



# Annual Report

## 2019-2020

Led by the Holy Spirit and supported by the parish communities, Sacred Heart School unites students, families and staff in their spiritual, social and academic journeys. We strive to inspire, challenge, and empower one another to go forth and touch the world with the knowledge, values, and gifts with which God has blessed us.

### *A Message from Mrs. Harren*



As a new decade begins, I reflect on the changes that have taken place at Sacred Heart School. It is with great pride that I present the 2019-2020 annual report and review the past ten years with you.

We have made numerous improvements not only to our building, but to the curriculum and extracurriculars offered to our students. These changes were made possible by the dedicated staff members, supportive community, and committed parents who invested in Sacred Heart School and Catholic Education.



While I reflect, I am very excited about the future of Sacred Heart School and the opportunities we are able to offer our students. Because of the support of our community and district, we are able to offer experiences where students are engaged and consumed in learning 21st century skills and forming a solid foundation in our Catholic Faith. We care for and develop the entire child as we continue our mission of making disciples for the Lord.

God's Blessing,  
Mrs. Kristie Harren



We are excited to be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our Prime and Wine Dinner and Auction event. Tickets are available in the school office. We hope that you are able to join us to celebrate this great event.

### *Early Childhood Center*

One of the biggest changes to take place in the past ten years was the addition of our Early Childhood Center (ECC). The ECC has been open since June of 2017. This licensed facility for 3 year olds through 6th graders is directed by Mrs. Sara Van Beck. The ECC is available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, other than holidays. During the summer, it operates as a summer care building with many organized activities and adventures. For the 2019-2020 school year, we enrolled 29 students in our preschool program.



### ENROLLMENT 2019-2020

Total Students K-6: 114	Freeport - 71	St. Martin - 5	Other - 1
Families - 74	St. Rosa - 12	Spring Hill - 1	
Preschool Students - 29	New Munich - 23	Melrose - 1	

## Faith Formation

As I stated earlier, our main mission at Sacred Heart School is to develop disciples for the Lord. It is our goal to form a partnership with parents as we support them in being the primary teachers of our faith. Religion is not a class that is taught for 30 minutes each day, but rather is taught throughout our days and integrated into our daily actions and choices. Our faith helps us to see and treat each person as a child of God. Being a part of each student's faith journey is seen 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 2019:

- Presented / prayed the Shadow Way of the Cross and led weekly Stations of the Cross..
- Participated in a Lenten Retreat and Passover meal for grades K-6.
- Donated / Collected \$1,262 for Feed My Starving Children. The 6th graders brought the donation to them and spent a morning packaging food.



### Advent 2019:

During Advent, students brought in change for "Caring Coins." This money was used to purchase fabric to make lap blankets for individuals entering the local nursing homes. As students tied the blankets, prayers were said for the people who would be receiving blankets. We surpassed our goal by \$250. This money was donated to a local family to help with medical, gas, and food bills around the Holiday Season.

## Maintaining and Enhancing Sacred Heart School

Through many hours of volunteer services and generous financial gifts from individuals, businesses, and civic organizations from the Tri-Parish area and beyond, we have been able to complete projects that continue to maintain and enhance our facilities.

### 2010-2011

- Sprinkler system (1st stage – lower level)
- New linoleum installed in K. classroom
- New carpet in 2 rooms
- Computer lab updated (tables, computers and carpet)
- Former library converted to an additional classroom on 2nd floor

### 2011-2012

- Sprinkler system (2nd Stage – Main floor)
- Ceilings lowered in 2 rooms and energy efficient lighting installed in all rooms
- Classrooms painted

### 2012-2013

- Sprinkler System (3rd Stage – upper level)
- Remodeled lower level bathrooms
- Phy Ed/Recess storage shed built
- Overhead projectors installed
- Ceiling fans installed in all classrooms and hallway
- Former upstairs faculty room converted to classroom painted, carpet and cabinets
- Additional library shelving cart built

### 2013-2014

- Cubbies – Kindergarten classroom
- Automated library
- Cabinets and new carpet in office/faculty room
- WiFi access points added
- One SMART Board installed
- Used lockers refinished and installed in down stairs hallway
- Air conditioning units added in the upstairs classrooms



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### 2014-2015

- New main front door installed
- Updated security system
- Bathroom on 2nd floor remodeled
- Auditorium (stage painted, curtain, back boards, projector, screen, lighting and sound)
- Painted main hallway and entry
- Five additional SMART Boards installed

### 2015-2016

- Auditorium floor (stripped, sanded and refinished)
- Display case for entryway
- Logo on main door

### 2016-2017

- Office remodeled
- Principal's office added
- Carpet removed from side steps, replaced with rubber treads
- Gym was built
- ECC was built

### 2017-2018

- Computer lab and library moved and remodeled
- Completed hallway to link
- Put in walls for art room
- Add curtain to the auditorium doors & windows
- Landscaping completed around the gym and ECC

- Security cameras added around the campus and in the computer/library area
- Additional lights added to the outside of the school and gym
- New window shelves made for the 5th grade classroom
- Insulated and soundproofed the walls in the office area
- Purchased a walk-in freezer for the parish kitchen (donations)

### 2018-2019

- Redo east entrances to the building
- Replaced carpeting in 5th and 6th grade classrooms
- Varnished baseboards and front railing
- Purchased 18 Chromebooks for 5th grade
- Purchased two tables for the school kitchen

### 2019-2020

- Replaced west entrance
- Redid floor in the title room
- Replaced and added windows
- Bricked around the windows on the outside
- Sheetrocked, trimmed, and painted around the windows in the inside
- Upgraded to blinds in classrooms and all rooms with south windows
- Added pads to the gym walls
- Purchased new plates for the kitchen
- Purchased four new tables for the kitchen

\*\* Will replace and upgrade the air conditioning unit in the office area spring 2020



Sacred Heart Strings



Science Squad



SHS Sprinters



Book Club



Chess & Cribbage Club

## The Sacred That Surrounds Us:

### How Everything in a Catholic Church Points to Heaven



The staff read and discussed the book, “The Sacred that Surrounds Us: How Everything in a Catholic Church Points to Heaven” by: Andrea Zachman. The school and parish staff have been meeting monthly to discuss the assigned reading. All involved have gained new insight into the importance and tradition of using different items and spaces in the church during the Mass. While teachers have been talking to the students about the proper names of religious items, Fr. Dan has also talked to students and parish members during weekday Masses to show items owned by the parish. Fr. Dan reviewed names of different items and areas of the church, their traditional uses, and historical facts. These Masses have deepened our understanding of our faith and the Catholic Mass.

## Extra Curricular Offerings:

Sacred Heart is proud to offer additional learning opportunities for our students after school.

- Sacred Heart Strings: Students in 4th grade are encouraged to participate in guitar lessons offered every week with Mr. Steven Mages. In these lessons, they prepare to become a part of the group. 5th and 6th grade students are directed by Mr. Jesse Kuechle and also meet weekly to practice songs for our school Masses.
- Science Squad: This group is offered to students in grades 2-6 and meets one Wednesday a month. Many parents and teachers volunteer offering STEM activities where students explore and find numerous ways to solve a problem.
- SHS Sprinters: Students in grades 3-6 meet with Christie Zink weekly to run on the Wobegon Trail or to do some physical activities and challenges in the gym. It is always followed by a healthy snack and recognition of a student who has shown great sportsmanship throughout the week.
- Book Club: 5th and 6th graders choosing to be a part of this group meet monthly with Sr. Janine to discuss and dialogue about their latest book. Sr. Janine empowers students to come up with fun and exciting activities related to the story to keep the students engaged, learning, and laughing.
- Chess and Cribbage Club: 5th and 6th graders will meet monthly during the second semester of the school year to build their math and strategy skills through interactive games. This opportunity encourages students to build life and social skills with their peers.

