

The Sacred Heart Beat

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Up Front:

Congratulations to all of the children who made Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the school year. Their names appear on page 4.

We are all still praying for the victims of the horrible earthquake in Haiti, and now we can do something more! A crutch and cane collection has been arranged. Information on how you can help can be found on page 3.

The PTG is arranging our first "Gala" for the Fall of 2010! Planning is in the early stages, and your input and assistance are needed. Please see Sharon Hoffner's article on page 5, and join us in making this event a real success!

Tickets are still available for the April 10th Bill Deasy Concert. This "adults only" event is always a fantastic evening. Check out page 3 for more information.

Have you registered your Giant Eagle Advantage Card to help SHES earn FREE computers? If not, turn to page 6 to find out just how easy it is to help! This program offers a huge reward for a little effort!

SHES PTG Meeting: What's The News?

Have you ever wondered what is discussed at the monthly PTG meetings? For those who have, here is a brief summary of the highlights from the March 2 meeting.

Educational Enrichment – The Educational Enrichment Committee will need a new Chairperson next year. Current activities are going well including intermediate chess, weaving and the English Festival. Possible new offerings include a Lego Club and a social dancing class. The Pulse will also need one (or preferably two) new people to oversee the student newspaper. The kids would like to have at least one of the papers printed in color and we discussed possible fundraisers or printing options to offset the cost.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer reviewed the PTG budget and the profit and loss in all categories. Right now we are slightly over budget, but our biggest fundraisers for the year are still to come including the Easter candy sale and the Bill Deasy Concert, so we will be on track. The Cookbooks continue to do very well, and the Committee agreed that it is best to have the money for this item separate from the general budget to be allocated to a specific project.

Clearances – Diocese-required parent clearances are progressing well. All parents must complete their clearance paperwork before volunteering.

Work Day in January – There were 11 volunteers and the event was very productive! They were able to complete the speech room and the hallway of the activities building.

Movie Night/Kids Night Out – The first KNO was a success. It was better having it in the cafeteria than in the classrooms. The second KNO was rescheduled due to the school closures.

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April's Important Dates:

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| April 10th: | Bill Deasy in Concert – Adults Only – 7:00 p.m. |
| April 11th: | Sacrament of Confirmation 11:30 a.m. Mass – Level 8 |
| April 12th-16th: | Terra Nova Testing, Levels 2 – 8 |
| April 18th: | First Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. Mass – Level 2 |
| April 19th: | Scrip Program Resumes for 2010-2011 School Year |
| April 20th-22nd: | Science Fair – Levels 5 and 6 |
| April 22nd: | Parent Teacher Conferences – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. |
| April 25th: | Crutch and Cane Collection – Convent Door |
| April 20th-22nd: | Science Fair – Levels 5 and 6 |

From the Principal's Pen

By: Sister Lynn Rettinger, S.C.

Dear Parents,

For months, parents of children in grades four, five and six have heard the songs from "Dig It" sung in their homes, cars, and just about everywhere. Last week on 'Opening Night' when they saw the show, they were awestruck by the excellent production that celebrated the talents of their children. Congratulations to Sr. Rosie and the 150 fourth, fifth and sixth graders for their outstanding performance of "Dig It". The incredibly well directed play, not only taught music, dance and dialog, but history, geography, world cultures, and the more important intangibles of team work, brotherhood and respect. The lyrics for Land Between Two Rivers read "We all know the seeds we'll sow are building the people together. Never stop, never fear, build for your sister and brother." In Empires of the East, Confucius says: "Like threads of silk, individually we are so fragile. But when woven together, we make a powerful tapestry." The Greek choristers shout "We are the chorus of the ancient Greeks. We have to act together so we practice for weeks." And practice for weeks they did.

Many thanks to Mr. Jeff Gross, Sr. Rosie's cousin, who directed the children on the night of the play, and who has been substituting for her these past few weeks. His musical competence and teaching skills have benefited the students at all grade levels. Thanks to all of the teachers who supported Sr. Rosie and the children with lights, sound, make-up, props, etc. *"...when woven together, we make a powerful tapestry."*

Congratulations to Miss Pat Faub, middle school teacher at SHES, who is a recipient of the Diocese of Pittsburgh Golden Apple Award. Through the generosity and kindness of the Donahue Family Foundation, the Golden Apple Award honors individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic schools. The diocese recognizes and deeply appreciates the unique charge these teachers have to the holistic development of each student. The program's Eligibility Requirements and Nominating Process forms were reviewed by the Diocesan Selection Committee and it was determined Miss Faub was a worthy recipient of the Golden Apple. We are very proud to have this honor given to one of our teachers.

The Terra Nova Standardized Tests will be administered to children in grades 2-8 during the week of April 12, as well as the beginning of the week of April 19. Please be sure your children get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, are on time for school. These things will reduce stress, increase alertness and insure focus. We want children to perform to their potential, and feel that they have done the best they could possibly do. Please don't make any doctor's appointments for that week. Make-up tests will be administered during the week of the 19th, but children miss classes to do that and then have to make up missed work.

