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Alumni find 'home' teaching at SHA

School hadn't even started in August and people were already welcoming **Lisa (Hauck '89) Williams** "home" to Sacred Heart Academy. She is an alum who has found her way into a teaching position and says she is right where she wants to be. "Everyone is here by choice, and with passion," Lisa said. Two other alums recently joined the SHA faculty as well: **Danielle (Radawski '88) Zeien** and **Theresa (Audretsch '89) Goenner**. They went to school together in the late '80s

at SHA, and now they are at school together again!

Lisa Williams

Before she completed her retirement paperwork last June at the public school where she taught for 25 years, **Lisa (Hauck '89) Williams** had already interviewed and been hired to teach Kindergarten at Sacred Heart Academy. "I was so excited," she said. "I love teaching at Sacred Heart because I can openly talk

about my faith. It is the reason I chose to send my kids—**Joe Ervin '17**, **Zach Ervin '19**, and **Olivia Ervin** (currently in 11th grade)—here. The faith-based, small, family-like feeling is a true blessing."

Lisa teaches Kindergarten, which she believes is the best, because everything is new and exciting in Kindergarten. "There is never a dull moment," Lisa says, adding that the support for teachers at Sacred Heart, such as wish list gifts

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THE SACRED HEART ACADEMY 2021 HOMECOMING COURT---From left: Senior Attendants Brock Lynch, Katie McDonald, CJ McMahon, Delaney Scully (**Dan '84**, great grandmother **Anna O'Hara 1915 Scully**), Brady Gruss (grandmother **Roxanne Endres '66 Gruss**), and Emma Yonker; King Gabe Ruggles (**John '89**) and Queen Kelsey McDonald (**Pat '88**, grandfather **Jerry '50**, great grandfather **Fred '1919**); Junior Attendants Josiah Howell and Catherine Courtright (**Ben '91**, grandfather **Jerry '66**); Sophomore Attendants Quinn Henkes and Grace Boulis; and Freshman Attendants Joe Likavec and Jenna Morrison.

Welcome home: three alums in teaching roles

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and the Home & School Association activities, is amazing. "I love it here!"

Danielle Zeien

Organizations often say they hire some of their best employees from their volunteer force. This was the situation with **Danielle (Radawski '88) Zeien**. Danielle was a stay-at-home mom who managed the family activity schedule for her four children. The schedule was especially busy when she had two in the elementary building and two in the secondary building. She graciously signed up for extra duty whenever the school had a need. Field trip? Event chaperone? Extra hand at the school? Substitute teacher? Danielle was there.

Sons **Nicholas '18** and **Brendan '19** are now graduated. Danielle and her husband Mike are still busy with daughter Alexys in 11th grade and son Noah in 8th, but Danielle was willing to answer the call when the Academy needed a first grade teacher two years ago. "I love teaching first grade at Sacred Heart," Danielle said. "The students are eager to learn and be together. Each day brings new joy."

Danielle says she strives to be a positive influence in the students' lives and hopes to inspire them to believe in themselves and their abilities.

At Sacred Heart, she says, "I feel respected and valued in my contributions as an educator." Danielle appreciates the traditions of weekly Mass, Homecoming events, and athletic activities. "I believe the same student expectations that were a priority years ago remain in existence today," she said.

Theresa Goenner

When offered the position, **Theresa (Audretsch '89) Goenner** immediately accepted the role of middle school language arts teacher at Sacred Heart Academy. "My Catholic faith is very im-

portant to me, so Sacred Heart is a good fit. Being near my children and grandchildren is certainly an advantage," Theresa said. "My grandson comes to this building for music with Mrs. Taylor across the hall and he never misses a chance to say 'Hi Grandma!' when he sees me. That's a bonus, for sure!"

