

Sisson Shining Star Optimist Award May 2026 – Savannah McMahon

Congratulations Savannah McMahon for being honored as the Sacred Heart Academy Sisson Shining Star Optimist Award recipient for May 2026. Every other month, the Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club honors one middle school student (6th -8th grade) from each of the area middle schools as the recipient of this award. Savannah is the daughter of Chris & Michelle McMahon, who are parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish.

Savannah McMahon was nominated by her social studies teacher, Mr. Josh Wheaton. He says, "Savannah comes to school every day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She is kind and friendly to her classmates and staff. Savannah always participates in class discussions and offers to help whenever it's needed. I feel that Savannah is perfect for this award."

The Sisson Shining Star Optimist Award is named to honor the legacy of James "Jim" Sisson Jr. Jim was a life-time member of the Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club and always carried copies of the Optimist Creed in his pocket to share with others. Jim was always helping others, supporting students, and volunteering. Jim lived his life with integrity, kindness, and generosity. Requirements for nomination specify that the nominee must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade should exude the traits of optimism as written below in The Optimist Creed.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance always and to give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger,

too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



Above, Savannah is pictured with her parents, Michelle & Chris McMahon, at the Optimist Club award presentation on May 26, 2026.

Congratulations, Savannah! This honor is well deserved.