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Message from Leadership

Greetings, Gremlins, friends, and family!

It is a pleasure to be writing this letter to you in our first-ever summer issue of *From the Heart*. We just wrapped up the 2020-21 school year, which was sure to be one for the history books. It was with grace and patience that we made it through the COVID-19 Pandemic year, and though it was challenging at times, it was a success.

When I first accepted the principal's position back in March 2020, I never envisioned that my key priorities would be implementing health and safety policies and restructuring school schedules in the midst of a pandemic. Like everyone, our roles changed, but unlike everyone, I was blessed to work alongside talented, supportive, and dedicated professionals, and an incredibly resilient student body. As you'll quickly see in the pages to follow, Sacred Heart faculty, staff, and students, with the support of parents and our St. Vincent de Paul parishioners, were able to carry out the vision of *Extraordinary Catholic Education. Through Christ. For All*. Here are a few of the many accomplishments:

- Continued emphasis on spiritual formation and stewardship through Armorwear of Discipleship program, Eucharistic adoration, service work, and mission trips
- Maintained in-person learning for the entire 2020-2021 school year
- 100% graduation rate with 100% of the Class of 2021 entering college in the fall
- Fall 2020 standardized testing results showed that all SHS grade levels (grades 3-9) met or exceeded national grade level expectations. The national narrative continues to preach that students have fallen far behind and that simply is not the case for our SHS student body
- Debut of student-run Gremlin Student Store and Cafe
- Five state tournament appearances and one state championship title
- and much much more!

We have so much to be thankful for, and I can honestly say that, through everything we have experienced in the past year, I am proud to be a Gremlin! Thank you for the support and respect that you have provided to me and Sacred Heart School. This year has made us stronger, and I look forward to seeing how we continue to grow in our faith and academics in the years to come.

In His Service,

Abby Martin
Principal



St. Vincent de Paul Update

Sacred Heart School is an invaluable ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. As such, St Vincent de Paul parishioners are heavily invested in the mission of our school. We strive to provide a faith-filled, safe, and academically enriching environment for each student to grow intellectually, spiritually, socially, and in moral character. It is a blessing to offer a preschool through high school education, but it also comes with tremendous responsibility. It takes all of us working together. Thank you for your continued support and for your contributions to building up the kingdom here and wherever you are.

Sincerely,
Rev. Joseph S. Corel
Pastor In Solidum, St. Vincent de Paul Parish



Foundation News

Our Hall of Fame Ceremony in April was especially meaningful following a year when social connections were either virtual or virtually non-existent. It's always fun getting together with friends and alumni to catch up on life, reminisce about the old times, and marvel at how far Sacred Heart has come since we were in school. Looking back at the past year, it's clear that SHS once again reached remarkable achievement through unprecedented adversity. It's rather fitting then that the first major event hosted by SHS since the pandemic would be our Hall of Fame ceremony where we honored exceptional individuals who rally for SHS through the highs and lows and who motivate others to do the same.

A common statement among our inductees is their drive for stewarding the mission of SHS and how it was inspired by others. While 2020 was a year we do not wish to repeat, I was certainly inspired by our faculty, staff, students, and parents who pulled off a successful academic year the likes of which we have never seen. I'm grateful for the generosity that emerged from our alumni, parishioners, and friends in the form of prayer and record-setting gifts. Your generosity this past year kept SHS operating in the black for the 2020-21 school year and provided funding for bathroom renovations that are decades overdue. Thanks to you, playground equipment will be installed that is safety rated for our Little Gremlins under the age of six.

Like those before us, if we continue to pay it forward, there is nothing Sacred Heart School can't overcome. Thank you for keeping Sacred Heart School in your prayers and in your priority giving.

Kyle Herrick '82
President
Sacred Heart School Foundation

P.S. - After the year we've had, let's take advantage of the opportunities to gather together. Our Golf Classic and Dinner Auction are just a few great events that we hope you'll attend.



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SHS Honors 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees



After nearly a year's delay due to the pandemic, Sacred Heart School was able to officially honor its fourth class of Hall of Fame inductees on April 17. Honorees gathered for Mass at St. Patrick Chapel with Hall of Fame Inductee Fr. Mark Miller, C.P.P.S., presiding, and Fr. Joe Corel, pastor in solidum, concelebrating.