Three of Theresa's children—**Luke '12**, **Ben '15**, and **Kate '18**—are graduates, while Laura and Nicole are enrolled in 12th and 9th grades, respectively. Luke's sons, Luke Junior (2nd grade) and Leo (Kinder-Prep) are also SHA students. "I wasn't expecting how exceedingly supportive Mrs. Yonker and the other faculty and staff members have been. The sense of community with the people I work with is really nice," Theresa says.

Although she was hired midway through the fall semester, Theresa says

she "already loves her seventh and eighth graders," adding that most people tell her they would never want to teach middle school. "I think it is the only time students still have the openness of elementary combined with a desire to be thoughtful, contributing adults. The growth is incredible," Theresa said. "I also have the privilege of getting to know them through their writing. Their pieces amaze me, make me laugh, and inspire me."

Role models

All three teachers reported they had more than one teacher role model from their years at Sacred Heart who contributed to their overall intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development.

Lisa and Theresa both said Mrs. Karen Fredericks left a positive impression on them. "She was a woman of professionalism and grace," Theresa said. "I be-

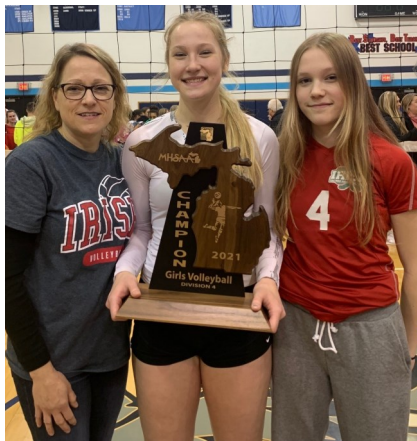
came a writer because of her."

Lisa said she loved Mrs. Fredericks' class and the whole feeling of the room. "She was calm and kind," Lisa said.

Danielle mentioned several teachers for specific things she remembered: a patient math teacher, a gifted middle school English teacher, and a religion teacher with relatable stories. "I consider my SHA education a blessing," she said. "I was well prepared for college as well as life experiences."

Lisa, Danielle, and Theresa are now role models for another generation of students, preparing them for their next step(s) in life.

RIGHT: Theresa Goenner is pictured with daughters Laura (center) and Nicole at the 2021 SHA Volleyball regional championship win.



LEFT: Lisa Williams and her daughter Olivia were photographed at one of Olivia's cross country meets this fall.



RIGHT: Danielle Zeien is pictured with her children Alexys and Noah in Championship Hallway outside the school gymnasium.



Reunion photos from Homecoming

Again this year, reunion events were affected by COVID. Plans were interrupted and participation was lower than expected. Pictured here are some classmates who gathered.



41 YEARS | CLASS OF 1980---From left: Steve Wentworth, Margaret Sweeney, Jerry McDonald, Krista Newman Pohl, Scot Wentworth, Karen Cotter Lamb, Brian Thelen, Kelly Richardson Browne, Dave McCoy, Kathy Milligan, Jeff Grinzinger, and Heidi Quillen.



40 YEARS | CLASS OF 1981---From left: Scott Staudacher, Melinda Ingram Devine, Mark Kostrzewa, Connie Veit McCann, Tom McCann, Deb McDonald Fox, and Dave Hire.



CLASS OF 1968---These friends try to gather every year! From left: Mike Kostrzewa, Jon Collin, Bob Johnson, Tim Hart, and Steve Doerr.



51 YEARS | CLASS OF 1970---From left: Valerie Campbell Thompson, Deb Sargent Marshall, Kay Scully Pieratt, Patti Neyer Gostola, Patti Hackett Tuma, Dan Simons, Margaret Cotter Crawford, Sherry Tilmann Hood, and Tim Johnson.

The football schedule has been set for 2022. SHA's Homecoming will be

**Friday,
October 7, 2022**





ACADEMY NEWS

Lisa Roach, Admissions Director



It's great to be Irish!

It's great to be Irish! I could not be more pleased with my decision to join the Sacred Heart family! I LOVE it!!! Absolutely everyone —teachers, staff, students, parents and alumni — have been so welcoming! The week before school started a high school junior emailed me to ask for a meeting. She proceeded to discuss all the reasons she loves Sacred Heart, so I could share with families on tours. Then, during the first week of school, an eighth-grade student stopped by my office just to say, “welcome to Sacred Heart!” These events, in culmination with the positive feed back I continue to receive from everyone, and the ability to practice my faith every single day, continually reinforce the feeling that I am *home*!

Homecoming

Speaking of home, this year's homecoming events were fantastic! After a hiatus from our traditional homecoming week last year, students were thrilled to participate in the festivities this year! Our freshman class planned the dance and didn't want to chance a last-minute cancellation as the Delta variant was predicted to peak on the day of the dance. So, they planned a catered, box-style, dinner, and an outdoor event. **Jim Wood '00** and his catering crew made a delicious meal, then the tent dance floor, and heater worked out so well that many students commented “it was the best homecoming dance, ever!” In fact, students have already asked if we can also hold prom in a tent this spring!

In the interest of social distancing, we opted to skip slow dancing this year.

Rather than arrange the traditional ballroom dancing lessons for our students, Mrs. Yonker arranged for line-dancing lessons! Our students were so excited, ooo-ing and ahhh-ing when those special songs were played at the dance. Unfortunately, our homecoming game was altered more than we imag-

ined. In addition to our scheduled opponent cancelling due to COVID, we were forced to cancel our Alumni Reception. It was heartbreaking! That being said, we are already looking forward to next year's events.

College Application Week

The next big event of the year focused on our senior students. Our team worked diligently to coordinate job shadow opportunities, mock interviews, a cooking lesson (thanks again, Chef **Jim Wood '00!**), resume writing instruction, and assistance with completing college applications. Friday ended the week with our Senior Breakfast and panel discussion made up of college students and CMU admissions experts. Our “Recipe for Success”-themed week was quite successful!

Enrollment update

Sacred Heart Academy began the school year with 459 students. After multiple tours that have continued into the school year, we expect to surpass the 460 mark with the start of the new semester in January. Many thanks to our current school families and our alumni for spreading the word about what a wonderful school we have. Nearly every tour this school year resulted from our internal PR.

While our enrollment continues to grow, I couldn't be happier to report it is all for the right reasons! Prospective parents see the way our students behave at extra-curricular events.

They're kind, thoughtful, and intelligent. Not only do they

want their children to be surrounded by this type of environment, but they're impressed by our structure, strong academics, and rich traditions deeply rooted in faith. Yet again, I know I am called to the right place.
Go, Irish!



Jim Wood '00 (center, back row) is surrounded by members of the senior class who were treated to a cooking lesson during College Application Week. Chef Jim showed them how to spice up a simple bag of chicken ramen.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Kay Yonker, Principal

Welcome, Sandy Dubridge!

Sandra (Sandy) Dubridge joined the Sacred Heart Academy administrative team as the Assistant Principal / Academic Advisor September 27, 2021.

Mrs. Dubridge was born and raised in Big Rapids and currently resides in Shepherd with her family. She and her husband, Rick, are practicing Catholics who have three children at Sacred Heart, in 2nd, 5th, and 7th grades. They have a fourth child in a learning-assisted program at Ganiard Elementary in Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. Dubridge earned her teaching degree at Central Michigan University where she majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry. Since 2005, she has been teaching high school sciences including chemistry, technical chemistry, biology, advanced biology, anatomy, and physiology. She came to Sacred Heart Academy from the Mt. Pleasant Public School system, bringing a wide range of experience to apply to her administrative position. She also holds a Master of Educational Technology degree from Michigan State University.

"I first worked at a smaller school, then went on to bigger schools," she told the SHA staff members when she was introduced. "I am so happy to be back at a smaller school where I can really make a difference."

