



# SACRED HEART

## SCHOOL

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### WEEKLY UPDATES

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#### Be Not Afraid!

*Lent is upon us!*

This month, we will focus on the virtue of Temperance. How timely as we move through this Lenten season!

#### February 23rd - March 2nd

2/23 → 7th Grade Confessions

→ Stations of the Cross (5th Grade)

2/25 → Holy Cross Academy Open House

2/26 → Band Day!

2/27 → New Elective Rotation (6-8th)

2/28 → Blood Drive

→ Wednesday Rosary Warriors

→ Robotics Club

3/1 → Dr. Seuss Day @ SHS!

→ End of the 2nd Trimester

→ Rotary to bring Dictionaries to 3rd Gr.

→ Choir

3/2 → School Mass (3rd) @ 8:30am

3/3 → St. Paddy's Day Parade!

3/5 → Iowa Testing Begins!

Dear Parents,

First, I thought there was no better sound than our children praying the Our Father, but then I heard them sing Heart of Jesus, Hear. It's a tough call, but there's a new sound in the running for my all time favorite--our children singing the Stabat Mater! This beautiful and prayerful hymn was sung by our entire school as our 5th graders led us in the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoon. The Stabat Mater reminds us of the pain of Mary as she watched her son suffer: *Can the human heart refrain from partaking in her pain, in that Mother's pain untold.* Simply beautiful.

Our Lent is off to a great start here at Sacred Heart, but I am already looking forward to our St. Vincent de Paul Society's Purple Passion Day to help us refocus on our Lenten promises.

Meanwhile, our students have been hard at work presenting their 100th Day projects in the middle school and learning about the moon cycle in 1st grade.

As we grow in wisdom and holiness, it is always important to remember to do for others as well. As you hopefully know, this Wednesday, February 28th we are hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross. I am so proud of our students who have been learning about the importance of giving blood and working to recruit volunteers. Please join me in giving the gift of life! You can sign-up by contacting Ms. Murphy at [lmurphy@sacred-heart-school.org](mailto:lmurphy@sacred-heart-school.org).

Many thanks to all who have completed their re-registration packets! I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with you and your beautiful families for another happy year at SHS! There is still time to 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!](#)

## Liturgical Celebrations

As we continue along our Lenten journeys, let's take a moment to learn from those who got it right--the saints! This week, we celebrate the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel.

St. Katharine Drexel is the second American-born saint to be canonized. This inspiring, strong woman was an heiress to a large bequest, but chose to live her life simply, founding her own order with a special mission dedicated to the education of the marginalized, particularly the Native American community.

From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and fortune to this work. In 1894, Mother Katharine took part in opening the first mission boarding school called St. Catherine's Indian School in Santa Fe, NM. Others quickly followed.

In 1915, St. Katherine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African Americans.

By the time of her death, St. Katharine had more than 500 sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country. She used her fortune to establish 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

It is difficult to fathom Catholic Education in America without Mother Katharine. What a wonderful example of generosity and dedication she is for us individually and as a school community.

St. Katharine Drexel, PRAY FOR US!

Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful Lent!

Thank you and may the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless and keep you always! In Christ, Ms. Besheer  
Here are some upcoming events and ways to get involved!

### **Get your Soup!**

Have you been enjoying our delicious Lenten Soup Fridays? YUM! Don't forget your order this week! Delicious Hearty Vegetable and Corn Chowder for the taking! Order [here!](#)

### **The BBT Benefit**

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!*

### **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](#).

### **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Sacred Heart will once again be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade of Mount Holly! We've been a fan favorite with a jolly St. Pat so I hope you will join us! Sign up [here!](#) Cheers!

### **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!](#)

### **SHS Choir to Perform in Philly!**

The Sacred Heart School Choir will participate in American Young Voices, on Tuesday, June 5th, at the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia. American Young Voices is a large choir that consists of many schools from around the Philadelphia area. Come on out and support our school choir and enjoy a great concert. Tickets are available for \$30.00. For more information or to purchase tickets please click on the link. <http://ayv.shop.ticketstoday.com/>

If purchasing tickets, please make sure, you purchase for the June 5th, Philadelphia, PA concert.

### **Parent Academy: Nobody Told Me**

## *Important Links!*

[School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[AM Care/Extended Day](#)

[PTA Info](#)

[Health Office](#)

Save the date for this powerful presentation on Chastity! Pam Stenzel is a nationally renowned speaker on this topic which the Church holds dear. Join us at St. Greg's in Hamilton March 8th at 7pm. Find more details [here](#).

### **Youth Group Family Stations of the Cross**

Join us for Family Supper and Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 2nd at 6pm. All are welcome! See details here.

### **Using Technology to Support Language Learning!**

The World Language Program will start to incorporate technology to support and extend language learning outside the classroom. Señora Delgado introduced two free technological applications, Duolingo and Quizlet, to students in Grades 3-8 with an emphasis on Grades 5-8. Duolingo is a free mobile application that allows for an extension of Spanish learning in a fun, competitive atmosphere and is an optional application for the students to use. Quizlet is a website that will be used in Grades 5-8 and will allow the students to complete activities at home ("homework") in a safe, collaborative environment through the use of an individual class code and free account. Quizlet will be monitored by Señora Delgado.

### **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 Project Dance Auditions: Sunday, March 4, 1:00 PM.**

Dancers over age 11, of all levels in jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop and modern dance are invited to audition for PROJECT DANCE, the annual dance festival at Paul VI High School. For more information, please visit [www.nextstagedance.com](http://www.nextstagedance.com) or email [cdaniels@pvihs.org](mailto:cdaniels@pvihs.org). Show dates are May 24 and 25, 2018.

### **Celebrate Catholic Press Month!**

February is Catholic Press Month and we can't let the month pass us by without acknowledging our diocesan newspaper, [Trenton Monitor](#)! The Monitor carries national and worldwide news and also features our Catholic schools regularly! For more information and to subscribe visit [here](#).

### **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 5-9th. Please be sure that your child gets a good night of rest and a hearty breakfast during this week!

## Sacred Heart Celebrations

Another great week at SHS!



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