

Sacred Heart School Family Newsletter

March 22, 2018

Dear Families,

Next Wednesday evening the junior high will be reenacting the Passion of Christ. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The junior high students bring this event to life in such a way that can only be Holy Spirit driven and shows their faithfulness to our Lord.

Next week is Holy Week culminating with Easter and the resurrection of our Lord. It is without any doubt the most important time period in the church calendar. One should make every effort to share this journey with Christ by attending Mass during these holiest of weeks and to help the children in our lives understand the meaning behind the events taking place.

Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny.

Easter Sunday, like Christmas, gets commercialized and there is a place for this, but the Easter baskets found on Easter morning should never replace Easter's true meaning. Nor should the Lenten promises be forgotten with the first jelly bean.

As we come through Lent attempting to be better Christians closer to Christ, Easter is our reward. As Christ rose from the dead on Easter, we too should rise to a new level of faithfulness in our lives. Our Lenten promises should not be put aside, but become a part of who we are. No, if you gave up sweets it does not mean that you should go the rest of your life without candy. However, along with many other things you do not need sweets to live and maybe what you learned about yourself was moderation. A person that promises to be kinder to others will of course find themselves at odds with others in the future. Maybe what they learned about them self was tolerance. A promise to pray more may have been one's desire over Lent, but was it prayer or a better relationship with Christ that they longed for? Does a person who vows to watch their language over Lent do so in an effort to better their vocabulary or is it the realization that they need to think before they speak that they are attempting to change about them self? A promise to be more courteous by using kind words when addressing others may indeed be a desire for more humility in one's life.

Our promises may seem simplistic and even silly, but if we take the time to think deeper behind the reasons for making our Lenten promises we may just find that which God is asking us to change about ourselves in order to grow closer to Him.

On behalf of the school personnel I want to wish everyone a joyous Easter and an enjoyable break from school. My hope for each of us is that we return to school rejuvenated and renewed in our relationships with Christ and each other.

In Partnership,
Mr. Bruzzio

Attachments:

- **April Hot Lunch Order Forms:** April Hot Lunch menus for grades K through 5th are attached to this week's newsletter. Additional order forms are available in the school office.

Next Thursday, **March 29th** is the absolute deadline to get your orders in! Sorry, late orders will not be accepted.

- **SHS Summer Camp Registration Now Open:** Sacred Heart Summer Camp is set to begin on June 18th. Camp hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See the attached flyer for a week-by-week description of the weekly themes. Registration will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis.
- **2017/2018 SHS Yearbook Orders:** Next Thursday is your LAST opportunity to preorder a 17/18 SHS Yearbook at the discount rate of \$30.00. Orders can also be placed on line by visiting YBPay.lifetouch.com and entering our yearbook code: 10121018. Be sure to reserve your copy today! Yearbooks, purchased after March 29th, will be available in the school office for \$35.00 each and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. **Last year we sold out of yearbooks.** Order yours today, don't Miss Out!
- **Gymnastic classes – Last Session of the Year**
- **April Cooking Class Flyer**
- **Xavier College Preparatory High School "Coffee Talk":** Come visit with us, this Wednesday, 3/28 anytime from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and get your questions answered about High School life at Xavier. Academic, athletic and financial questions? Get your answers this Wednesday in the St. Theresa's Room near the Church Offices!

Spring Picture Day TOMORROW, March 23rd: Students will be allowed to wear free dress. Please keep in mind that if your child is absent from school tomorrow, make up pictures will not be taken. Spring Portrait order forms were sent home last week. All students must adhere to our SHS FREE DRESS GUIDELINES listed in our Parent/Student Handbook:

When permitted by the Teacher and Principal, students may have the opportunity to have a free dress day (meaning that they do not have to wear their uniform). Parents and students are expected to use good judgment in student dress; if you or your child have a question regarding whether or not an item of clothing is appropriate for school, please discuss it first with your child's teacher or Mrs. DeNovi. The following are guidelines to help when selecting your child's dress:

- A. Clothing must be neat and respectable.
- B. No tight-fitting, baggy or short shorts.
- C. No tight-fitting, baggy or long pants.
- D. Jeans may not be ripped, frayed or torn.
- E. No low necklines halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops or mini skirts.
- F. Respectable T-shirts or sweatshirts without offensive slogans.
- G. Shoes must be appropriate for recess or P.E.
- H. Shoulders must be covered. No tank tops.

