



Heart to Heart

Letter from the Principal

Hello to Parents, Grandparents, Parishioners, Alumni and Friends of Sacred Heart,

Catholic Schools Week is here! The perfect time to thank all those who support Sacred Heart School.

In preparation for this week, the third graders spent time reflecting on what Catholic education means to them. Here are some of their thoughts:

- *I have great friends. They really try to support me.*
- *Sacred Heart is a safe place. They have codes to keep the school safe. If I had to switch schools I would sob for a lifetime!*
- *I like football and basketball because my brother plays them. The sport he is best at is football. When I grow up, I want to play the same sports.*
- *Mrs. Himan taught me how to do multiplication. I learned the trick for the nines.*
- *I like that my dad is the coach of my brother's basketball team.*



Older students acknowledged the excellence of a Sacred Heart education recently as four 8th grade students stood before a packed 10:30 Sunday Mass to explain how well our students do academically in all areas, including the arts. For instance, did you know our 8th graders for the past several years have had artwork showcased in partnership with Do Your P'Art, on Northerly Island, as well as, at the Lawndale Health Clinic? In the spring they will be designing a bench with another Chicago school to be placed on the grounds of Mercy Home. Band students will again be competing in March as soloists with students from across the Chicago area, and as in the past, will receive well-earned accolades.

On February 1st, we honored Tom Hermes '65, after a successful Alumni Annual Fund Drive in his memory. Because of the generosity of many alums, we have ordered SMART Boards for six classrooms. His wife, Barbara Joyce '65, was there for the dedication. Tom was so proud of our school; we are thrilled to be able to carry on his enthusiasm for learning through technology. In time, we hope to have every classroom similarly equipped.

During Lent, find a few minutes each day to talk and walk with Jesus as He approaches the Cross. We are challenged to reflect on all aspects of our life so that we can be effective representatives of God and God's kingdom.

Sincerely,

Sr. Kathleen Donnelly, '59

Principal

Sister Kathleen Donnelly '59, O.P.

Pastor

Father Robert Heidenreich

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A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

The Sacred Heart School Board, providing support to Sister Kathleen and Fr. Bob, has been busy since August on issues of importance to school families.

Your Board has a number of initiatives underway that center on school enhancement and growth. One exciting initiative recently launched is an internet accessible and confidential **Parent Survey** whereby Administration can gain a better understanding of what parents value most about their Sacred Heart School experience. This survey will be conducted annually to provide future Boards the benefit of year-over-year comparisons. Parents can access the survey from the Parent Page at www.sacredheart-winnetka.org.

Also, given the importance we as a community place on P.A.S.S. (parent assisted supplemental salary), we continue to focus on ensuring there are sufficient funds to mitigate the gap between what our dedicated teachers earn by Archdiocesan mandate and the salaries earned by neighboring public school teachers or even educators at other private schools. The figure is not insubstantial. Our teachers continue to make financial sacrifices to play key roles in our children's lives. The Board takes its responsibility to minimize that difference very seriously. We encourage each family to reflect on the number of hours our faculty spends imparting the Catholic and academic values that are so important to all of us. Do support P.A.S.S.

The SHS Board is a voice of school parents. Do not hesitate to reach out to any member with whatever is on your mind as it relates to Sacred Heart School. Our hallmark as a community is the shared mission of graduating students who are fully prepared to face the academic and intellectual challenges that life holds -- and to do so with a solid grounding in a moral framework that will serve them throughout their lives. We thank you for the privilege of your trust and support.

Sacred Heart PTO introduces the new Jr. Tower Players

Seventy years ago, the Sacred Heart Parish theater troupe calling itself the *Tower Players* first trod upon the boards. Sadly, it was disbanded during WWII, but in the early '60s was resurrected by a group of enthusiastic thespians as a unique way to raise funds. Monsignor Hillendbrand provided a significant sum of seed money to get started, and over the next 30 some years, the *Tower Players* produced more than 50 plays, the majority performed in the Sacred Heart School "cafegymatorium".

While the *Tower Players* was mostly an adult theater group, we are thrilled this year to introduce the new Sacred Heart School dramatic group: *The Jr. Tower Players!*

Mary Michelle Scalise, parent of 1st grader Mary Clare, and 6th grade teacher Jennifer Burton, a new faculty member, put their theater expertise together to spearhead the production of an all-school show, a series of One Act plays. The SHS PTO is thrilled to provide support and seed money to get the project underway.

