

**8th Grade Girls 1st Place in Volleyball!**  
Council II – 3A AA Division Champions



Nancy Poggioli, Annie Poggioli, Audrey Yager, Liz Satter, Bronwen Malles, Ryan Flanagan, Paula Kelly, Paula Erickson Isabel Riggio, Caroline Jaros, Mary Kate Byrne, Lily Erickson, Bridget Kelly

**2011 Catholic League Football Champions**  
Council II – 3A Champions



Sacred Heart/St. Norbert's The Sweet Taste of Victory. We won the Football Championship! 8-7 over OLPH

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# Sacred Heart School News

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## The Principal's Letter

Sister Kathleen



Greetings to parishioners, alums and friends of SHS!

We have had a great boost to our enrollment. We are 331 strong. That's the most we've had in decades! We welcomed all the new families beginning in August with weekly play dates at the Nick Corwin Park. The Ice Cream Social gathered all students the night before school began. Then there was the enthusiastic Family Tailgate Party at Sullivan's, the Newcomers' Welcome Cocktail Party at Madigan's, volleyball and football games with wonderful fall weather.

Recently we've had some concerns about the integrity of the huge oak tree by the front entrance. The forester, with whom we consulted, informed us that the tree is about 250 years old! That takes it back to the time of the American Revolution. Wouldn't it be great to have a peek at what it has seen over those years? Fortunately we feel it will last a while longer.

Academically we are always looking for new and different ways to present skills and information in ways that are relevant to our digital learners. Currently we are transitioning to a reading program in which even our youngest students will use iPads. How quickly the world is changing.

Our biggest challenge continues to be financial. We've been blessed with contributions from alums, grandparents, and parishioners. I hope you will consider helping us again. Please know it is hugely appreciated!

May the peace of Christ's birth be with you throughout 2012.

Fondly,  
Sr. Kathleen Donnelly  
Class of 1959  
Principal  
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Friends at Ice Cream Social



Friends in Class

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## Do You Remember the Toddle House?

Toddle House was a national chain of 24-hour breakfast restaurants that originated in the 1920s. Most of its locations looked the same, modeled after a cottage, and were unique because they had a glass box near the front door where patrons paid for their meals on the honor system as they left. It was primarily a southern restaurant chain with only a handful in the Chicago area, including suburban locations in Oak Park, Franklin Park and Des Plaines.

In 1952, one of them moved to Winnetka from Evanston. Records and photographs show the building was loaded onto a flatbed truck and driven north on Green Bay Road to its present location.

It operated there until 1966. Over the years, several other restaurants have operated from the building, including Criss' Snack Shop, Alfie's and Speed's. Most recently, it was called M&H Grill, which closed in 2003.

It will be torn down in November.



Toddle House

## Home Again: The Incredible Journey!

Remember our warm, friendly library, lovingly staffed, for so many years, by Mrs. McElroy? It was the first thing visitors to our school would see upon entering our front doors...

After roving all over the building for quite a few years, the Sacred Heart School Library is home again, at last! Finally, we are able to welcome students back to the old/new location. Thanks to volunteer parents who sifted through tons of books (and dust!), dating from the 1940's onward, to create a smaller, but usable and relevant collection.

We are grateful to alum John Hocter '09, who planned our space, toward his achievement of the BSA rank of Eagle Scout.

Come visit us!



Viking Logo and refinished gym floor

## Rosary Garden

Sacred Heart alum, Bobby Murphy ('09), has transformed the space adjacent to the Sacred Heart Parish Center into a beautifully landscaped Rosary Garden for his Eagle Scout project. The project was financed by 60 donors from the parish and was installed by current Sacred Heart students and scouts.

The Sacred Heart Rosary Garden was inspired by the life and teachings of Pope John Paul II. Pope John Paul always had a special devotion to the Virgin Mary. In the introduction of one of his Apostolic Letters, the Pope stated: "the Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing him - we may say- with the eyes of Mary."

The Rosary Garden has been landscaped to develop a focus, flow and seasonal bloom to present a visual reflection of Jesus' life "through the eyes of Mary." The design is intended to inspire the community to rediscover the sacred Mysteries of the Rosary and to become a place of quiet reflection and contemplative prayer.



## World Youth Day

Madrid, August 16-21

My husband, Steve, and I joined over one million young people to be with Pope Benedict XVI in Madrid. It was an amazing experience to see so many Catholic youth whose hearts are on fire for Jesus and the Church. We encountered youth from all over the world, which truly brought the meaning of Catholic. While walking in Madrid, we were delighted to see two Sacred Heart alums: Haley Odle and Demi Demakos.

