



# SACRED HEART

## SCHOOL

February 12th, 2018

### WEEKLY UPDATES

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#### Be Not Afraid!

*Lent is upon us!*

#### January 12th - February 19th

- 2/12 → Band Day!
  - Funeral
- 2/13 → Day of Service Posters Due!
  - Mardi Gras/Valentine's Celebrations
  - SVdP
  - Girls B-Ball @ 6:30pm
- 2/14 → Ash Wednesday
  - 10am Prayer Service
  - Indoor Recess
  - Wednesday Rosary Warriors
  - Robotics Club
- 2/15 → Funeral Mass
  - Choir
  - Varsity Boys B-Ball @ 6:30
- 2/16 → Spring Picture Day
  - Funeral Mass
  - Stations of the Cross 1:15 in Church
  - Parent's Night Out (8th Gr Fundraiser)
- 2/17 → Course Selection due to RV
- 2/18 → Varsity Boys @ 1:15
- 2/19 → President's Day -- NO SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

It was a great start to the week here at SHS!

As you know, registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! Registration packets were sent home on February 1st. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you need a new one--either for yourself, or for a friend!

In case you missed our PTA meeting, allow me to introduce to you the **NEW** BBT Benefit at SHS! The Bigger, **BETTER** Together Benefit is an incentive for you--the best part of SHS--to help build our community with more people like you! While out and about at dance class or karate, you've undoubtedly met students who you'd like to see sitting next to your own while in school. Please, *invite them in!*

If you refer a family that registers here at SHS, we will waive your registration fee! If they stay a 2nd year, you will be a 3% discount on tuition and if they stay a *third* year, you will get a 5% tuition discount. I'd like to see our population grow *meaningfully*. Spread the word about Sacred Heart School and let's build our community...*together!*

Remember, you can also apply for financial aid through the Diocese of Trenton. The FACTS Deadline for round 1 is March 2nd. You cannot be considered for any assistance without completing this application by March 2nd. Apply [here!](#)

Now that registration for NEXT year is out of the way, let's focus on some important items in the here and now.

First, this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday--the start to one of our holiest seasons as Catholics. Our students will receive their ashes at a prayer service at 10am in the Church. Please feel free to join us!

For those of you who have been at Sacred Heart for some time now, you'll recall that morning drop-off can be a bit chaotic on Ash Wednesday. Our Morning drop-off begins just as Mass is letting out.

## Liturgical Celebrations

As Lent approaches, we begin to think of what we will "give up." It can be tempting to give up things that will support our life choices. For example, when we "give up" candy, is it really for Christ, or is it to help us drop those last 5 pounds?

This predicament we find ourselves in begs the question: *why do we fast?* Fasting is an ancient practice that is rooted in Sacred Scripture, but has very real and practical implications for our relationship with Christ. In some small way, the sacrifices we make help us understand the suffering of Christ and our dependence on Him

For example, when we struggle to keep our Lenten promises--when that bar of chocolate is really staring you down--we unite that small suffering to that of Christ on the Cross. Think of how our Lord longed for something to drink on the cross, how he was mocked and denied. If he can endure those sufferings for us, we can suffer our longings for Him.

Of course, we aren't always satisfied with our longings and often *break* our Lenten promises. It is in these moments that we become acutely aware of our weakness and our need for Christ in our lives.

Perhaps we'll lose some weight, perhaps we'll have healthier teeth, but remember that at the end of these 40 days, if our hearts are turned even just a bit closer to Christ, then we've done it right!

Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful Lent!

To account for this, all students will be dropped off at the side entrance of the Auditorium on Wednesday, February 14th. Please drive with caution that morning and follow the directions of the staff guiding you in the parking lot.

