

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

SEPTEMBER 2011 PARENT UPDATE



8th grade students Avery Arbuthnot, Effie Kropp, Linsey Watkins, and Grace Haub are all smiles after the first all-school Mass.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

There is an amazing feeling at the beginning of the school year! Students return with enthusiastic smiling faces of hope. Teachers are energized and inspired to set new goals, introduce new practices and get acquainted with their new students. Parents are thankful to see their children reach another milestone in their lives. The first few weeks of school this year have already surpassed our expectations of joy. It is our goal to sustain this momentum of positive energy.

One of the ways to accomplish this goal is through active participation and a mutually cooperative partnership between parents and school. Our parents are one of our greatest assets and gifts to our school. Our last accreditation review team commended our school for "promoting an atmosphere that encourages cooperation between church, school and home on all matters concerning the whole child". I encourage each of you to become involved in our school. There are so many ways to do so.

Finally, remember school personnel are always willing to address any concerns or questions you may have. Formal parent/teacher conferences will be held October 24 through 27, but you may contact your child's teacher for a conference at any time. Conferences are held throughout the year by all teachers. Maintaining a complete partnership requires cooperation and communication. No question is inconsequential if it clarifies any questions. Our teachers rely on feedback from their parents to know how the child is doing at home.

We are off to a great start! It is going to be a spectacular year!

In Christ's peace,

Sedonna J. Prater
Principal



Father Andres Cano visits with Mrs. Redmon's Spanish students regularly for lunch in the Youth Room. The students practice their conversational Spanish.



L to R: Mrs. Young, Mrs. McGranaghan, Deacon Jim, Father David, Mrs. Maki, Mrs. Ciancone, and Mr. Bodie were the Altar Servers at the first all-school Mass.

From the Development Office

Annual Fund

Thanks to the generous support of our community, the Sacred Heart Cathedral School Annual Fund campaign raised **\$81,754.70**. The success of this campaign would not have been possible without the dedication of Annual Fund Campaign Chairs, Steve and Mary Mac Wilson, and Parish Chairs, John and Sherri Murphy. Ultimately, the greatest gratitude goes to the numerous donors who contributed to this impressive achievement. Check out this [video](<http://youtu.be/-zwOMmCGx-o>) of our students showing their appreciation!

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SHCS Fall Golf Classic

September 22 is the 11th Annual SHCS Fall Golf Classic to benefit the SHCS Endowment Fund. There's still time to register to play- [register here](#), and still time to be a cart or hole sponsor! It'll be a great day on the links. Contact [Joni](#) to get involved today!

Pinwheels for Peace

Wednesday, September 21 is the celebration of the International Day of Peace. In an effort to create a culture of peace in our community, Sacred Heart Cathedral School will participate in the "Pinwheels for Peace" initiative. In the next week, SHCS students will be creating pinwheels with words of peace, as well as, completing some curriculum assignments related to peace and recent historical events. Then on September 21, we will take a school-wide picture representing a visible sign of peace with all of our pinwheels. Each grade level will wear a designated solid color t-shirt with uniform pants or jeans. K-White, 1st-Purple, 2nd-Navy Blue, 3rd-Light Blue, 4th Maki-Green, 4th Burr-Blue, 5th-Green, 6th-Yellow, 7th-Orange, 8th-Red. There will also be a brief school-wide assembly at 1:00pm in the gym to sing and pray for peace in our world.



Stay tuned for more details. Please visit the "[Pinwheels for Peace](#)" website for more information. SHCS Art Teacher, Mrs. Marcheggiani, will need many parent volunteers; please [email her](#) if you would like to help with this very special project!



FAMOUS FACES This photo of 3rd grader Lili Roth not only made the Knoxville News Sentinel, but was seen in the Washington Post as well!



You may have seen this Splash Country billboard this summer featuring Sacred Heart 4th grade student Lawrence Madsen.

The Virtue of the Month is Peacefulness

SHCS FOOD SERVICES

SHCS is pleased to offer a revamped food service program for the 2011-12 school year. Over the summer, the cafeteria was completely gutted, pressure-washed, and re-tooled into a commercial kitchen environment to service not only the school but also parish and diocesan events. "Take Out Thyme" caterer Kevin Filicky and his team prepare fresh foods from scratch each day without preservatives. SHCS parent, Juliann Chavez, Ph.D., Diet and Nutrition, works in conjunction with our staff to ensure high nutritional value. The Eagle Cafe is open daily from 10:50am-12:30pm for students, parents, clergy and staff. *We invite you to join your student for lunch!*



L to R: Ann Filicky, Jim Manning, Donna Slater, Sarah Reichert, Jeff Phillips, Jacek Mizerski, Kevin Filicky, Phyllis Griffith, Jordan Filicky

FACILITIES UPDATE

The Sacred Heart facilities staff was busy over the summer with many school improvement projects. The 200 wing received fresh paint, all of the gutters on the building were re-worked, the grease-trap was repaired, natural gas service was upgraded, the cafeteria was cleaned, and the cafe outside patio area was repaired and re-opened. In an effort to provide an additional level of support for facilities-related issues, there is a new 24-hour service line to reach an on-call staff member to address your facilities situation. That number is 865.292.4164. The Facilities team consists of Tom Greer, Doug Caiazza, and Tom Quinones. Volunteers are needed periodically for small carpentry, painting and light electrical. Please contact Facilities Administrator, Tom Greer at 558.4108.

Kindergarten News



Jake La Nasa is ready for the first day of Kindergarten.



Eli Varner, Skylar Fortich, Miles Erwin and Ella Grace Lott work on the new, interactive SMART Table Learning Centers.



Kindergarten students hunt for the Gingerbread Man (in the process, they learn where everything is in the school!). Mrs. Woldruff spots the G-Man in Miss Cora's First Aid Clinic.

Home and School Association

Welcome back from the Home and School Association! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for a great year at Sacred Heart Cathedral School! It was so nice to see everyone at Information Day.

We are so blessed to be a part of an outstanding school. The time and talents of our parent volunteers make a difference at our school every day. Several committees, such as the Clinic, Maroon Lagoon, and First Impressions, need volunteers on a daily basis. If you would like to learn more about the committees or would like to volunteer please contact HSAPresident, Diana Pattersen or one of the committee chairs. Please visit the [Home and School webpage](#) for details and contact information.

We will be selling **Coupon Books** soon! Please look for more information to be sent home with your child. As always, keep saving your General Mills Boxtops. We will have several contests throughout the year for student and classroom prizes. Thank you for supporting SHCS!



Music teacher Miss Lowe has a new performing group this year, the "Sacred Heart Strummers."



Our new Superintendent of Schools, Sister Mary Marta Abbott, R.S.M., Ed.S., toured the school and checked in on classes with SHCS Principal Mrs. Sedonna Prater. Welcome Sr. Mary Marta!

We hope you've enjoyed the first edition of the newly re-vamped Sacred Heart Cathedral School monthly "Parent Update." We hope you'll enjoy news and photos from the school delivered right to your inbox each month. Your comments, suggestions, news and photos are always welcome. Keep us posted by [emailing us](#). You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter by clicking the icons below!



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