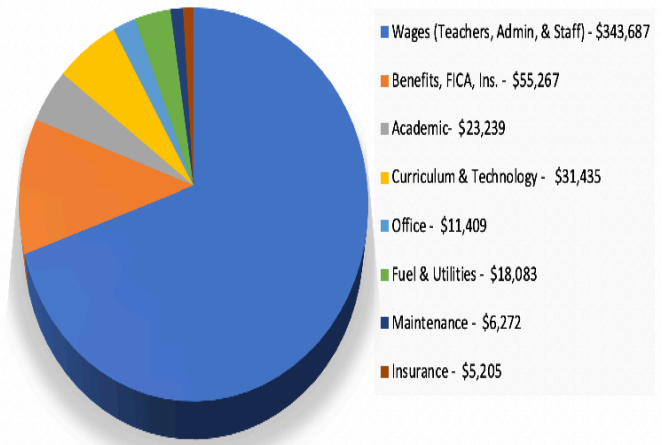
# SHS Fundraising

Fundraising Comparison as of January 2020

# Budget

	<u>2019-20 YTD</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Freeport State Bank Golf Classic	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Work-A-Thon	\$ 10,169.00	\$ 12,792.00
Catholic United Financial Breakfast	\$ 5,222.00	\$ 4,403.00
Rummage/Soup Sale	\$ 4,787.00	\$ 4,753.00
Prime & Wine	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>	\$ 60,742.00
Catholic United Raffle	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>	\$ 9,895.00
Loot for Learning designated to gym maintenance	\$ 4,729.00 <b>Jul-Dec</b>	\$ 7,756.00
Meat Raffle	\$ 1,200.00 <b>Sept-Dec</b>	\$ 2,700.00
1K/5K - designated to curriculum and technology	\$ 3,086.00	\$ 5,455.00
Zero K	\$ 640.00	\$ 508.00
Johnny Holm Band - designated to curriculum and technology	\$ 16,580.92	\$ 16,367.00
Give to the Max - designated to Interactive Displays and Cafeteria Tables	\$ 13,275.00	\$ 1,000.00
Purse Bingo (New in 2019)	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>	\$ 10,211.00
Calendar Raffle (New in 2019- 2020)	\$ 12,890.00	N/A

SHS EXPENSES 2018-2019



**\*\*Cost per student \$4,263**

## SCRIP - Loot for Learning



This program is an easy way to raise money through ordinary daily expenses. Cards are purchased at full value, and the participating business donates a portion of the sale back to the school. Participating is easy. Orders can be placed through the school, and there are a variety of cards that can be purchased at the school and at Decor and More in Freeport. Proceeds from the Loot for Learning program are designated for gym maintenance and operation.

## Volunteers

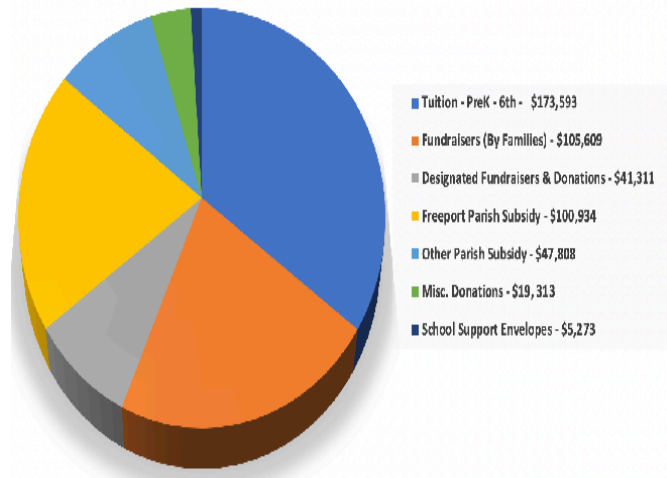
An item that is not indicated in the chart to the right and cannot be overlooked is the amount of volunteerism that is dedicated to Sacred Heart School. We appreciate the many hours of time and talent that Sacred Heart parents and members of the community are willing to share.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

*Thank You*

to Father Dan and the Sacred Heart School Board for their positive leadership and support.

SHS INCOME 2018-2019



**\*\*Tuition scale:**

- K-6 Tuition: \$1,775 - 1st Child
- \$1,575 - 2nd child
- \$1,375 - 3rd child
- Free will offering for fourth child and above
- Pre-K Tuition: \$25 per day per child