We welcome Mrs. Denise Lucas to the Sacred Heart School faculty. She is teaching art and computer classes in Mrs. Wood's absence.

Congratulations to Brenda Hayes (Gr. 4) who will represent SHES at the Diocesan Spelling Bee in May. This annual contest is sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers. Brenda is practicing the spelling words with her family and teachers, Miss Linnelli and Miss Downey.

The Living Stations were enacted last Friday for grades 1-8 by the seventh and eighth graders under the direction of Mrs. Kegarise and Miss Faub. The reverence of the actors, choir, and support crew was evidenced in the way they portrayed Jesus and the characters in the Passion Story. The Living Stations will be prayed again this Good Friday at 12:00 at Sacred Heart Church.

Blessings to your family this Easter Season! May the risen Christ live in you and those you love.

CRUTCH AND CANE COLLECTION

Do you have canes or crutches that you no longer need? Global Links is sponsoring a Crutch Collection to help the 20,000 new amputees and others with leg injuries in Haiti. They are inviting schools, churches, and others to collect crutches and canes for a shipment that will go to Haiti in early May.

Volunteers will be available inside the convent door on Sunday, April 25th to accept donations of crutches and canes; just ring the bell. The door is at 6225 Walnut Street, across from the McCabe Funeral Home. It's the door with the ramp and the wrought iron railing, close to the intersection of Walnut and Emerson. They can also be dropped off at the school office during regular school hours.

Global Links is a Pittsburgh-based organization that recovers surplus medical materials from U.S. hospitals and makes it available to hospitals that serve the poorest members of society in less developed countries.

BILL DEASY PERFORMS LIVE AT THE SACRED HEART AUDITORIUM
Saturday, April 10th at 7:00 pm

Tickets are still available! \$25 each

Bill is very generously donating his time and talent to benefit our school.

So let's pack the Auditorium!

If you are able to attend, please reserve your tickets now! Send your money to the office and your name will be placed on the list at the front door. Bring a few friends and neighbors too! It is a really fun evening and we want to show Bill and Paula that we truly appreciate their kindness.

The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and Bill will begin playing around 9:00 p.m.

There will be plenty of time to mingle with other parents and bid on fabulous prizes. Bring your wallet! Come and enjoy the complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Bring your own wine. Pop and water will be provided at a nominal charge.

Get your tickets! Hope to see you on the 10th!

Second Quarter Honor Roll for 2009-2010

The six major subjects that are scheduled four or five days each week are listed below (Nos. 1-6). These core subjects are weighted more heavily than subjects scheduled once or twice a week. The subjects listed under No. 7 count as the 7th subject. Students with a D, E, or F in any subject are not eligible for Honor Roll.

1. Religion;	A = 4 points
2. Reading;	B = 3 points
3. English;	C = 2 points
4. Social Studies;	D = 1 point
5. Science/Health;	
6. Math	Highest Honor: 4.0
7. Handwriting, Spelling, Spanish, Physical Education, Computer, Art, Music	High Honor: 3.6 Honor: 3.2

HIGHEST HONOR

Francisco Carattino
Emily Carney
Laura Condon
Luke Deasy
Marc DeVito
Kelsey Dolan
Caroline Evashavik
Mary Nicole Gentile
Claudia Hebert
Hanna Hirst
Kathleen Horner
John Joyce
Polina Langer
Taylor Lewand
Lily Marty
Maggie Mertz
Ceillum O'Hare
Madalena Psillidis
Maura Saxon
Greg Saxon
Aidan Towsley
Luke Wearden
Emma Zentarsky

HIGH HONOR

Emma Anselmo
Dion Blackmon
Greta Bould
Rory Cain
Carlo Catania
Kelli Clark
Amy Culig
Jonathan DeVito
Robert DeVito
Lorenzo DiSilvio
Kathryn Durkin
Aaron Fischer
Ashley Grimm
Stephanie Kambic
Shoko Kanemoto
Maiti Keen
Nina Kowalewski
Maria Lagnese
Xerxes Libsch

Eva Lucchino
Sophie Means
William Mischler
Julia Morgano
Derik Nam
Alexa Namestnik
Olivia O'Connor
Jarrod Polk
Meghan Raffensperger
Ben Runco
Isabella Salvi
Avery Santella
Meghan Sismour
Sophia Sterling-Angus
William Towers
Natalia Valdes
Julia Zenkevich
Jenny Zheng

HONOR

Elise Beedle
Maive Bellios-Fees
Brian Choi
Jayla Coppetta
Teresa DePasquale
Andrew Derda
Julia Dihtzeruk
Joseph Fabiano
James Henderson
Meredith Herndon
Renee Kramer
Sandra Malkin
Valeriana Mallare
Jesse Moldovan
Lily Nguyen
Natasha Rajakovich
Nicholas Rajakovich
Sydney Stomberg-Gallagher
Jaxon Stunden
Will Wachter
Laura Zographos

HELP WANTED:

Coordinators and Chairpeople
for the 2010 - 2011 School Year

Pulse Student Newsletter Moderator

Magazine Sale - Mentor in the Fall of 2010
to take over the Fundraiser in 2011

Announcing:
Sacred Heart Elementary School's
First Annual Gala

By: Sharon Hoffner

Sacred Heart Elementary is holding a new event next Fall – the First Annual SHES Gala! It will be held November 2010 at The Pittsburgh Field Club, located in the Fox Chapel area. This event is a PTG sponsored fundraiser with the intent to provide financial support to existing SHES programs and to any new SHES projects.