"One of the reasons I believe you were selected is the way in which you have been able to exemplify what Sacred Heart School is trying to instill in all of our students and alumni," said Fr. Joe during his homily. "That is, to be disciples, followers of Jesus, and to live that out as fully as possible, following His will, following His word. We want our young people to be able to read your biographies and read what it is that you've done since graduation and say 'That's a disciple of Jesus Christ. I'm at this school because I want to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I want to follow Him as these people have followed Him. And I want to make this world a better place.'"

Following Mass, guests were invited to Sacred Heart School for a reception and school tours, followed by dinner and the official induction ceremony.

"You have placed me in the company of so many people that I have admired," said Bonnie Diefendorf during her induction speech. "They (fellow Hall of Fame members) were my examples and my mentors even if they didn't know it. Their induction is a testament to their lives because their lives blessed so many."

"I can honestly say I would not be where I am in life if it was not for Sacred Heart," said Will Kraus. "The values I learned, both in the classroom and on the playing field, gave me the strong desire to push my limits. I'm so very grateful to the teachers and coaches here at Sacred Heart."

All Hall of Fame inductees and their biographies are available online on the Alumni page at www.gogremlins.com.

Hall of Fame Call for Entries

The Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame selection committee is seeking nominations for the next class of inductees. Nomination forms are available online under the Alumni page at www.gogremlins.com. Nominations are due by Dec. 31, 2021. For more information, email HallofFame@gogremlins.com.

Alumni News

Damian Cook '02 and **Brandi (Turley) Webb '01** (pictured center) headed to Washington D.C. on March 3 on behalf of K9s For Warriors to advocate for veterans and their access to Service Dogs. Funny enough, the two alums left Sedalia separately and somehow found themselves within the same office walls over a thousand miles away — 20 feet apart! Now, based out of Ponte Vedra, Florida, they work on the same team at K9s For Warriors — the nation's largest provider of service dogs to military veterans suffering with the debilitating symptoms of PTSD, TBI, and MST.

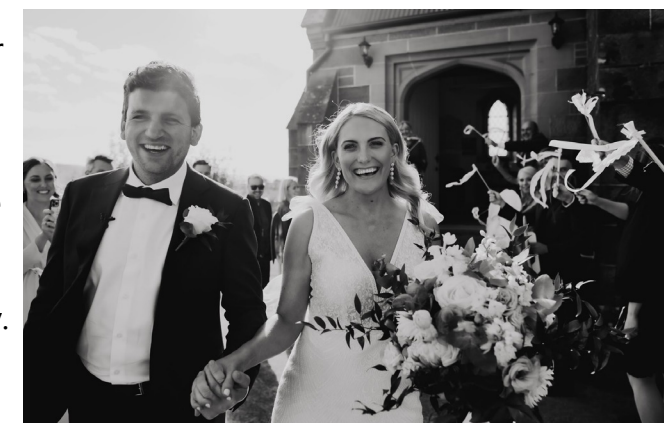


Carol (Cooney) '70 and **John Fischer '68** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple were married April 24, 1971 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Columbia, Missouri. The Golden Anniversary was held at a chapel built by the couple on their property near Gravois Mills, Missouri. Pictured with



Carol and John are their four daughters: Liz, Annie, Katie, and Jenny. They also have nine grandchildren who all live in the Kansas City area.

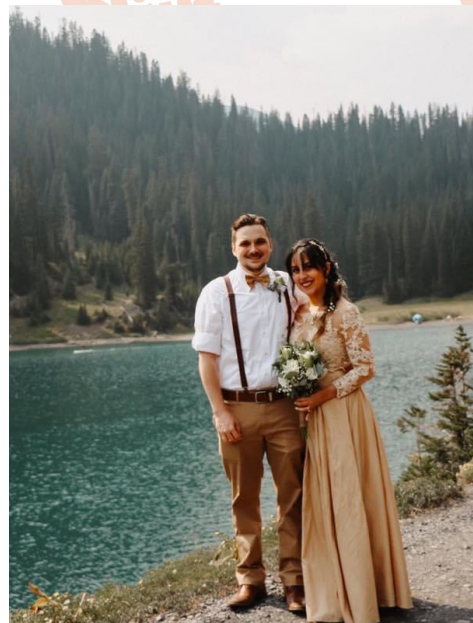
Anna Beykirch '07 was united in marriage to Joel Egan at Sacred Heart Church in Tasmania, Australia on March 21, 2021. Anna received her bachelor's degree in communications from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama in 2011. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity led her to Melbourne, Australia, where she earned a masters degree in human resources from Victoria University in 2019. She now heads the Customer Experience Team for the Australia online alcohol retailer, Hairydog. Her husband, Joel, is a native of Melbourne, Australia and founder of Ascot Group Building Company. They currently reside in Melbourne.



