You are the blood that unites us. You are the pulse that revives us. You are where we begin, where we end, where we are now. We look to You with soul-bursting gratitude for the blessing of family. Thank You for the gift of Your Presence within and around us. Amen.

Important SHS Links:

Sacred Heart School Parent Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sacred.Heart.PD.Parents>

Hot Lunch Volunteer Sign Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49aea82ea20-hotlunch>

Watch Dog Volunteer Sign Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49aea82ea20-watch>

Cash & Carry Scrip Hours: Cash & Carry cards will be sold on Mondays and Fridays only, beginning at 7:45am in front of the school office. Orders brought to the school office by Wednesday mornings will be filled and ready for pick up Wednesday afternoons. Forms are available in the school office.

Prayers are Requested for.... everyone serving in our Armed Forces, for the repose of the soul of Victoria Garcia, for Deacon Stanton; Emmy Randall; Kristina Felton; Jordy Nelson, Guadalupe Araiza, Mark Hernandez, Rodrigo Andrade, Ted Llewlyn, Harrison & Katie De Creny, Riley Rose Sherman, Ophelia Hernandez, Seamus McManus, and, for our families and others during these hard economic times.

Upcoming Calendar Info:

- 2/9/18 - No School, Teacher In-Service Day
- 2/14/18 - **9:00am** Ash Wednesday School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 2/15/18 - 2:15pm, Stations of the Cross; Church
- 2/17/18 - Gala; Renaissance Esmeralda
- 2/19/18 - No School, Presidents' Day
- 2/20/18 - First Reconciliation (Mrs. Ponder's class); 1pm, Church
- 2/21/18 - First Reconciliation (Mrs. Norfolk's class); 1pm, Church
- 2/22/18 - 8:30am School Mass (Thursday); Mass attire mandatory
- 2/22/18 - 2:15pm, Stations of the Cross; Church
- 2/22 & 23/18- Kindergarten Hearing Screenings
- 3/1/18 - 2:15pm, Stations of the Cross; Church
- 3/2/18 - 8:30 am First Friday Mass; 12:00 pm Minimum day dismissal; Mass attire mandatory;
7:45am Used Uniform Sale
- 3/7/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 3/8/18 - 2:15pm, Stations of the Cross; Gym
- 3/14/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 3/15/18 - 2:15pm, Stations of the Cross; Gym
- 3/16/18 - St. Patrick's Day Walk-a-Thon
- 3/21/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 3/22/18 - 2:15pm, Stations of the Cross; Church
- 3/23/18 - Spring Picture Day
- 3/28/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 3/28/18 - 6:30 pm Jr. High's performance of The Passion
- 3/29/18 - Holy Thursday; **12:00pm dismissal; No Extended Care**
- 3/30/18 - Good Friday; NO SCHOOL
- 3/31-4/6/18 - No School; Easter Vacation
- 4/9/18 - School Resumes