

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Faith – Family – Education



## NEWS LETTER

VOLUME III ISSUE II

Happy New Year! We hope everyone cherished moments with friends and family over the holidays. As we embraced the extra moments at home at the end of our Christmas break, we eagerly anticipate gathering again as a faith-filled community dedicated to learning and growing together in the light of Christ. May this year be filled with abundant blessings of faith, knowledge, and friendship.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who dedicates their time, resources, and facilities to support our community. A special thanks goes to our devoted teachers, staff, and parish members. Your unwavering support truly makes a difference in the lives of our children, and we recognize and appreciate all that you do. Thank you for being such an important part of their journey.

–Sacred Heart School Board

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### January

- **25th** – SHOP can drop off at Colman's 8 AM-1 PM
- **25th & 27th – 30th** – 7th Grade Boys Regionals (in Mulberry Grove)
- **26th-31st** – Catholic School's Week
- **30th** – K-8th Birthday Mass

#### February

- **1st & 4th-6th** – 8th Grade Boys Regionals (in East St. Louis)
- **11th** – S.H.O.P Fannie Mae Fundraiser
- **15th** – 3rd grade 1st Communion & Confirmation
- **19th** – Angelo's Drive Thru Dinner (see a SHS family to purchase ticket before Jan. 27th)

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### ST PATS BASKETBALL

For a full list of St Pats basketball games, check out our website at [www.shspana.com/events](http://www.shspana.com/events)

Please follow us on Facebook  
**@shspana** to keep up to date on all  
the news and events happening at  
Sacred Heart School!



# STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS



We are pleased to announce that we are beginning the process of accepting applications for open positions on our School Board. We warmly invite parents and guardians of children currently enrolled at Sacred Heart School to consider applying for a role on the School Board. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated as we work together to support our school community.

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

President – Samantha Jostes  
Vice President – Katie Ohmes  
Secretary – Joanna Holthaus  
Joni Beyers  
Anne Marie Chappellear  
Kim Matthews  
Rebecca Ervin  
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## Fundraising Update

For the remaining 2024-2025 school year, we will be hosting these fundraising events:

- Angelo's Drive-Thru Dinner (February)
- Spring Calendar (March)
- Drive-Thru Dinner (April)
- Tomorrow's Leaders Campaign (last page)



Confirmation preparation involves our third graders engaging in acts of service. We organized a significant service project for the class to address local needs. With the assistance of our seventh graders, they created tie blankets to donate to the Mission in Pana and/or Quad County Hospice.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fleece Tie Blankets





SACRED HEART SCHOOL

# 1ST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2024



## THE 4TH GRADE CLASS

The fourth-grade class gathered for a special occasion at the Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass in Springfield, Illinois. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was filled with 77 students from various towns.

This celebration was a profound expression of faith and community. Families and friends filled the pews, united in joy and reverence. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as the students prepared for this significant step in their spiritual journeys.

In this sacred moment, the students embraced their faith, surrounded by love and support. It was a day of blessings, a celebration that will be cherished for years to come.



## THE 3RD GRADE CLASS

The 3rd-grade class will embark on a beautiful journey of faith as they prepare for their First Communion and Confirmation on Saturday, February 15th, at 11:00 am at The Cathedral of Immaculate Conception.

For a live video feed of the 3rd grade class 1st Communion and Confirmation, please visit our Facebook page on February 15th for the link.





# SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to our 7th Grade Girls Basketball team on their Regional Champions Title!



## 8TH GRADE GIRLS NIGHT



## 8TH GRADE GIRLS TEAM





St. Pat's 4th & 6th grade boys basketball team placed in the top 4 teams overall in The Hillsboro Hoopfest, qualifying them for a state tournament in March.



6th Grade Boys



4th Grade Boys



Sawyer Coleman, Rowan Lynch, and Lane Warren made the All-Showcase Team at the All Saints Showcase held at Peoria Notre Dame in November. Rowan and Sawyer have both achieved this honor twice, having won last year and again this year, while Lane is a first-time winner this year.

# GOLF



In September 2024, St Pats took its first group of 6 golfers to compete in the IESA boys sectional golf tournament held at Hickory Point Golf Course in Forsyth, IL. Our inaugural golf team was coached by Katie Ohmes and included: Austin Ohmes, Sawyer Coleman, Reid Koons, Knox Burris, Ryker Holthaus, and Ryan Warren.