The planning committee is in the process of recruiting members to establish subcommittees. Assistance will be needed to make this event a success, so please lend your support in any way possible. We will be seeking donations for a silent auction, assistance with marketing and in other areas yet to be determined.

If you are interested in getting involved in this event, please contact Sharon Hoffner at 412-369-4042, Carrie Zenkevich at 412-243-9172 or Kathy Bzdziak at 412-681-2452 for information.



**SPRING AND SUMMER
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

By: Ed D'Alessandro



We are in the process of registering for our 52nd year of baseball and softball for the spring/ summer season. This is a quick overview; with your registration, you will receive updates via email as our season progresses. Registration is for ages 4-13 girls and boys; ages 4-8 are boys and girls combined teams. For ages 9-13, we offer girls slow pitch and boys little league with the break down of 9-10 year old teams 11-13 year old teams. We do have an opportunity for girls and boys to participate on travel teams at a more competitive level. We are always looking for coaches and assistant coaches so let us know via email of your interest. Ages 4-8 will play at the Farm House; ages 9-13 will play at Mellon Park.

We also have a High school and College player program that ranges from age 14 thru 25. For more information please contact shadyside5@verizon.net for a registration and overview of these programs.

We ask that you send your registration with a \$20.00 deposit for each player to indicate your commitment. Your registration will help us determine how many teams to register so we can prepare for coaches, equipment and field time. Your prompt response is of absolute importance.

If you have any questions or comments on how to improve our league, please start the conversation via email and do not forget to include a contact number. Send your inquiries to shadyside5@verizon.net.



EARN COMPUTERS FOR THE SCHOOL BY SHOPPING AT GIANT EAGLE

You may have heard of Giant Eagle's Apples for Students program, which allows local schools to accrue points to receive new Mac computers. Many of you may have already signed up to support Sacred Heart by enrolling your Advantage card. If you haven't, please sign up today, and ask your friends and relatives to as well. We need every point we can get towards new computers. If you are already signed up, it's a good idea to double-check; several people who thought they were registered found out they weren't.

You can sign up or check your registration online, go to: www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students. Once there, click "Enroll in Apples for The Students or check your current selections." On the next page, click "Add schools for contribution" and input our school code: 0938. You can also enroll by calling 1-800-474-4777 and giving them your Advantage card number and our school code.

Thanks so much for helping out!

What's The News? *Continued from Page 1*

Luau – Rescheduled for Friday, April 23, 2010.

Winter Tea – The event was very successful and a great way for the international families to socialize. We should do this event again and possibly build upon it.

PTG Nominations - The PTG is seeking nominations for several positions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Took place on February 20, 2010. It went very well and the social afterward was well received and attended.

March Madness – We are hoping to sell as many tickets as possible and need to promote. Proceeds will benefit a project in the Activities Building, perhaps as a contribution toward a new scoreboard.

Bill Deasy Concert – Tickets are on sale now.

Culinary Travels – There was a small turnout for La Feria possibly due to the weather or other activities. We may schedule a "breakfast for dinner" at Pamela's in the spring and possibly another adult night out.

Next PTG Meeting – Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm. All meetings are open and any school parents can attend.

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The newsletter, handbook and
other school publications are
on the Web:
www.shes-pgh.org

PTG Nominations

By: Sharon Hoffner, SHES PTG President

As mentioned in the March Newsletter, nominations are currently being accepted for the Sacred Heart Elementary Parent Teach Guild for the 2010-2011 school year. As a PTG member, you are given the opportunity to provide input on educational enrichment, fund raising, school policy and the many programs offered at SHES.

Please take a moment and nominate those people who you believe might be interested in supporting the school. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and have a positive impact on your child's educational experience. We are accepting nominations for the following positions:

PTG Vice President

(2-year commitment, first year as Vice President, second year as President)

Level Representatives

(1 year commitment)

Three Representatives for grade levels - K-2

Two Representatives for each of the grade levels - 3-5 and 6-8

Please use the form provided in this Newsletter to submit your nominations to the school office by **Friday April 16th 2010**. Nominate yourself, or anyone you feel is interested in participating. Nominees will be contacted by a current PTG member to confirm their acceptance of their nomination prior to being placed on the ballot.

If you have any questions regarding the Parent Teach Guild, feel free to contact me, or any present PTG Board Member, and we'll be glad to answer your questions.

GALA 2010

If you are interested in helping with the Gala, please use this "coupon" and return it to the office in an envelope marked "GALA"

_____ Yes, I am interested in serving on a Committee

_____ Yes, I am interesting in supporting the Gala

Area of Interest: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

PTG NOMINATIONS

Vice President: _____

Level Representative - Grades K-2:

Level Representative - Grades 3 - 5

Level Representative - Grades 6 - 8:

