

A Message from Mrs. Harren

During this time filled with uncertainties, Sacred Heart School provides a solid foundation of faith and hope while caring for our students socially, emotionally and academically. While academics remain our main concern, we recognize and strive to care for the entire child and to help them grow into determined, faith filled and confident youth. We are proud of not only the students currently attending Sacred Heart, but our alumni as well. Seeing former students on the honor roll, involved in extracurriculars and officers of special clubs and organizations reassures us that we have helped develop well rounded students who will be productive citizens in our community. We recognize what a treasure Sacred Heart School has been, and continues to be in Freeport, the surrounding communities and to the church at large; and in return what a blessing the community has been to our school.

This school year we are taking extra time to talk to our students and staff about developing a positive mental health. We know it is important for people to feel loved and cared for, safe, and respected for them to put forth their best efforts and to trust those around them. We realize the importance of a smile, a “Good morning, how was your night?” and human connections in general. Along with a selection of books about positive mental health, our Top 20 character development program continues to help students to recognize ways they can help themselves see and respond to things differently along with determining ways they are able to help others to succeed.

Sacred Heart is an extraordinary school where teachers, parents, support staff and the community actively partner to provide children with a high quality education and spiritual formation within the context of the Catholic Faith. As we reflect on past accomplishments, we do so with gratitude. We are most thankful for the support of our families and the surrounding communities. We want to assure you that you are remembered in our daily prayers.

God’s Blessing,

Mrs. Kristie Harren

Early Childhood Center

The Early Childhood Center is a licensed facility for 3-5 year old preschoolers and is directed by Mrs. Sara Van Beck. The ECC is available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. all weekdays other than holidays. During the school year, in addition to offering preschool 5 days a week, we also have before and after school care. During the summer it operates as a summer care building with many organized activities and adventures. This building, and its staff, has allowed us to meet the needs of various families. It is our mission to begin building and forming disciples of Jesus at a very young age.

Enrollment K – 6 2021-2022

Freeport- 65

106 Students K-6

65 families

St. Rosa-9
New Munich- 20
St. Martin- 4
Melrose- 2
Spring Hill- 3
Grey Eagle- 2
Other- 1

Pre-school children - 33

Faith Formation

Our goal at Sacred Heart School is to assist children and parents in building a community of faith, hope and love rooted in the Gospel and person of Jesus Christ. We believe in partnering with parents in the spiritual development of their children and that faith formation is not confined to a class, but rather a nurturing environment throughout each day which gives children the opportunity to deepen that relationship with God. Partnering with parents in the endeavor of raising their children Catholic is seen by the staff at SHS as a sacred privilege.

Active participation at Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays as servers, readers, musicians, song leaders or dramatizing the Gospel message is an integral part of a SHS student's life. Giving service flows naturally from our prayer and is perceived as a Christian spiritual responsibility. Students become deeply engaged in projects designed to offer assistance within the local or global communities. During the year, students were encouraged to offer service to each other and to their families and were also involved in several major service projects.

Lent 2021:

- We collected \$546.46 to send to Feed My Starving Children. Due to COVID restrictions, the 6th graders were not able to go and help package food.

Advent:

- We collected infant clothing and baby supplies to be donated to Elevate. (formerly Birthline of St. Cloud) Here, young mothers will be able to get clothing and supplies for their newborns.

Spirit and Life: The Holy Sacraments of the Catholic Church By: Rose Rea

The staff has been reading and discussing the book Spirit and Life: The Holy Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The school and parish staff have been meeting monthly to discuss the assigned reading. All involved have gained new insight into the teachings of the Catholic church, the meaning, history and rituals of each sacrament and have been enlightened with discussions about

various topics. This opportunity has built stronger, more meaningful relationships between staff members and between each of us and God as we come to recognize the graces offered with each sacrament.

FAST/ S.T.A.R.

Sacred Heart School partners with Melrose Schools and administers the same standardized tests as all other schools in the district. The FAST test is given to students in grades K-5 while the S.T.A.R. test is given to all 6th graders. The results of these tests are used by teachers to help differentiate instruction, prepare individualized learning plans, and offer interventions and accommodations suitable for each student. Our goal is to meet each student at their level and to develop them from there. While proficiency is ideal, growth is equally important.