Throughout her years of teaching, Mrs. Dubridge has served on school improvement, conflict resolution, and scheduling committees. She was a homework lab coordinator and has scholarship committee experience. Mrs. Dubridge was a National Honor Society Advisor for 10 years and an alternate PSAT Testing Coordinator. She has experience in curricu-



Sandy Dubridge, Assistant Principal / Academic Advisor at Sacred Heart Academy, is pictured with two of her children, Lillian and Elijah, during Homecoming activities in October.

lum design, coached several sports, and organized and chaperoned seven international trips for high school students, including three to South America.

Described by others as "a leader in new and innovative ways to engage students", Mrs. Dubridge is a perfect fit for the academic advisor and assistant principal role at Sacred Heart Academy.

Her predecessor, Marie Richards, created many new and successful programs which will continue. Mrs. Dubridge is already working with the faculty members to take student performance and academic standards to a new level.

Please join me in welcoming Sandy Dubridge to Sacred Heart Academy!

Sandy's particular connections to the Academy

- Her favorite aunt (by marriage) is her husband's Aunt Diane Zerfas. Yes, that's Sr. Diane, who taught science and religion eight years at Sacred Heart Academy in her first assignment as a Dominican nun. Her last year at SHA was the 1979-80 school year. Sr. Diane is now a retired sister who still does mission work. Mrs. Dubridge says her family enjoys visiting "Aunt Diane" in Grand Rapids and attending live musicals and other stage performances with her. "She is also the most fun member of the family to be with at the lake cottage," Sandy says.
- Sandy's favorite college job was milking cows on the Neyer Dairy Farm. "It was a great job," she said. "I was a biology major so I loved being with the animals. Dave Neyer '61 and his family are wonderful people and I learned a lot working on their farm."



Class Notes

1952—**Irene (Coughlin) Sosnicki** left this world peacefully on September 3, 2021, in Peoria, Arizona. Irene was a registered nurse who started her career as a school nurse at a Catholic School in Glendale, Arizona, then received her intensive care certification. After that, she dedicated her life's work to saving others. A strong and faithful woman, Irene was a three-time cancer survivor. Her mother **Mae (Grisdale) Coughlin** was a 1927 graduate of the Academy. Brothers **Terry '56** and **William (Bill)** are well-known in the Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart community.

1956—**Diane (White) Zuker** passed away September 17, 2021, at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Diane married a local boy and was the proud mother of 8 children, 23 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. She worked at Central Michigan Community Hospital for several years, but Diane's number one focus was being the best homemaker she could be for her family. Her brother **Dennis White** graduated with the SHA class of 1960.

1960—We missed the obituary of **Philip Johnson**, who died October 24, 2020, at MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland, Michigan. Phil attended Ferris State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. He was a lab technician who set up pathology labs in Ohio and Georgia, and worked at the Midland Hospital, the Midland Health Department, and The Dow Chemical Company. Phil had a desire for knowledge and was a lifelong learner. His father, **Dr. Philip Johnson**, graduated from the Academy in 1921, as did all of his siblings: **Anne Avery '61**, **John '63**, **Bob '68**, **Janet Patrick '64**, **Mary Maness '71**, **Margaret Covington '74**, and **Helen Hackett '77**. Phil's mother, Dorothy Johnson, was one of the longest-serving trustees of the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation, Inc.

1966—**Diane (Murphy) Paul** passed away August 15, 2021, at her home in Midland, Michigan, with her family by her side. Diane received her bachelor's degree in education and her master's degree in mathematics from Central Michigan University. She first taught at Hemlock Middle School and later at Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University. Her family remembers she was always going above and beyond to help her students. She earned awards and was com-

mended for making learning fun. Diane enjoyed socializing, especially with her group of high school friends called the Sha Sha's. She was the oldest of six siblings, including **Patrick '67**, **Maureen Rondy '68**, **Kathy Parks, 71**, **John**, and **Judy Lannen '79**. Diane's mom, **Ruth (Thering) Murphy** graduated from the Academy in 1938.