Bea Coruna '15 recently graduated with a doctorate of physical therapy from the University of Missouri, where she also received a bachelor's of health science in 2018. After six years in Columbia, Missouri, she's recently moved to Denver, Colorado. Bea is now practicing as a physical therapist, specializing in outpatient orthopedics and vestibular balance disorders.



Andrew Smeltzer '13 and Christina Lopez eloped August 23, 2020, at Emerald Lake in Crested Butte, Colorado. The couple met while studying at The Digital Animation and Visual Effects School in Orlando, Florida. They currently live and work in the Kansas City area. They enjoy going on road trips, hiking, and playing with their cat, Boots.



Evan Fluty '10 and his wife, Laura, welcomed their first child, Emmett Joseph Fluty on April 13, 2021. Evan is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Sedalia. Laura is staying home with Emmett and Blue. She enjoys playing cello in the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra.



Will Register '08, his wife Chandra, and daughter Brielle, welcomed Baylor Louise on June 18, 2021.

During the spring semester, students in Mrs. Hagebusch's physical science classes were given the opportunity to attend a presentation given by SH alum, **Otis Lerdanun '17** (left), and his teammate, Parker. Otis is a member of the NASA Human Rover Exploration Challenge Team at UCM.



After a lesson outlining the STEM portions of their project, Otis and Parker discussed some of the space rover design challenges the UCM team has tackled throughout its five years of competition. Modifications have included a new suspension system and redesigning the wheels using different materials. Following the presentation, students were given the opportunity to "drive" last year's prototype.

Jennifer (Wilkerson) Walker '92 will be joining the SHS faculty in the fall. She'll be teaming up with Mrs. Sobaski to offer two sections of first grade. Jenny brings with her 22 years teaching experience in early childhood education. She spent the last 15 years teaching in the Morgan County R-1 School District in Stover, Missouri. Jenny and her husband, Mark, are members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Their two children, Nolan '19 and Natalie '22, have attended SHS since kindergarten.



Andrew Turley '04 and his wife, Brooke, welcomed their second son, Owen Taylor on January 29, 2021.

Megan (Harris) Moorkamp '09 and her husband, Stephen Moorkamp, welcomed twins, Miles and Marlie, to their family on April 27, 2021. Megan and Stephen reside in Rolla, Missouri. Megan is a licensed clinical social worker and Stephen owns a dental practice with his father and brother-in-law.



The Sacred Heart Student Council will be updating the Armed Services Board that is on display in the school. The goal is to list the names of all Sacred Heart alumni who have served - or are actively serving - in armed forces. Please submit names to Ms. Jane McMullin at jmcmullin@gogremlins.com, and include the following information: Name, Dates of Service, Branch of Service and year of SHS Graduation.



Matt Wilkerson '01 and his wife, Dori, recently visited Sedalia with their daughter, Emma, to celebrate her fourth birthday. Matt currently resides in Hermosa Beach, California, and is Director of Content Finance at Direct TV.

Alumni Class of 1976 Reunion

The Class of 1976 will be celebrating its 45th reunion. Class organizers are looking at getting together in October. Please contact Ann Dove at 660-620-4714.

NEWS FROM YOU

Have you changed jobs, gotten married, had a baby, received an award or recognition, or moved? Let us know. Share your update using the envelope enclosed or submit your information using the online form located on the alumni page at www.gogremlins.com.



Emily (Simon) Brown '03 and her husband, Chris, welcomed their seventh child, Simon James Brown on March 1, 2021. He joined his siblings Isabella (12), Joseph (10), Colette (8), Marianna (6), Laura-Jeanne (4), and Michael (2). Emily is a homemaker and homeschooling mom. Chris owns Brown Oilfield Services, LLC and is an oilfield completions consultant. They started Farmer Brown's Puppies last year and breed miniature Schnauzer and Schnoodle puppies on their farm outside of Sedalia.

Corrections

The December 2020 issue of *From the Heart* incorrectly named Kathy Ressel and Marvin D. Meyer in its list of dearly departed instead of their respective spouses who passed away in 2020. We would like to clarify that Donald J. Ressel '58, the husband of Kathy Ressel, passed away March 1, 2020. Elizabeth A. (Mitchell) Meyer, the wife of Marvin D. Meyer, passed away February 9, 2020. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

After 44 years of serving as Sacred Heart School's K-12 art instructor, **Mary (Hoffmann) Kehl '73** announced her retirement. Just like any work of art, Mrs. Kehl is one of a kind, and her love of the arts sparked creativity within thousands of students.

