



Sacred Heart Catholic School

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Principal's Message

Happy Easter!! What a wonderful turn-out for Easter Sunday Mass and First Communion. Congratulations to all our second graders! I am so proud of our students. Special thanks to all those who came to help with the Easter party and the reception.

As we begin the last leg of the school year, there are many things happening. Please keep the Herald handy and as always, if you need clarification on something please call or email.

Generally if one person has a question, several more people are wondering the same thing. Never hesitate to ask.

On May 6th, 7th and 8th, Fr. Ken Van Haverbeke will be here to provide Sacred Heart with a Parish Mission on the topic of Stewardship. This is open to anyone, Catholic or Protestant. We would like to have a great showing of parents attend one or all of the evenings. The students have been asked to provide the music so we are offering the following incentives to increase participation. Those students who attend one night with a parent will receive a dress down day and extra recess. Those who attend two nights with a parent will receive a dress down day, extra recess and a special treat. Those who attend all three nights will receive a dress down day, extra recess, treat, and will get to go out to lunch. We are so blessed here in the Diocese of Wichita to have the gift of tuition free Catholic Schools, abundant seminarians, and higher than the national average Mass attendance. I believe it's a result of living the Stewardship Way of Life. This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to continue on our spiritual journey of conversion as we continue to strengthen our own commitment.

On Sunday, May 7th the students will be singing for the 9:00 and 11:00 Mass. We will offer coffee and donuts after the 11:00 Mass along with an informational meeting about our Catholic School for both Hispanic and English speaking parents. Bring a friend!!!!

Upcoming Events

May 1

1st - Field Trip to Botanica

May 5

Kindergarten Field Trip to Zoo

May 6 ,7, 8

Parish Mission: 7 – 9 p.m.

May 7

Children's Mass 9

Children sing at 11:00 Mass

May 10

May Crowning: 6:30

2-5 Field Trip Nature Center

May 16

4/5 Grade Play 7:00

State of the School address immediately following the program

May 17

5th Grade

Graduation Mass /Breakfast

May 18

Field Day – Camp Horizon

May 19

No school for 5th Grade

Last Day for K-4

Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Catholic School will provide a Christ-centered atmosphere to assist parents in forming compassionate children who grow in loving God and neighbor as they live their faith.

State of the School Address

On Tuesday, May 16th, Fr. Reilley and I will provide a State of the School address immediately following the fourth and fifth grade play. We will present a year in review and discuss our goals for next year. We would like at least one parent to attend. We realize all of us are busy but we believe it is important that we celebrate our year's accomplishments and look ahead to what needs to be focused on next year.

2017-18 School Council

Application for next year's School Council will be taken through May 12th! New members will meet in June along with current members so we can have a meaningful discussion on our future goals. Date will be announced within the next two weeks.

Mark Your Calendars Now

The Sacred Heart Catholic School Community Golf Invitational is scheduled for September 23rd beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to help with the planning please email Mrs. Harmon. Michael Morgan will be chairing the tournament.

Staff Changes for the 2017-18 School Year

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members for next year. Below is a brief bio on each of them.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Jennifer Blanding

I am so thrilled to be joining the Sacred Heart family! I am a graduate of Wichita State University. I am currently living in Wichita. I am married to Joshua, and we have three amazing kiddos; Evelyn, Christian and Oliver. We also have a fur baby, our black lab Dakota. I was born and raised in Kansas, but spent some time at Camp Pendleton, CA while my husband served as a United States Marine. I love to create, whether it's being artsy or working out in my garden. I look forward to meeting all of the families of Sacred Heart!

Fourth/Fifth Grade: Mrs. Lynn Norris

I am very thrilled to be teaching the fourth and fifth graders at Sacred Heart starting this fall. I have taught in a combined classroom before (fifth and sixth grade). My teaching experience ranges from working as an Education Specialist where I set up education programs to working as an elementary classroom Para at USD 470 where I used a lot of skills centers with students. This past school year I taught 7th and 8th graders at USD 465. I hold a Kansas teaching license which I obtained after completing a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwestern College in 2006 and a Graduate degree from Wichita State University in 2003. I hold a second Bachelor of Arts degree from East Carolina University where my family lived before moving back to Kansas (husband's military career). We live on a ranch in rural Cowley County with our border collie, a rescue cat, two horses, and lots of cattle.

We will also be looking for a three quarter time para and a half-time Title I teacher. If you are interested in either of these positions for next year, please call or email Mrs. Harmon.