Bonnie (Wieferich) Bryant passed away September 27, 2021, at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alma, Michigan. Bonnie enjoyed traveling with her husband. They took annual trips to Alabama. She also enjoyed watching and attending NASCAR races and spending time with family.

1969—**Larry Theisen** passed away September 29, 2021, at Medilodge of Mt. Pleasant. From a young age, Larry was blessed with an enjoyable personality and the ability of getting to know someone easily. This gave him the confidence he needed for a successful sales career. Larry worked at Krapohl Ford in Mt. Pleasant for a total of 40 years and won several awards. He enjoyed the outdoors, riding his motorcycle, and following the Detroit Lions, but above all, family was the most important aspect of his life. Larry's father **Walter '26**, brother **Richard '56**, and sisters **Rosilyn Buschle '53** and **Jodi Hura '63** graduated from the Academy, as did his children **Leslie Okasinski '90** and **Troy '92**.

1970—REUNION NEWS —The pandemic has re-arranged reunion plans for the Class of 1970 more than once. In the year ahead, class members will celebrate 70th birthdays, offering an opportunity for a "70 Turns 70" gathering. Watch for additional announcements, and please make sure your contact information is up to date in the alumni office.

1972-- REUNION NEWS —The Class of 1972 is planning a 50th Class Reunion in conjunction with Homecoming 2022. Classmates, please make sure your contact information, including address, email, and phone number, are updated in the alumni office. For information about the reunion, contact **Dan** or **Cheryl (McNamara) Heintz** at dcheintz@comcast.net.

1982-- REUNION NEWS —Plans are underway for a 40th Reunion for the Class of 1982 on Saturday, August 6, 2022 in Mt. Pleasant. If you know of a member of the class who is not receiving this newsletter, please reach out and have them contact the SHA

FROM SECOND GRADE TO THE TODAY SHOW—CHEERS TO TODAY! Friends since they met in second grade at Sacred Heart Academy, these gals from the Class of 1979 celebrated their birthdays by getting featured on NBC's The Today Show! In a 15-second clip at the "top" of the 8 o'clock hour on Friday, September 10, the group took Sacred Heart Academy along on their national television debut. The short clip can be viewed on the SHA web site under the Alumni tab. Pictured, from left, are **Judy Murphy Lannen**, **Carolyn Campbell Manning**, **Cecelia Simons Jerome**, **Carolyn Strauss Cardon**, and **Maureen Sheahan Yesmunt**.



Alumni Office at alumni@sha.net or (989) 772-1385. For specific information about the reunion, classmates are asked to contact **David Phelps** at 5phelpses@gmail.com or (989) 551-8867.

1990—**Marcy (McDonald) Hosking** passed away September 23, 2021, at her home after a brave second battle with cancer. Marcy had a degree in health education from Central Michigan University and worked in related positions in Texas, Brighton, and central Michigan. She found her true calling as the Special Events Coordinator at Sacred Heart Parish, where she worked on school and church events such as the SHAgala dinner/auction and the Irish Cup golf outing. Marcy's kind heart, warm personality, and ability to connect with people made all her efforts successful. Her siblings have vowed to continue the fight against cancer and their support of SHAgala. **#TeamMcDonald** is made up of Marcy's siblings **Jerry '80, Deb Fox '81, Julie Forrester '84**, their families, and parents.

1994—Emmy-winning television producer **Greg Siers** started his own media production company with a business partner. Greg has had many honors this year, including serving as the Executive in Charge of the Production for the *NowThis* documentary which aired in prime time this past Earth Day on the Discovery Channel called "Action Planet: Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change". Greg also directed Vice President Kamala Harris on location. In September, he was one of the producers of the "9/11 Memorial 20th Anniversary" and managed all the technical production operations that same week for E! Network's "The Met Gala" in New York City. Over the years, Greg has addressed more than 75,000 youth in middle school, high school, and college audiences. He recently spoke to the students at Sacred Heart Academy (look for a feature story in the Spring Alumni News). Greg resides in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife Ashley, daughter Stella, and sons Peter and Elliott.