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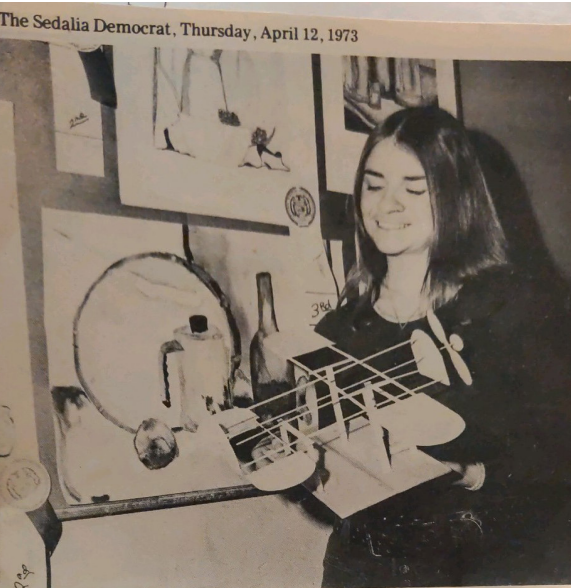
Where did you grow up? I was born in Akron, Iowa. I lived in that area until second grade. My father worked as a mechanic for a road construction company that had jobs all over the country, which meant we did a lot of moving. At the end of my 5th grade school year, my dad got a job with Howard Construction in Sedalia. I went to St Patrick's School from grades 6-8. Then I went to Sacred Heart for high school. My brother, **Richard Hoffmann '68**, and my sister, **Jo Ann Hoffmann '71**, also graduated from Sacred Heart.

What activities were you involved with as a student?
Sacred Heart used to have a pep club called Mizpah, class play competitions, and I was the statistician for the boys' basketball team.



Favorite memories as an SHS student? I did an op-art piece on the school's center stairwell. Sometimes, I would get the school key from the rectory and work on it alone in the building at night. I found out the building is kind of spooky alone at night.

Another favorite memory was the first game I took stats for the boys' high school basketball team. We won by over 100 points. I ran out of space to put lay-ups on the sheet! At that time, we traveled in cars; no bus yet. Coach Thomas Beer used his personal car for teaching Driver's Education, so it had the extra brake on the passenger side. On the way to a game, Coach was driving with me (middle) and **Danny Borchers '73** (shotgun) in the front seat. We were approaching a stoplight when Danny applied the extra brake, stopping the car a couple of car lengths away from the stoplight. The coach was very frustrated but Danny and I thought it was hilarious!



Places In Contest

Mary Hoffmann, a senior at Sacred Heart High School, received second place on her 3-D composition of balsa wood at the annual spring art contest held Saturday at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg. An art student, Miss Hoffmann placed in the sculpture and ceramic division.

Art Projects Claim Awards

Myra Hoffmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Hoffmann, 1111 South Dearborn, received second place on a 3-D Alaska wood sculpture entered in the Central Missouri State University art contest. Calvin Ennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ennis, 138 Rainbow Drive, and Kathy Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wallen, 2605 Stephens, received third place on projects in sketching and painting, respectively, in the contest held Saturday.

Awards were presented for works which had been pre-submitted to the University a week earlier. Jean Dickerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Dickerson, 318 E. Grand, and Nancy Linsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linsendbarger, 1001 E. Grand, received blue ribbons.

Red ribbons were awarded to Calvin Ennis for two paintings, Kevin Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook, 100 Mark Eschbacher, son of

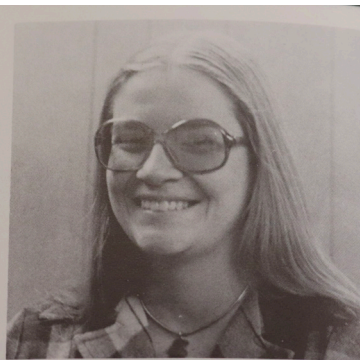
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Walter W. Dickerson, 318 Grand; and Nancy Linsen, daughter of Mr. and Robert Linsenhardt, Row received blue ribbons.