Building our team from scratch, our players started with a wide range of swing skills and exposure to golf etiquette. The boys' commitment to practice showed through as their swings became more consistent, and strokes were falling off their scorecards. Not only did the boys gain confidence in their golf game, but they also learned a lot about commitment, responsibility, and emotional control.

While we didn't make it to the state tournament, 3 of our athletes finished in the top 25 at the sectional (out of 88 participants). It will be exciting to watch this program grow for both boys and girls at SHS!



Get sports schedules at:  
[www.shspana.com/events](http://www.shspana.com/events)

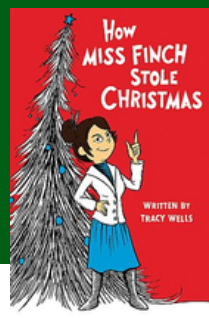


# S.H.O.P Scared Heart Organization of Parents

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts and wrapping supplies for the Christmas Store! The children enjoyed choosing special gifts for their loved ones and your support made it possible.

We also appreciate the volunteers who helped wrap presents and guided the little ones in selecting gifts. Your efforts made this holiday season memorable!

If you would like to help support S.H.O.P., please reach out to Cayla Beyers.



We were blessed to see our Christmas Program return to SHS!! Students worked hard at learning their lines, singing their songs, and celebrating the GREAT NEWS of Jesus' birth!

**Thank you to all to helped this program be a success.**

**Program Director:** Colleen Weddle, **Backdrop & Set:** Yanetta Shiels and Beth McFarland,

**Backdrop Materials:** Holthaus Heating & Appliance, **Costumes & Props:** S.H.O.P,

**Music:** Father Joseph.



**In the next few months S.H.O.P will be hosting**

- Catholic Schools Week Events (Last week of January)
- Fannie May Fundraiser (Mid February)
- Scholastic Book Fair (Early March)

Future Events



# HOLIDAY FUN!

SHS families celebrated Christmas in a BIG way in December! Music Bingo was held on December 6th. Great food/snacks, music, bingo and costumes made the night a great way to kick off all the activities of the month!

St. Nicholas Day was celebrated at mass by our students, staff and parishioners. Santa even stopped by with candy canes that were blessed and given to our students!





Tomorrow's  
*Leaders*  
Campaign

**SPONSOR CLUB DONORS**

2024/2025 school year

*Diamond Level*

Ron & Cheryl Sweeny

In Loving Memory of Ben Banning & Karl Walk

Donna Klein

*Platinum Level*

Anonymous

*Gold*

Hicks Family

*Silver Level*

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In Memory of Marjorie Beyers

In Memory of Ryan LeDuc - SHS class of 1990

*Scholarships*

Anonymous - \$1,000



**Friends of SHS**

Annette Borders

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John Wehmhoff, Sr.

Maria Sherzer Groves - Alum 1974



Sacred Heart School would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations. Your support plays a crucial role in helping us provide our students with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. Thanks to your contribution, we can continue to enhance our programs and create a nurturing learning environment for all.

**IN SPECIAL  
MEMORY**



SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2024 - JANUARY 15, 2025

In memory of the following special people:

Robert "Bob" Sarver

Thomas Cross

Zach Angel

Bonnie Carter

Beverly Harbert

Larry Slack



# Tomorrow's Leaders Campaign

It costs approximately \$8,341 to educate one child at SHS. To keep the cost of tuition down, our families participate in fundraising events throughout the year. Thanks to generous donors like you, our children will continue to receive a quality education for years to come.

## #1 SPONSOR CLUB

Please select your  
Sponsor Club level below.

☐ Shamrock - \$10,000

Provides new text books for 3  
classrooms!

☐ Diamond - \$5,000

Provides 2 classrooms with  
interactive smartboards!

☐ Platinum - \$1,000

Provides 4 new student desks!

☐ Gold - \$750

Provides 3 new student desks!

☐ Silver - \$500

Provides a new iPad for student  
video production!

## #2 MONETARY DONATION

I would like to make a monetary  
donation to Sacred Heart School, to  
be used as necessary by the School.

☐ I pledge to donate:

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I will submit my donation by:

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## #3 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I would like to make a scholarship  
donation to be used to offset the  
cost of tuition for a student, as  
selected by a special school council.

☐ I pledge to donate:

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I will submit my donation by:

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**Please complete this Pledge Form!**

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☐ Donor(s) wishes to remain anonymous.



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