There was an opening Mass on the first day when Papa Benedicto arrived in his pope mobile. People lined the streets singing chants to the Pope from their home countries, in the hopes of getting a glance at the Holy Father.

The rest of the week was filled with Masses, catechetical sessions, concerts, prayer, and fellowship. To conclude the week, all the pilgrims celebrated another Mass with the Pope.

It was a wonderful experience. We left inspired with the theme "planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith".

The next WYD will be in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil in 2013!



1st Grade Mass with Fr. Kisaka



Cristin O'Connor (Science teacher 6-8) with husband Steve and friend

## Spruced-up Bathrooms

Thanks to the generous donation of Nite Lites 2011 attendees and alumni, we were able to beautify the bathrooms and locker rooms. The project included new tile, sinks, vanities and mirrors. The paper towel dispensers were replaced with state of the art hand dryers, eliminating paper waste and cost. The results are clean and bright facilities for students and guests.

We are very proud of the results and thankful to our many donors. Stop by and take a look for yourself.



## Remembering 9/11

by Quinn Roddy

About two months ago we observed the 10th anniversary of the horrific terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. My family and I visited the local fire and police departments. Our first stop was the police station. Children from Sacred Heart School had made cards and cookies for the police. We brought them to the Chief. He seemed very appreciative. My siblings and I thanked him numerous times for all the risks he and his fellow police officers take just for the safety of our community. I am gratified and pleased to have such great first responders in our community.

The next stop was to the fire station not too far away. As my family and I emerged from the car we noticed a local fireman next to a fire truck. We approached him and thanked him on the behalf of Sacred Heart School. The risks he takes for our well-being are awe-inspiring. I truly recognize all of the people who put their lives on the line for our community's protection. We gave him some cookies and cards and thanked him again.

As I walked back to the car I reminded myself that a little thanks on a mournful day can make a big difference.



The boys say hi!



Study time!

## The Library and My Eagle Project

by John Hocter '09

Over the summer my volunteer friends and I moved the library at Sacred Heart from a second floor classroom to what was the Religious Education conference room. One of the requirements for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout is planning and executing a large project. I decided I wanted to do a project that would benefit Sacred Heart, because Sacred Heart gave so much to me during my eleven years there. In the spring I met with Sr. Kathleen and jumped at the opportunity to plan and execute the move of the library for my Eagle Scout project. I planned out the project with help from Mike King, the building engineer, and my volunteers. We began work on June 13th and finished on August 8th. I hope the students like the new library, and I hope they know that I enjoyed my part in creating it for them.



Forrest Christian, Henry Klauke, Ryan Seymour, John Hocter '09 and Michael Romano '09

## Desserts for Diapers

Hi, our names are Liz, Caroline, Emma, Isabel and Bronwen. We are eighth graders at Sacred Heart.

Three years ago we found an article about our sharing parish, St. Columbanus. Their food pantry had very few diapers to give out to the needy parents and grandparents that regularly visit the food pantry. When we heard this, we were distraught. We thought about all of the babies getting sick because their parents couldn't keep them in clean diapers. This sparked the idea of Desserts for Diapers.

Desserts for Diapers is our bake sale. We sell cookies, brownies, cake and everything in between.



The money we raise buys diapers that are distributed at the St. Columbanus food pantry. This year was our

third annual Desserts for Diapers. The first year we raised \$652, the second year we raised \$900. Our goal this year was \$1,000 dollars and thanks to the parishioners of Sacred Heart we raised \$1,158!

When we deliver the diapers we receive grateful smiles and hugs. Many people there remember us as the "diaper girls". We hand out the diapers and then help to distribute bags of food to the hundreds of people who have waited in line for hours. It is an amazing experience. We hope to be able to continue Desserts

for Diapers all through our high school years.



## Change War

Jennifer Burton, Student Council Moderator

As part of the mission of the Student Council at Sacred Heart School, the students raise money for charity throughout the school year. For our Spirit Week before the homecoming football game, we held a "Change War" in grades five through eight. The Change War consisted of students bringing in as many coins as they could for their individual grade and bringing dollar bills to count against other grades. This year the competition was fierce. Once every donation of coins and bills was tallied, the approximately 140 students in those grades donated \$1,000.

In honor of the tenth anniversary of 9/11, the officers and class representatives of this year's Student Council wanted to honor our veterans by sending this money to the Illinois Patriot Education Fund. We appreciate all that they do for those who make sacrifices for our safety, both the soldiers and their families who miss them while they serve overseas. We hope that this money will allow these brave individuals to advance their education because we believe so strongly in its importance.



Sacred Heart Cheerleaders



7th graders: Scott McCabe, John Louck