Also, Friday is our annual Spring Photo Day! All those students who are getting their pictures taken are welcome to dress out of uniform that day. Order forms were sent home Friday. Please be sure to complete that form and send it in with your child on Friday, February 16th.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that our students health and well-being are a priority to us. None of the good work that goes on here can be done if our students are not properly tended to. With that in mind, please be sure to keep your child home if he or she is sick. Our policy states that students need to be fever-free and symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. This will help avoid any unnecessary spreading of disease. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this!

Thank you and may the Sacred Heart of Jesus keep you always!

In Christ,  
Ms. Besheer

Here are some upcoming events and ways to get involved!

### **Diamond Gala**

Many thanks to Julie Deans and her coordinating team for an amazing night at our 2nd annual Diamond Gala! It was wonderful to be together and celebrate our special school with parents, graduates, faculty, former faculty, and community supporters of SHS! If you missed it this year, save the date for next year's! We hope to see you February 2nd, 2019!

### **Sweetheart Dance 2018**

What a special night we had on Saturday, when our students in grades PreK-4 were dressed to the 9s at our annual Sweetheart Dance! Thank you to Mrs. Kathleen Dallos and our PTA who put together a night of fun and family that our students (and their parents) won't forget!

### **Beef & Beer**

It's that time again! St. Paddy's Day is right around the corner! Celebrate the day the SHS way at our annual Beef & Beer! This is our biggest fundraiser for Sacred Heart so we hope to see you there. You can find more details [here](#)!

### **Parent's Night Out!**

There is still time to sign-up for the Parent Night Out that the 8th grade class will be hosting on Friday, Feb 16th from 5-9pm. All children should be 3yrs old or older and fully potty trained. The fee will \$20 per child for the 4hrs. Pizza and a snack will be served. Go ahead, make those last minute plans for you and your special someone and have fun! Find more details [here](#).

## *Important Links!*

[School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[AM Care/Extended Day](#)

[PTA Info](#)

[Health Office](#)

### **Paul VI Dance Audition Clinic: Saturday, March 3, 1:00 to 4:00 PM.**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to work with coaches and choreographers from the Paul VI Dance Teams, in the beautiful PVI dance studio. Open to dancers 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above, our clinic is designed for dancers who are auditioning for a dance team, or want to improve audition skills. Fee for the clinic is \$60, payable the day of the event. For more information, and to reserve your spot, visit the front page of the Paul VI website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

Questions about the dance clinic? Please email Ms. Michele Diegel, [mdiegel@pvihs.org](mailto:mdiegel@pvihs.org)

### **Paul VI High School hosts "Tea with Mary Poppins"**

Stop in for a Spoonful of Sugar, before the matinee! Paul VI will host an afternoon tea on Sunday, February 25th, before the 3 PM matinee performance of MARY POPPINS! Meet Mary Poppins herself, and enjoy complimentary tea, punch and cookies in the supercalifragilistic dining hall from 2:00 to 2:45 PM. No tuppence charged for the tea, but reservations are required - please visit [Poppins.pvihs.org](http://Poppins.pvihs.org). Tickets for the matinee performance of MARY POPPINS are \$12. Due to the popularity of the show, purchasing tickets early is strongly recommended; please visit the website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org), or email [nestrella@pvihs.org](mailto:nestrella@pvihs.org).

### **Standardized Testing at SHS**

As many of you know, the Diocese of Trenton has moved from the TerraNova to the IOWA as our standardized test. Please review the official notification from our Diocese [here](#). Testing is scheduled from March

### **Robotics Club**

We are thrilled to welcome back alumni Austhon Manalac to host an after school Robotics club! We kick off this Wednesday--find details [here](#)!

### **SHS Saves Lives!**

Give blood, save a life! Our students are joining the American Red Cross to become Future Blood Donors of America! Help them learn the importance of giving blood by being an example! Find details and registration info [here](#).

### **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](#).

# Sacred Heart Celebrations

SHS <3s those Birds!



*"Remember the past with **gratitude**. Live in the present with **enthusiasm**.  
Look forward to the future with **confidence**. ~JP11*