1997—REUNION NEWS—Attention, classmates! Details will be announced later, but please mark your calendars for a 25th Class Reunion the weekend of homecoming 2022. Questions may be directed to **Angie (Long) DeLaRosa** via email at thedelarasos06@gmail.com.

1999/2000—**Kip Hartman '99** and **Leslie (Jackson '00) Hartman** welcomed their fifth child, baby boy Beau Howard, born August 11, 2021, in Marquette where his parents own and operate Active Physical Therapy. Beau joins siblings Kiplin, Oliver, Harper, and Hope at home. Grandparents are **Sharon (Campbell '65) & Earl Hartman '66**.

2001—**Anna Hauck Rowe** and her husband Landon had a son, Olan William, on November 26, 2021, joining sisters Geneva and Clara at home. Anna is a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Saginaw Intermediate School District. The family lives in Midland. Proud grandmother is **Diane (Scully '68) McConnell**; great, great grandmother would be **Anna (O'Hara 1915) Scully**.

2002—**Zach and Kristina (Lilly '03) Simons** welcomed baby girl Zoey Ann Marie September 2 in Grand Rapids. Zoey joins big sister Lilly at home. The family resides in Caledonia, Michigan. Proud grandpa is **Dan Simons '70**.

On September 5, 2021, **Chad Zitzelsberger** and his wife Hayley welcomed baby boy Noah Mark. Noah joins two-year-old brother Leo at home. The family resides in the Grand Rapids area, where Chad is a financial planner and co-owner of Third Nature Brewing Company with his siblings **Lisa Roebke '99** and **Troy '05**.

2003—**Kate (Schneider) Meixner** and her husband John welcomed their third child, Jonah Finnegan, on July 28 in Ann Arbor. Jonah was welcomed at home by brother Ben, age 8, and sister Eleanor, age 5. Kate is a newly appointed family medicine attending physician. She completed her residency program at the University of Michigan June

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30 and accepted an Assistant Clinical Professor position at the University of Michigan Health System which started July 1. Dr. Meixner sees patients at the Briarwood clinic where she also trains U of M students, interns, and residents.

2004—Benjamin Daniel Kapala arrived July 25, 2021. He is the son of Dan & **Sarah (McManus) Kapala**. Baby Ben was welcomed at home by big brother Sam, age 4. The family resides in Huntington Woods, Michigan, where Sarah is a stay-at-home-mom.

2005—On July 24, 2021, **Krista McCoy** married Chris Cone in Portland, Oregon. The celebration continued with a reception for family and friends August 1 in central Michigan. The couple lives in Portland, where Krista works as a registered nurse.

2006—**Alex and Theresa (Stebbins) Stansberry** welcomed son Shane Michael August 9, 2021, in Mt. Pleasant. Shane joins big brother Tyson at home. Proud grandparents are **Sue (Theisen '80) & Mark Stansberry '81**; great grandpa would be **Bob Theisen '50**, and great, great grandfather would be **Gerald Theisen '26**.

2008—**Elizabeth (Szymanski) Berghuis** and her husband Josh welcomed baby girl Meredith Catherine on October 6, 2021, in Grand Rapids. Big sister Allison was thrilled to meet her little sister. The family of four now resides in Grandville, where Liz operates her business, Elizabeth Berghuis Photography.

2009—**Jenna Fox** graduated from the Physician Assistant Program at Central Michigan University and subsequently passed her certification exam. She is now employed at an Urgent Care in Sarasota, Florida and is living in St. Petersburg.

2010—**Brent Hasler** married Kristine Price August 14, 2021, at the Black Barn Venue in Rives Junction, Michigan. The newlyweds reside in Northville, Michigan. Brent is a senior physical therapist at Health-Quest Physical Therapy and is looking forward to opening his own clinic soon.

Elizabeth (English) Smith and her husband Danny were blessed with the arrival of their first child, son Murphy James Smith, on October 8, 2021. Murphy was born in Washington, D.C., where the family lives, and his mom works as a Federal consultant.

