

# The Sacred Heart Beat

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## Up Front:

*With apologies for the oversight, please note that Cecelia Cromer's name was mistakenly omitted from the High Honor section of the Third Quarter Honor Roll! Congratulations Cecelia!*

*Congratulations also to Elyn Biery, a Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper Outstanding Catholic School Student, and Francesca Bowser, a Diocesan Spelling Bee finalist! The details of their accomplishments are on page 4.*

*The Summer Scrip Schedule appears on page 3 – along with details about end of year ordering, and starting up again next year! We're hope this information will help you with your summertime scrip needs!*

*Throughout this Newsletter you'll find several articles regarding the PTG's fundraising efforts, and the wonderful folks who make it happen. Thanks to everyone for supporting SHES!*

*Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Second Annual Gala – scheduled to be held on 11/12/11 at Heinz Field! See page 2 for more details!*

*Have a great summer!*

## From the Principal's Pen

*By: Sister Lynn Rettinger, S.C.*

Dear Parents,

**Mrs. Kegarise**, our seventh and eighth grade teacher at Sacred Heart School, will be retiring at the end of this school year. For twenty-two years, Mrs. Kegarise has given totally of herself to the faith formation and academic excellence of her students. The administration, faculty and staff have been graced by her generosity. She has taken on responsibilities above and beyond the call of duty and done them all well. She is a woman of great faith, patience, loyalty and kindness and it has been a privilege to work with her. We thank her for sharing so much with us and we hope that she will be continue to be involved at SHES in other ways.

Thank you for a wonderful year! There are so many people whose labors of love for their children, SHES, and their faith have moved us forward in ways that would not have been possible without such dedication. The energy spent by members of the PTG and its various subcommittees, the Gala Committee, the Athletic Association, Educational Enrichment, Cultural Connection Committees, School Board and Scrip Committee is phenomenal, and we are proud of everything that has been accomplished. Many thanks to the faculty, office staff and cafeteria personnel whose selfless giving of themselves reflects the charity of Christ, our reason for existing.

We are moving forward with a Feasibility Study for our school and have contracted with the architectural firm, A-E possible location for the Science Lab, as well as classroom space for the Title I Reading and Speech Programs. The study will address future needs of the school as well.

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## Important Dates:

- June 1<sup>st</sup>: *Preschool 4 – Last Day*
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Ascension Thursday – 8:30 Mass*  
*Preschool 3 – Last Day*
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>: *Field Trips – Grades 3-6-8*  
*Kindergarten Play / Last Day*
- June 6<sup>th</sup>: *Field Trip – Grade 4*  
*Eighth Grade Graduation*
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: *Last Day – Grades 1-7*
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: *Pentecost Sunday*
- June 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>: *First Week of Summer Camp*
- June 19<sup>th</sup>: *Father's Day*
- June 20<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>: *Second Week of Summer Camp*

## *From the Principal's Pen . . .*

Next December, SHES will engage in the Middle States Reaccreditation Evaluation which occurs every ten years. We have been working on the Middle States document for over a year and will host four professional educators who will evaluate the entire operation of the school. The visitors will arrive on Sunday evening, December 4 and stay until noon on Wednesday, December 7. They will be housed at a local hotel and work at school during the day. There is much planning yet to be done, but we are looking forward to sharing the work of our students, parents and teachers.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Davin-Flynn** and her piano students whose recital was held last Wednesday evening. It was a refreshing time to experience fresh musical talent moving fingers up and down the keyboard and giving delight to families and friends.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Traugh** and her Beginners and Advanced SHES Bands for their awesome performances for parents and for the entire student body. The talent and musical selections sing to the soul of music appreciation.

Congratulations to the winners of the Save the Earth Art Contest conducted by Mrs. Hernandez:.

1st Place	<b>Shinka Mori</b>	Extinct
2nd Place	<b>Abby Pechin</b>	Help These Animals Come Out of Hiding
3rd Place	<b>Lily Namestnik</b>	Save the Sea Creatures
Honorable Mention	<b>Brendan Stead</b>	Rain Forest
	<b>Sydney Haggmann</b>	Koala Bears
	<b>Kelly McCulloch-Beatty</b>	Life in the Sea Reefs

God bless our 2011 Graduation Class. We are looking forward to celebrating with them next Tuesday at the 7:00 evening Mass and reception.

We extend every blessing to you and your family for a beautiful summer.



***Save the Date*** for Sacred Heart's next exciting Gala dinner and auction to raise funds for our new science lab. It will be held Saturday, 11/12/11, at beautiful Heinz Field!

*We're looking forward to another wonderful evening and hope you can join us. There are many other ways you can help support our fundraising effort: advertise in the program, consider a sponsorship, invite your friends and family, and donate an item for the silent or live auction. We particularly need some big exciting items, so if you have a vacation home, consider donating a week or weekend stay; if you have tickets to a coveted event, consider donating them. Be creative and let us know how you'd like to help! For more information about the Gala, contact Carrie Zenkevich.*

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## Reminders from the School Office . . .

