



SACRED HEART

SCHOOL

December 11th, 2017

WEEKLY UPDATES

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Be Not Afraid!

Coming up!

Stay tuned for the wonderful Christmas performances and celebrations we have in the weeks ahead!

December 11 - December 18th

- 12/11 → BAND DAY!
 - Girls BBall HOME @ 6:30
- 12/12 → Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - SVdP Christmas Party
 - Christmas Play 7pm
- 12/13 → Band Dress Rehearsal
 - Rosary @ 2:45
- 12/14 → Choir Practice
 - Reading Club
 - Boys BBall HOME @ 7:45pm
- 12/15 → ½ Day and \$1 Dress Down!
 - PreK Christmas Play 9am
 - No EDP
- 12/17 → Christmas Carol Festival
- 12/18 → BAND DAY!
 - Band Concert @ 6:30pm

Dear Parents,

This Monday begins an exciting 2 weeks here at Sacred Heart! Our hearts are full and ready for Christmas as we continue along this Advent journey--and so are our voices! There are many wonderful performances and celebrations coming up here at SHS to help us celebrate this joyful season--I hope you'll join us!

But of course, the best way we prepare for Christmas is by preparing our hearts and making room for our Lord, Jesus Christ. While the world is busy shopping, here at Sacred Heart, we are focusing on the virtue of patience--waiting or enduring without complaint. How fitting! Perhaps you can remind your children of this during long rides to visit family this Christmas season :)

In and amongst all this Virtue in Practice, we have also been preparing for some phenomenal upcoming performances! This week, we have TWO Christmas spectaculars: our K-4 Christmas Play on Tuesday, December 12th and our PreK Christmas Play on December 15th. We will also have our annual Band Concert on Monday, December 18th. We hope to see you there!

There is no better sound at Christmastime than children singing. And I know this because our wonderful choir has already helped all of Mount Holly prepare for Christmas by marching in the parade and singing in the Mount Holly Tree Lighting. Many thanks to Mrs. Wojtko and her incredibly talented choir for representing SHS so beautifully. I was so impressed by our choir (as was all the town!) and they sang some of my favorite hymns! However, I found a new favorite to add to my list. Our very own Mrs. Wojtko re-wrote the lyrics to a catchy song about snow to remind us what Advent is truly about--*Here Comes the Child!* Here it live at our concert December 12th!

Liturgical Celebrations

As you know, we are now celebrating the Holy Season of Advent! What few people realize, however, is that this is not just the preparation for the Christmas season, but truly for the Second Coming of Christ. You'll notice the Mass readings shift after this past weekend. The first 2 Sundays of Advent focus on when Christ will come again. On Gaudete Sunday (that's the pink one!), we begin to commemorate that Christ has come and remains with us today!

Glory to God in the highest!

Many Thanks!

This is a busy time for our PTA as well! I'd like to extend my gratitude to Kris Guerra for another successful Breakfast with Santa! Many thanks also to Danielle Cligget, who successfully ran our first Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair!

Important Links!

[School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[AM Care/Extended Day](#)

[PTA Info](#)

[Health Office](#)

Trimester 1 Report Cards

Please remember that report cards for the first trimester of the 2017-2018 school year are now available on [Parent Access](#)! Please go to the grading module and click "View Current Report Card" for a pdf version of your child's report card!

A Call to Action!

The new tax plan can have serious ramifications on our Catholic Schools! Please see these two notices: one from the [USCCB](#) and another from [CAPE](#) to learn more about how you this plan may impact us here at SHS and what we can do to ensure a place for our Catholic schools!

Spaghetti Dinner

Support our PTA at our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner! Save the Date of January 20th from 4-8pm! Find more details [here](#). Hope to see you there!

SHS Diamond Gala!

Last year was the inaugural Diamond Gala at SHS and it was *fantastic!* The event was fun and exciting and we raised over \$10,000 for SHS all while honoring our past and looking forward to our future. This year's [event](#) is on February 3rd. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Carols!

Our parish is hosting a special Christmas Carol event this weekend! Join us Sunday for Carols and fun. See details [here](#).

Become A Girl Scout!

Our Parish is now home to a Daisy troop and our students are welcome to join. See full details [here](#).

Sacred Heart Parish Children's Choir

If you have a child who is interested in music and would like to grow their musical talents, here is a great opportunity for them to volunteer and have fun at the same time and share their faith with the community. For more information, click [here](#).

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Support our 8th Grade

As many of you know, our 8th grade parents work hard to provide fun and meaningful celebrations for our students to commemorate their time here at SHS. If you're looking for ways to support them, you can check out their very own link on our website [here](#).

RVRHS Dance Team Clinic

Did you know that our local high school has a nationally ranked dance team?! RVRHS has a long standing tradition of excellence for their dance team and they are offering a free clinic to our students! See what high school dance teams are all about. More details are listed [here](#).