2011—**Victoria Fracassi** married Derek Donovan May 8, 2021, in Goodrich, Michigan. Tori is a Resident Engineer for Aptiv (formerly Delphi). The couple resides in Royal Oak.

Haley Hauck works as a registered dietitian at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. Haley graduated from Michigan State University twice, first with her undergraduate degree in Kinesiology, followed by her graduate degree in Dietetics.

2012—**Lindsey DeRoche** married Christopher "Drew" Donnell October 2, 2021, in Mt. Pleasant. Lindsey is a graphic designer with the marketing department of Jaqua Realtors in Portage, Michigan. The newlyweds reside in Wyoming, Michigan.

2013—**Margo Predum** and **Nick Hire** were married September 19, 2021, at St. Mary's University Church in Mt. Pleasant. Margo is a registered nurse working in the Mayo Clinic system. Nick is employed as a golf and hockey specialty shop manager at Scheels Sporting Goods. The newlyweds reside in Rochester, Minnesota.

2014—**Sara Hansen** married Robert Greenman August 7, 2021, in Grand Rapids. Sara is a fifth-grade teacher in Kalamazoo. The couple resides in Grand Rapids.

Students express their faith



Sacred Heart started a new tradition this fall, celebrating “Express Your Faith” Week at the Academy prior to Homecoming. Students, faculty, and staff were asked to express their joy, hope, gratitude, and other prayers, and write them on ribbons. The ribbons were tied to the fence on the south side of the campus, then remained on display through the Thanksgiving holiday. While on display, the Sacred Heart community was reminded to collectively pray for the intentions.

“This was a thoughtful, meaningful, and, most of all, a faith-filled activity for us,” said Principal Mary Kay Yonker. “We have much to be thankful for, but there are also many who are struggling, and many in need of spiritual uplifting. The imagery of the ribbons, especially on days when they were lifted by the wind, was a daily reminder of the value of prayer in our lives. We will make this an annual event.”

Ribbons tied on the fence held a myriad of messages: PRAY FOR ALL MOMS. . . FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING. . . I HOPE FOR WORLD WIDE EQUALITY . . . I PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL. . . I AM THANKFUL FOR LAUGHTER AND LOVE (AND CHOCOLATE). . . PLEASE PRAY FOR MY GRANDPA. . . There were nearly 500 ribbons altogether. Red ribbons represented our youngest students (Kinder-Prep to 6th grade), green ribbons for 7th to 12th graders, and grey ribbons were used by faculty and staff members. For information, or to sponsor this program or a program like it, contact Mrs. Yonker at (989) 772-1457. or myonker@sha.net.

‘100 tickets’ sale is part of SHAgala

The **SHAgala** dinner/auction fundraiser for Sacred Heart Academy welcomes participants “*Back to the heart of it all*” for the 28th annual event, scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022. The school’s single largest fundraiser will feature on-site activities, along with online bidding from the comfort of home (or anywhere WiFi is available). The SHAgala cash raffle, featuring one \$10,000 prize, one \$5,000 prize, and 15 \$1,000 prizes has been sold out well in advance for the past three years. Chairpersons **Sarah (Groves ‘95) & Scott Pieratt ‘96** host a “100 Tickets in 100 Minutes” sale each year which has impacted the sellout status. Last year, nearly 200 tickets were sold during the 100-minute event.

Only 1,000 cash raffle tickets are sold. Cost is \$100 each. Sarah, Scott, and their super-selling team will be available on **Monday, January 17, 2022 between 4:00 and 5:45 p.m. (EST)**. If your contact information is up-to-date in the alumni database, you will receive additional information. If not, you can visit the **SHAgala Dinner/Auction Facebook event page**, or the SHA school website at www.academy.sha.net for names & contact information of the “100 Tickets” team members so you can reach out to one of them and secure your ticket before they are sold out!



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