Any student in 1st through 8th grades bitten by the acting bug was encouraged to audition. Places will be found for everyone to get involved. There will be performances during the week of March 10th and the final performance is Friday, March 14th. Please come and experience the magic of theater with our new troupe, *the Jr. Tower Players!*

Students Support Fellow Classmates in the Solomon Islands

The 3rd annual collection of school supplies, soccer balls and T-shirts for the Solomon Island Mission of Bishop Chris Cardone, O.P. was extremely successful. These donations will go a long way in helping people in this poor country, thanks to the generosity of our school families. In November we sent a record-breaking 36 boxes filled with 150 bags of school supplies, 34 soccer balls and more than 500 T-shirts. Bishop Chris is coming to SHS to personally thank the school community and will celebrate the 8:30 a.m. school Mass on Friday, May 30th.



PreKindergarten Classes celebrate "D" week with Dads and Donuts



Great Photograph of Congressman Mark Kirk with Sacred Heart Scouts

Students Study the European Conquest of Latin America

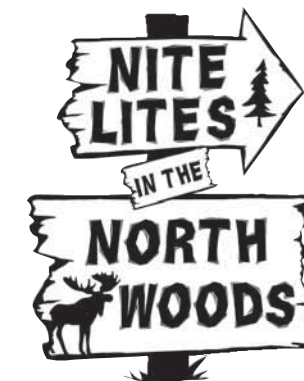
Caitlin Kerns, SHS Junior High social studies teacher, has once again invited her students to get involved in learning by using their creative, analytical and research skills as they embark on yet another historical journey using all resources available in books, the worldwide web, magazines, and documentaries to interface with technology. Miss Kerns further instills learning by having students 'show and tell' their own interpretation of what they studied, using *iMovies* for shared interaction with fellow classmates.

Recently students were found researching a conquistador and the native people whose lives were affected when they came together. Students were asked to discern what life was like before the conquistador arrived, what the journey was like, what reactions the Europeans had when they arrived,

and, from both perspectives, how the conquest happened. Step by step, with consults with Miss Kerns, students developed scripts -- including audio and visual pieces -- to demonstrate their understanding of the events that took place. Using *iMovies* on the personal laptop computers supplied by the SHS one-to-one technology program, students put together narrated slideshows visually demonstrating the events surrounding the European conquest of Latin America. Miss Kerns stressed that students must state both perspectives, switching back and forth, integrating the points of view of both the European and the native peoples. At the end of the project, students presented their findings to one another as they continued to learn more and more about the vital history of this time period.

Pen Pals Gear Up!

Alumni across the country, watch your mail! Fourth grade students in Mrs. Fogarty and Mrs. Swatek's classes are taking the caps off their pens and getting down to the business of letter writing. On the search for pen pals, they decided it would be fun to write to you.... Sacred Heart graduates who can tell them how it was as they tell you how it is! This exchange is sure to be fun, giving our curious writers more reasons to write. So watch your mailbox for your pen pal letter. We have 36 writers who will soon choose names across the country for this very exciting letter-writing project. In case you can't wait, send your letter first!



Yah Hey! Nite Lites is moving to the North Woods! Actually, it will only feel dat way... Come on over by Sacred Heart School on

Saturday, April 26th, starting at 6 p.m.

as the Nite Lites tradition of gambling, entertainment and dining continues, so dere ya go, eh? Dress is casual, put on yer flannels and blaze orange and paddle on by. See ya!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Good News in Education



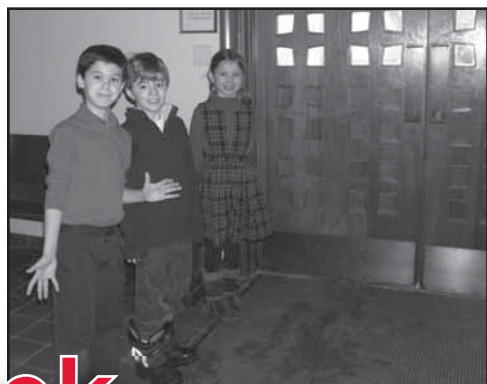
Parish Men's Club host a Pancake Breakfast to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.



