

Sacred Heart School Newsletter



January 2017

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Mrs. Merrill

The year is coming to a close, and in a few weeks we will be welcoming in the New Year. Although these past four months have been filled with new lessons, concert rehearsals, building repairs and new or updated technology, our students reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas by presenting a spirit-moving Christmas concert last week. Every year, I am continually impressed by the incredibly talented children in our school. Thanks to the many of you who came to me after the concerts to express your delight and appreciation!

Believe it or not, we will soon be sending out re-registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year. We will send home further information on this process in January. I am respectfully requesting that you pass along this bit of exciting news to family members, neighbors or relatives of children who may be entering Kindergarten next year: For our **January 8th Open House**, we are holding a special time for potential Kindergartners and their parents **to experience a day in the life of a Kindergartner**. Attendees will be introduced to administration and the Kindergarten teacher, and then get broken into groups to take part in four "stations" on a tour. They will receive a brief lesson in Art, Technology, Spanish and one in the actual Kindergarten room....just as if they were in Kindergarten right now! This special portion of Open House will begin at 1:00 and end at 2:15.

Meanwhile, beginning at 2:00, there will be an Open House for ANYONE interested in becoming a part of our school family.

As always, allow me to express my gratitude to all our families who so generously support our school, our endeavors and especially our school children!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Mr. Camenga

What makes Sacred Heart School a special place?

In my thirteen years at Sacred Heart, I have witnessed first hand what makes this school special. It begins with leadership from our priests. Father Yanas, Father Vaughan, and Father Powhida continue to support and mold both students and staff as spiritual leaders who will continue the mission of Christ. Susan Merrill, our principal, who remains our mentor and voice of compassion. Her intuition and responsible fiscal decision-making has allowed Sacred Heart to thrive in an economy that struggles to find balance with needs and wants.

Another reason that Sacred Heart is so successful is the award-winning faculty and staff. With a total of 330 years of combined educational experience, the faculty continues to utilize strategies that serve to highlight their students' talents while maximizing their academic successes. Whether it be an activity, a PSA meeting, or an extracurricular activity, you are sure to see faculty members in attendance, leading or lending a helping hand.

Let us not forget the students of Sacred Heart who have set the bar in Catholic education. Over the years many of our students have continued to excel in education, music, theatre, and business. Students serve their community through aiding the food pantry, donating to Unity House, supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities, making mittens and scarves for the homeless, providing gifts for local needy families for the holidays, and contributing to numerous not-for-profit organizations.

Lastly, the parents and guardians who sacrifice so much to provide their children the best Catholic education within the capital district. Our families are willing to host events, market our school, and donate their time and talents so that Sacred Heart can maximize its services to meet the needs for everyone.

One of my favorite quotes from a past parent is, "One of the best things a parent can do is give their child a catholic education!" Here at Sacred Heart our pastors, principal, faculty, staff, students and parents together make our school truly a special place!



Open Houses:

Sunday, January 8th: 1-2:15 for those entering Kindergarten

"Experience a Day in the Life of a Kindergartener"

2-4:00 for those interested in PK and 1-6

Wednesday, February 1st: from 6:00-8:00 pm for Pre K to Grade 6

PSA Happenings



The next PSA general meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. We will be discussing the Auction, Catholic Schools Week activities, and so much more. So please come and participate. Every parent is welcome, and we appreciate all you do for our school.

A quick and easy sale- CHEESECAKES! Thanks to Emily Camenga for chairing the sale.

Students of all ages enjoyed visiting Santa's Secret Shop recently. Chairperson Tanya Testo and her committee of elves did a fantastic job of setting up, organizing, selling and even wrapping purchases for our school children.

The 2016-2017 Annual Fund Continues

The **Annual Fund, in recognition of Rev. James J. Vaughan and Sr. Anne Queen**, continues into the first few months of the new calendar year. This is one of the major fundraisers for Sacred Heart, used for general school expenses ó religion, technology, financial aid and school suppliesô which allows us to carry out our educational philosophy and achieve our mission. The goal for the Annual Fund is **\$25,000 with 100% participation from our school families.**

An Annual Fund envelope was included in the most recent Fall Quarterly that went home during the week of December 5th.

Faculty, staff and parents are encouraged to consider supporting this endeavor; returning the envelope with a donation if possible and/or having checked the "prayers" option.



TSL UPDATE:

Happy New Year from TSL! We hope you and your family had a joyous and healthy holiday. We look forward to ushering in 2017 with a ton of new events. We will be returning back to Sacred Heart School on January 3rd for our continued after school program, and are excited to see you there! Join us on Martin Luther King Day, January 16th, when we will be offering full day care. For any questions or concerns feel free to contact tsladventures.net

March Madness Raffle

Back by popular demand! We will be holding our March Madness Raffle again this year.

Each family is asked to sell 10 tickets so why not get a head start selling over the holidays!

Please contact the school office at 274-3655 if you would like your packet sent home before the Christmas Break.

Tickets are also on our website:
www.SacredHeartSchoolTroy.com



Sacred Heart's 20th Annual Auction Update

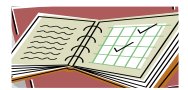
Preparations for Sacred Heart School's biggest fundraiser "The Auction" continues to take shape.

This year's auction, "*The Wizarding World of Sacred Heart School*", will be on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** at the *Franklin Terrace in Troy* so mark your calendars now!

The auction is a fun filled evening of excitement with lots of activity. The silent auction allows people to bid privately on items, the ticket raffle by depositing purchased tickets/ chances into a decorated receptacle and the live auction is where people bid publicly on items. ***To entice you, we already have an Amazon Echo, 2 Echo Dots, a Pet Cube, Disney Hopper pass for 4, and a FitBit Charge 2.***

Thanks to co-chairs Nicole Johnson and Mark Bagnoli and their numerous volunteers for all of their work at bringing this all together.

Just a Reminder...



December 26-30 - Mr. G's Camp
January-February - March Madness raffle sales
Tues. Jan. 3 - Classes Resume
Sun. Jan. 8 - Open House: K-1-2:15, PK, 1st-6th-2-4
Tues. Jan. 10- PSA Meeting 6:30 pm in the café
Mon. Jan. 16 - NO SCHOOL
Tues. Jan. 17-March Madness packets going home
Sun. Jan. 29-Catholic Schools Week Begins
Sun., Jan. 29ô Catholic Schools Week Diocesan Liturgy at the Cathedral in Albany 2:00 pm

**Catholic Schools Week
January 29-February 3rd, 2017**