### Scrip Calendar

#### End of Year

- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scrip Drop-off and Pick-up  
 June 9<sup>th</sup>: Scrip Drop-off and Pick-up  
 June 16<sup>th</sup>: Scrip pick-up only

#### Summer Scrip:

- July 7<sup>th</sup>: Scrip Drop-off  
 (**Giant Eagle Cards only**)  
 July 14<sup>th</sup>: Scrip Pick-up Only  
 August 4<sup>th</sup>: Scrip Drop-off  
 (**Giant Eagle Cards Only**)  
 August 11 Scrip Pick-up Only

#### 2011-2012 School Year:

- August 25<sup>th</sup>: Scrip Drop-off  
 September 1<sup>st</sup>: Scrip Drop-off and Pick-up

*Tuition Cost Sheets, Family Assessment Commitment Forms and Parent Lunch Forms are all past due at the school office.*

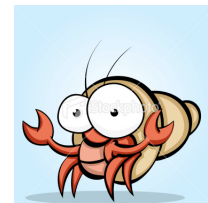
*If you have not turned these forms in yet, please do so ASAP. Also, any outstanding fees should be paid if applicable to your family.*

*The first tuition payment for the 2011-2012 school year is due July 15, 2011.*

*Please remember that tuition payments are not to be made at the school. Payments are received according to the payment option you chose by mail to SM310 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 or in person at that address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (412-661-0187).*

*Elmer's Aquarium has a special treat for all "A" students! Any student earning at least one "A", or its equivalent on their final report card will receive a free hermit crab! All you need to do is take your report card to Elmer's. Check out their website for more details and information:*

*[www.elmersaquarium.com/hermitcrab.htm](http://www.elmersaquarium.com/hermitcrab.htm). The free hermit crabs are available through June 30<sup>th</sup>!*





The Market Day Program raised over \$1,769.00 for Sacred Heart this year. Thanks to our Chairperson, Kristen Rapp - and a team of dedicated volunteers, including eighth grade students Elizabeth Armbruster, Maria Lagnese, Levente Tarr, Stephen Robinson and Eva Lucchino and all of our families who shop at Market Day.

Besides providing great, high quality foods for you and your family, Market Day is also a wonderful fundraiser for our school, and affords every family another opportunity to earn money towards their \$350 Family Assessment.



## SHES's FOUR YEAR OLD PRESCHOOLERS ARE ON THE MOVE!!

Mrs. Caligiuri



WHOOSH! - flying a plane, wind tunnel whirling, rockets exploding, parachutes twirling up, up and away and don't forget the bubbles, bubbles, bubbles everywhere!

From the moment we lined up in the classroom, boarded the bus, and arrived at the Children's Museum on the North Side we had a GREAT time.

Ms. Caligiuri and Mrs. Laskowski's pre-school 4-year old class, with the assistance of a few adventurous Moms, ventured to the North Side for a little of everything and lots of fun and laughing.

We started in the new exhibit learning about air, and then blew over to the garage for building, driving, climbing and a twisty super-fast slide. We couldn't resist creating artwork, trying our first silk screening, making paper and everyone's steadfast favorite -playing with Play-Doh. We ate lunch and got back to fun with more slides and the shadow room, and ended with a trolley ride through Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.

Everyone, including our Museum tour guide Mr. Nick, agreed that our children were wonderful examples that respect, kindness, cooperation always lead to nothing but FUN for everyone! We can't wait for kindergarten!

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*Elyn Biery* (Gr. 8) was recognized in the Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper in April as an **Outstanding Catholic School Student**. Elyn, an eighth grader at SHES, has been an altar server at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Harmar since 2004. She is a leader who accepts responsibility with eagerness. Any job that needs to be done at school, she volunteers to do it. Elyn follows through on



her commitments. She is in charge of school announcements on the public address system and assist the office staff whenever necessary. Elyn is in charge of the monthly food drive for the East

End Cooperative Ministry and encourages others to participate.

Congratulations to *Francesca Bowser* (Gr. 6) who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the **Diocesan Spelling Bee** on May 12. Francesca competed with students in grades 4, 5, 6. We are so very proud of her accomplishment. This annual event is sponsored by Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt Publishers.



The Hearts for Haiti Committee at Sacred Heart Church would like to thank the students, parents, teachers, and staff for all their help and contributions over the years. For the last decade, Sacred Heart, working through Partners in Progress, has contributed to teacher salaries at our sister school, St. Antoine, in Fondwa, Haiti.

Over the past year, the school has made donations of the proceeds from the Student

Council sale of Haiti angel ornaments at Christmas and the raffle of a television, donated by a friend of Sacred Heart School. During Catholic Schools Week, donations from pajama day went to Haiti. The students have also collected chewable vitamins for years to send to the St. Antoine students.

St. Antoine's school buildings collapsed during the earthquake in January, 2010, but the students were back in classes

(outdoors) by March 2010. Sacred Heart students and families joined with parishioners to contribute generously after the earthquake.

Classes are now being conducted in temporary wooden structures while plans for the permanent school building are finalized. The continuing support by Sacred Heart school and church families and others is deeply appreciated.

## **Sarris Easter Candy Sale Update**

Thank you for your generosity.... to the over 100 Sacred Heart families who sold more than \$17,300 in Sarris Easter Candy! Your sales efforts earned Sacred Heart a profit of over \$6,000. And, I believe everyone's taste-buds were happy!

The top 5 sellers were awarded the following prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Portable DVD Player - McCord family
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Digital Camera - Arrington Family
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: MP3 Player - Yurkiewicz Family
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize: \$25 gift card - Pechin Family
- 5<sup>th</sup> prize: \$25 gift card - Swoope Family

Children of every family having at least one Sarris candy order were awarded a 'Dress Down Day' on Monday, May 16, 2011.