SMART Board demonstration for Parents and Students – 6 have been donated in memory of Tom Hermes '65



Timmy Crawford leads Petitions during Grandparents/Special Person's Day Prayer Service



Students greet parish members at Mass during Catholic Schools Week



Reid Furton explains how bricks were made at "Colonial Days" celebrated during Catholic Schools Week



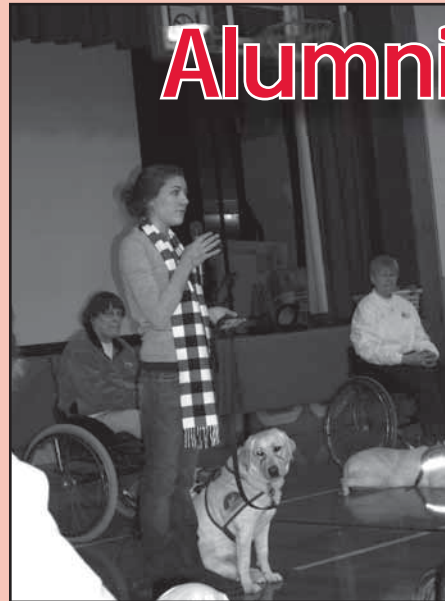
SHS visit area merchants to thank them during Catholic Schools Week for being great neighbors!



Alumni Section

John Lanctot '01 and College Buddies Cash in on the Chicago Cubs!

John Lanctot's entrepreneurial business threesome was highlighted recently in the Pioneer Press when photos of the college friends' first three T-shirt designs were publicized. Each of the tees are Addison Station Apparel Company exclusives. Their online business is named after the el stop at Wrigley Field. Many of us who knew John at Sacred Heart remember his enthusiasm for sports. It is great to see his early love of the game continues in such an enterprising way! John is happy to announce there will be two new designs unveiled this spring. Check out their website at <http://shop.addisonstation.com/>.



Maddie Guy '04 came to school with her CCI Assistance Puppy in Training for Alumni Day



Kelly Powers '04, Hilary Schmidt '04 and Emily Schmidt '06 serve as Eucharist Ministers for Catholic Schools Week Mass



Catherine Russell '04, now at Loyola Academy, leads SH students in the Great Books program for after-school enrichment.

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In Loving Memory:

Jack Gleason '57,
Cape Elizabeth, MN

Tom Hermes '65,
Winnetka, I L

Randy Mercein '59,
Cincinnati, OH

Husband of
Kate Corbett Brady '58,
Wellesley, MA

John Paschen '79,
Wilmette, I L

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Catholic Schools Week





Students Invited to Give Their Two Cents!

On Monday, January 21, a day off from school, Kate Hocter, Kevin Kane, Kiersten and Jessica Joyce, Tommy and Bobby Murphy, Jim Malles, and Nathan Zachar participated in a 'focus group' giving their reviews of an interactive nature series about to be launched on the Internet. This potential series will allow for exchanges with three young brothers who are exploring a world of nature adventures from their new home in Costa Rica. SHS students viewed a 30-minute DVD watching two episodes. One explained the life and habits of Howler monkeys and the second was about Sea turtles. Student feedback from these 2nd through 7th graders was impressive. The marketing team from Winnetka sent a follow-up email soon after they completed their one-hour session with our students:

"A BIG AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU for your help and support today. It was fun and interesting to meet the kids at your school. They are so smart and articulate. They're really engaged in learning! It was the first time I've been in the school, even though I lived on good ole Edgewood Lane and attended Hubbard Woods School. I can see we will have to think about more interaction with Sacred Heart students!"

Sharing Our Story

Susan Sullivan, Technology Coordinator

On January 23rd, Sacred Heart School once again "shared our story" and taught teachers at the Apple Executive Briefing Center in Chicago. I accompanied four SHS 7th graders downtown to spend the morning with administrators, principals and tech teachers from archdiocese schools in Ohio and Iowa. These educators were attending a two-day conference at Apple, learning new ways to apply technology in schools.

I started with the philosophy behind taking the traditional 3 R's and re-crafting teaching practices to address the digital learners that our children are today. Our students are digital natives, and multi-media projects are a natural extension of how they think. If teachers take a research paper, or any written assignment, and turn it into a *podcast* or *iMovie*, we accomplish several things. First, a great script anchors both these formats. Kids today more easily buy into editing a script versus being directed to proof a paper. Secondly, students bring more creative elements to the writing process. This expands the breadth of the experience and allows us to match the variety of learning modes our students use. Finally, students take ownership of their work in a more active role. They love to share these projects and spur each other on to learn more.

The morning ended with a lesson I taught on how to create an enhanced *podcast* (think radio show with pictures) to explain American idioms. We then broke into groups, with each of our students as the lead person for a group of adults. It was fabulous to see our articulate students guiding seasoned educators down new pathways of learning. Thank you to everyone who supports Sacred Heart and facilitates our growth in technology. We are equipping our students for the future.