The school's guidelines on make-up and jewelry will be in effect on free dress days. The administration reserves the right to make the final decisions regarding appropriate dress and personal appearance.

2018-2019 RE-REGISTRATION PACKETS WERE DUE MARCH 9TH: Please contact the school

office ASAP if you did not re-register your child for the 2018-2019 school year but are planning on returning. Also, we respectfully request that you notify the school if you are not planning to return to Sacred Heart School next year.

8th Grade Easter See's Candy Sales: The 8th grade will be continuing their fundraising efforts by selling See's Candy for Easter tomorrow, before and after school, and at the Lenten Fish Fry. Please support the 8th grade and enjoy some delicious See's Candy for Easter. All checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart School. On behalf of the 8th Grade Class, we thank you for your support.

Tomorrow is the last Sacred Heart Lenten Seafood Dinner of the year: Dinner will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM; \$6.00 per adult, \$4 per child up to 14 yrs old, **\$ 20 per family;** Dinner includes salad bar and drink (Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water); - Beer and Wine available separately.

**Sacred Heart School's
Junior High production of the Passion
"God's Masterpiece"**

Wednesday, March 28th; 6:30 p.m., Salta Center Gym

Everyone is welcome to attend the SHS Junior High's live production of the Passion, "God's Masterpiece".

The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

We respectfully ask that everyone (children included) stay seated during the entire performance.

Parents are requested to seat their young children with them. Thank you.

No Extended Care Next Thursday, March 29th: School will be dismissed for Easter Vacation at 12:00 pm on Holy Thursday, March 29th. There will be NO extended care available on that day. School will resume on Monday, April 9th.

St. Patrick's Day Walk-a-Thon forms: You may still turn in your Walk-a-Thon packets. All money you raise will be applied 100% to your Family Fundraising Account.

Wine Tasting with Fr. Howard Lincoln – Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30pm.

Salta Center Gym

Cost \$ 125 per person or couple – Earn 100% FFA credit

Catered by Wally's Desert Turtle.

For those parents who did not get the opportunity to bid on the Wine Tasting at the Gala, here is your 2nd chance. RSVP to Gina May Nestande @ gnestande@sacredheartpalmdesert.com.

Attention 6th Grade Parents... All students going into 7th grade must have proof of having had the Tdap booster shot prior to the first day of school next year. This is California Law and includes current students, new students and transfer students in both public and private schools. Many students have already received the vaccine and simply need to supply proof to the school, so check

with your doctor or provider. **Students will not be allowed to start 7th grade without proof of Tdap.** If your child has already received the Tdap booster, please submit your child's immunization card as soon as possible.

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 March 22nd. Everyone is welcome to attend.

JH Service Hours: Please check www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar for cancellations – 3 events this week including today! 3 events next week.

New opportunities are posted, as available, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

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, March 28th, we will be joined by Mrs. Trainor's 1st Grade class. All are welcome to join us. Family Prayer for the week:

*Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell,
For the love that unites us,
For the peace accorded to us this day,
For the hope with which we expect the morrow;
For the health, the work, the food and the bright skies
That make our lives delightful;
For our friends in all parts of the earth.
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 Michael Elijah Suarez; Richard Perez; 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:

- 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
- 4/11/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
- 4/11/18 - Wine Tasting with Father Lincoln, 5:30pm, Gym
- 4/12/18 - First Communion Parent Meeting; 5:30pm, Church
- 4/18/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory