

## From the Heart | Weekly Newsletter of Sacred Heart School

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**Our Mission** || Sacred Heart School is a Catholic community of faith, service, and academic excellence.

### Key Dates

- Mar 17 - Jun 18 – Campus closure following WA state guidance. Remote learning via Teams
- **Apr 10 – No online classes, Stations of the Cross, 12 noon and Good Friday liturgy, 3:00 pm via [Facebook Live](#) TODAY**
- Apr 11-19 – No School, Easter Break

[2019-20 Full Year Calendar](#) & [2020-2021 Full Year Calendar](#)



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### The Week Ahead | April 13th to 17th

**Easter Break!** Enjoy nine days of offline fun, exercise, relaxation, and learning with your family. There is no work this week. Please see next week's From the Heart for the work the week after the break.

### From the Office



Good Friday TODAY

Today, there will be no online classes. Instead, we ask that students, parents, and staff spend time with their families and join our community in celebrating Good Friday by attending Stations of the Cross at 12 noon and the Good Friday liturgy at 3pm. Both can be found at our [Sacred Heart Church Facebook page](#).



### **Easter**

Perhaps your observance of Lent has been deepened by the isolation of these last few weeks. Maybe you have been too stressed and busy to spend time in prayer. Either way, we are all called to join in the celebration of the death and resurrection of the Lord. Today, tomorrow, and Sunday – Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday – are the very core of our faith. The death and resurrection of the Jesus are the source of all of the grace and all of the hope that strengthen us as Christians. Like the parable of the workers in the vineyard, we are all invited to receive our reward whether we have been striving in prayer and sacrifice since Ash Wednesday or really just starting today. I encourage everyone to take the time over these three days to participate in the liturgies together as a family.



### **Extended Learning**

I want to thank everyone who took the time to participate in our parent and student survey this week and those who have sent emails with both words of support and suggestions for improvements. Your feedback is important in planning the rest of the year.

When we switched to remote learning four weeks ago, we knew that we would not be able to simply replicate the regular school day through a computer screen. We asked all of our teachers to focus their online instruction on the core curriculum in each class and grade. This has meant that our students have shorter days overall. But it does not mean that we are skimping on learning. All of our teachers are working hard to ensure that their students are learning the fundamentals that they will need to be successful the rest of this academic year and next year, too. They are missing out on some of the “extras” that make each year memorable – Peacemakers assemblies, Student of the Week presentations, field trips, and more.

As our community (students, parents, and staff) has grown in its skill and comfort with online learning, we have been finding ways to insert more into our schedule like morning announcements and “recess”. After the Easter Break we will be offering some additional educational as well.

These “extended learning” opportunities are **optional**. We understand that some families are barely managing the current workload. Others are asking for more work. We are trying to meet the needs of our whole community by continuing to focus on the core curriculum in our daily classes and offering a variety of opportunities for students before and after the regular “school day”. Your child is welcome to join in any of these opportunities that fit in with your schedule. All we ask is that those who participate are engaged, respectful, and punctual – just like any other class.

More details will be sent about some of these opportunities next week. But here is what we have planned so far.

- **Book Club** – Open to students in grades 2 & 3 (Monday and Wednesday 12:45-1:30), grades 4 & 5 (Tuesday and Thursday 9:45-10:30), and grades 6-8 (Monday and Wednesday 8:30 -9:15). Students will read a new book about every two weeks and join together to discuss them led by Mrs. Sneifer. **In order to ensure that the students have their first book, we need to have everyone who is interested in participating email [Mrs. Sneifer](#) by Monday morning, April 13.**
- **Math Enrichment** - Teachers in grades 1-8 will provide additional math “challenge and extension” work for students interested in participating. Each teacher will send home an email with details for her or his class.
- **IXL** – Students in grades K-8 can work independently online learning in math, social studies, and science with weekly opportunities to check in on their progress with staff proctors.
- **Cooking and Baking Club** – Grades 1-3 with Mrs. Kirwan. Students will learn math, social studies, and language skills while creating tasty treats
- **STEM Club** – Grades 2-3 and 4-6 with Mrs. Simons. Students will participate in science and engineering challenges with materials found at home.



### **Talent Show**

We've heard your desire to find more ways to connect our community. So, we are in the process of planning an all-school Talent Show for May. The Easter Break is a great time to start thinking, planning, and practicing a performance. Performances should generally be between 1 and 3 minutes in length. Students, staff, and parents in all grades may participate. We will send out more information in next week's From the Heart.

### **Graduation and Other activities and traditions**

With the closure of the school campus for the rest of the year, there are some traditions and activities that will have to change. However, we are committed to continuing as many of these events as possible, just in a different way than ever before. We have groups who are already brainstorming about and researching ways to hold the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Staff Volleyball game, Field Day, the Clap Out, Graduation, and more. We have already had innovative teachers and students move the Culture Fair, the Passion Play, and the Living Stations of the Cross into a digital format. More

information will follow about when and how we will be observing these traditions over the next few weeks.



### **Support for Sacred Heart Parish**

Please [give online](#) or mail in a check to support our parish. Easter is the one of the two most important days for giving to the parish. Please show your appreciation for all of their work with a donation this weekend. Thank you! - *Mr. Burroughs*



### **Fun Activities & Adventures!**

We're all spending much more time at home than usual and could use some new ideas for fun activities – please share some fun things your family has done and discovered during our campus closure on our new SHS [Fun Activities & Adventures Wall](#)! Ideas might include favorite games, good family-friendly movies or TV shows, crafts, art projects, fun recipes to make together, funny stories or jokes – you name it! Let's compile a big collection so we can all have some fun and benefit from each other's discoveries!

The Fun Activities & Adventures Wall is a new wall on our [SHS Padlet](#) – along with our Gratitude Wall. [Click here](#) to visit our Fun Activities & Adventures Wall.

Our Gratitude Wall remains open and active and we encourage all to continue contributing to it as well!

### **Important Message from SHS Yearbook Committee**

We are going to get creative this year with some brand new yearbook pages, and we need your help!

Please send photos of:

- SHS Winter Sports
- Service that your child has done in or out of school throughout the year
- Photos from Remote Learning (Using technology to continue learning!)
- Other photos showing what your family has done during Social Distancing
- Family Vacation/Travel photos from this year (highlighting students going cool places)
- Photos of your child reading (Everyone from PK to 8th graders reading their favorite books in their favorite spots- be sure to focus on the faces and book titles!)

Please make sure to send only high quality photos so they show up nicely in print form! Photos can be sent to [yearbook@sacredheart.org](mailto:yearbook@sacredheart.org).

**Deadline for photo submissions: Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 pm.**

Thank you so much for helping us chronicle this unique and memorable year!

*Your SHS Yearbook Committee*

### **Full-Time ESS Users**

We are very grateful to the families who have generously agreed to continue paying their ESS fees during the closure. As it is our goal to keep the ESS team employed during this time, your gifts are helping to make that possible. These payments will be redirected into the Sacred Heart Annual Fund and are eligible for corporate matching.

This is a reminder that if you are on the Full-Time ESS plan and need to have some or all of your ESS payments removed for the duration of the school year, please email [Amy Davis](#) to have that change made in FACTS.



**Looking for some fun STEM Activities to do at home with your family and a way to engage with our SHS community?**

Don't miss:

[STEM at Home Week #1](#) Challenges

[STEM at Home Week #2](#) Challenges

[STEM at Home Week #3](#) Challenges

**We want to see your creations & innovations! [Click here to share on FLIPGRID!](#)**

- Click sign in with Microsoft
- Sign in with your student Office365 account
- Record a 2 minute video to Show & Tell your forts, instruments, meals, and toys!
- Watch what others have done and give them a video comment!

**How many activities can YOU complete this week? Creators of all ages welcome :)**

Questions? Comments? Please contact [Deanna Simons](#).

## From the Development Office



### Save the date to do something **BIG** for Sacred Heart School!

Sacred Heart School will be participating in GiveBIG once again this year ~ **Early giving begins Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **What is GiveBIG?** GiveBIG is an online giving campaign that promotes philanthropy across Washington State. The big event is May 5-6, but donors like you can give to Sacred Heart School *early* ~ between April 15 and May 4.
- **Why GiveBIG to SHS?** Sacred Heart School, as well as many other Washington State non-profits, have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This campaign is your opportunity to support Sacred Heart School during these ever changing times.
- **How can I GiveBIG to help SHS?** Early giving begins Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and concludes with a TWO DAY giving event on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Just visit [www.givebigwa.org](http://www.givebigwa.org) and search Sacred Heart School or click [HERE](#). The Sacred Heart School page will go live and able to accept donations on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**We thank you for giving BIG to Sacred Heart School!**



**Calling all SHS student Alumni!**

Are you home and looking to help your grade school alma mater? We are reaching out to alumni willing to help our current students on-line with various subjects during our digital learning curriculum.

If you are interested, please contact us at [SHSAlumni@sacredheart.org](mailto:SHSAlumni@sacredheart.org). Let us know what subjects and student ages you would like to work with.

For more Sacred Heart Alumni information, please visit our [alumni page](#) on our website.  
GO SPARTANS!

## From the Parish

### Holy Week Liturgies and Services

You are invited to participate and celebrate these Holy Days with Fr. John Madigan, online via [Facebook Live](#) page:

- **Good Friday, April 10** – Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm
- **Good Friday, April 10** – Service at 3:00 pm
- **Holy Saturday, April 11** – Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm
- **Easter Sunday April 12** – Easter Mass at 11:00 am

We have compiled a great list of resources, activities and a central location to access all liturgies online for the Holy Week at Home – [Family Retreat](#) page. Also, there is a very good [list of movies](#) suggested for this Holy Week and Easter in the Parish page.

>Click [here](#) for the latest Sacred Heart Parish bulletin. If you wish to view an older bulletin, click [here](#).

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**Our Vision** || Sacred Heart School is committed to providing an excellent academic education in a welcoming environment of faith and virtue. We accomplish this by building an active partnership between our families, school, and parish. Graduates of Sacred Heart School are servant leaders who are well prepared to embrace the life that God calls them to live.

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