This year parents have been coming to school, too! A Parent Education workshop in October brought moms and dads together to learn ways to help their sons and daughters be more organized. In November, several gathered to discuss the book *The Price of Privilege* with guest facilitator, Julie McMahon. Early in

February, they came back to participate in a hands-on workshop in Internet Safety. Evaluations tell us parents love learning and find having discussions with other parents helpful. Later in the spring, Sister Kathleen and Junior High teachers will orientate parents of 5th graders as they prepare for the transition to Junior High, and in May, parents of incoming Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will find out more about PreK and Kindergarten readiness.

Athletic Team News

SHS athletic program is stronger than ever, growing right along with our school community. We are blessed to be led by Pat Faul, Athletic Director along with dedicated parent volunteers and students who make the program thrive! Options for participation in team sports has grown to include nearly 200 young athletes registering for football, cheerleading, girls/boys volleyball, basketball, cross country and track and field. SH fields 17 different teams with students ranging from grades 3rd to 8th. Primary grades have the option to participate in an intramural program with Mr. Faul, focusing on basic fundamentals during the winter months. The Athletic Committee is proud to say, there is something for everyone!

Students love the spirit that fills the gymnasium as parents, grandparents, alumni and teachers gather to cheer on every team. The newly created user-friendly website, makes it easier than ever before to find game schedules. Check it out following the Parent Page on SHS's website. You will be amazed to find, Basketball alone, hosts over 150 scheduled games.

Highlights for 2007/2008 include:

- Our football team had a terrific season, shared with members from St. Norbert's. The JV team (6th grade) went undefeated and the 5th graders had their best season yet, boasting a 5-3 season. Our faithful cheerleading squad truly made a difference cheering football players every step of the way!
- Volleyball season was met with equal success as the Varsity girls' went undefeated again this year, winning the IIA Catholic Conference Championship. The 6th grade team also went undefeated. SHS 5th graders are building momentum as a force soon to be reckoned with in their next season.
- The Cross Country team ran in six meets this fall making a great showing with 23 runners competing.
- The Basketball season is off to an excellent start with over 150 games scheduled.

SHS athletic program is grateful for your continued support as they have accomplished great records by having fun, playing hard and displaying true Viking spirit.



Sacred Heart 8th Grade Girls Varsity Volleyball Ends Final Season 13-0.

A team that started four years ago made of 11 effervescent, inexperienced 5th graders has ended its last volleyball season together, before heading off to high school, with a remarkable record of 13-0. This unique team's determination and commitment has left an impressive history. As 6th graders, they also went undefeated, and as 7th graders, they lost only once for a combined record of 43-1. They not only won their league, but took 1st place at the annual Woodlands Academy tournament and the post-season "AA" play-offs. They also finished a notable 3rd place at the St. Thomas of Villanova tournament. although it is time for



this team of 11 to move on, their accomplishments will long be remembered. Congratulations Vikings!





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Friday, February 29th

6:30 pm

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Casual Dinner and Drinks

\$80 per person by February 22, 2008 or \$100 at the door
Reserved tables for ten available for \$1000

Proceeds benefit Nite Lites of Sacred Heart-Winnetka and the Sacred Heart Parent Assisted Salary Supplement (P.A.S.S.)

Sacred Heart is pleased to invite one and all to enjoy a light-hearted look into the world of professional and amateur sports. The evening will be a fun and lively discussion based on the unique perspectives that Steve and Rebecca have gained in their respective roles as sportswriter, athlete and television commentator.

Currently a columnist for Time magazine, Steve Rushin authored the weekly "Air and Space" column for Sports Illustrated magazine from 1998-2007 and has the distinguished honor to be that magazine's youngest ever Senior Writer. An acclaimed author, Rushin has written several books, including his most recent "Road Swing" endorsed by Sports Illustrated as "one of the top 100 sports books of all times." In addition to his work for Time magazine, Steve is a much-sought-after speaker and, most recently, delivered the 2007 Marquette University Commencement Address. Visit Steve Rushin's website at steverushin.com.

ESPN Basketball Analyst Rebecca Lobo retired from the WNBA in 2003. The youngest player on the 1996 USA Olympic women's basketball team, Rebecca helped that team take home the gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta that year. Prior to that, Rebecca led the University of Connecticut Huskies to the 1995 Women's NCAA Basketball Championship and was awarded the prestigious Naismith Award as college basketball's outstanding female player.

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