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Mrs. Mary Kehl



Have you always been drawn to the arts? My uncle, Fr. Ed Hoffmann, was a priest. He would bring us leftover bulletins that were blank on one side, so we would use that to draw and color on. We also made sun-baked clay sculptures when we were little. My favorite times in school were art times. We did not have any special classes for that. The teachers taught it. An actual art class was introduced my senior year, and I enjoyed it immensely. My instructor, Mrs. Simones, was very encouraging. I had gone to a contest my senior year and got an award, which helped in my decision to pursue art in college. I went to SFCC for two years and then transferred to what was then CMSU (now UCM) at Warrensburg graduating with a bachelor's in art and a minor in library science.

What drew you to teach at SHS? My hope when I got out of school was to come back to teach at SHS. It just worked out that the school's current art teacher was leaving just before Thanksgiving. I got out of school the Monday before Thanksgiving and started teaching at Sacred Heart the Monday after.

What has kept you at SHS? I love the school, the students, and all my co-workers. It is like my extended family. It is very hard to leave.



Favorite memory at SHS? There are a lot of memorable moments. There was the time (before bell warnings) when my 7th-hour class failed to receive notification of a tornado warning. It was only because the radio was on that we heard about a tornado warning. I sent **Jody Chemlir '85** to the office to tell them. He came back white as a sheet, saying no one was there. So we went to our safe place and found the rest of the school already there. It was close to the end of school and I would have dismissed the students for the day if it weren't for the radio.



Most memorable art project? My favorite project would have to be the clay wall tiles on display near the main entrance of the school. We did that in the 2004-2005 school year. It features a relief tile from everyone involved with the school: students, teachers, staff, priests, crossing guard, and even the service dog Boomer for one of our students.

My other favorite is the bicycle we painted during the 2018-2019 school year. It was for the Wheelmen 52nd National Meet held at State Fair Community College in July. The bike is outside of Chelsea's Antique Shop on Ohio Street.



In your years of involvement at SHS, what significant areas of change stand out to you? For me, it would have to be the new addition, and my new art room where I finally got to have windows with a nice view (instead of looking at a brick wall), and air conditioning. There were years we had to put a tissue between the kids' arms and the desk so they could easily draw without their arms sticking to the table.

In your years of involvement at SHS, has anything notable stayed the same? The dedication and love my colleagues have for our school.

Suggestions for students drawn to the arts? Follow your dreams to attain your goals and practice, practice, practice!

What are your plans for retirement? Spending more time with the family and finishing numerous projects I have started throughout the years.

Words of wisdom for staff, alumni, students, parents, and friends of SHS?

Students, be true to yourself and don't bow down to peer pressure. Never stop learning.

Alumni, branch out but don't forget your roots.

Staff, take care of each other, especially in the challenging years.

Parents, communicate with all of your child's teachers! I like hearing which art projects were enjoyed at home or sparked the inspiration for other creations!

Friends of SHS, I hope you know that your support makes a positive difference at SHS. We would not be the incredible school we are today without our community!

Anything else you'd like to add? I am incredibly humbled to have been able to teach at SHS for my entire career. I will miss my extended family!

To Mrs. Mary Kehl: May your days ahead be as colorful and creative as you are! Thank you for instilling an appreciation for the arts within your SHS family.

Mary Kehl will also continue to inspire and influence future Gremlins through her newly established endowment.
The Mary Kehl Endowment will provide need-based tuition assistance in perpetuity to students attending SHS.
To make a contribution, please use the enclosed envelope. The family will be notified of your gift without disclosing the amount.



In the late nineties, there was the flood on the third floor caused by the freshman during Spirit Week. They had decided to do a pond as part of their theme. Thursday night they built it, caulked it, and lined it with cut-up trash bags. (What could go wrong there?) I came to work Friday morning and there was a flood.

I recall **Robert Bremer '98** sewing his finger in the sewing machine. **Matt Watkins '98** had to convince me because Robert looked so calm. Apparently, he ran the machine a few times "with his finger in the way." Thankfully there was little injury. I gave him the needle for his scrapbook.

One time I heard a commotion and turned to see **Eric Bopp '92**, sitting up in his seat, red-faced with his apron torn. His apron strings got caught in the clay wheel, and his face was inches away from getting scraped. Eric was apologetic for tearing the apron. I was grateful it was only the apron!

In the spring of 2007, or 2008, Mrs. Bolin and I commissioned the second graders to decorate vestments for Fr. Timothy Armbruster, C.P.P.S., in honor of their First Communion. Then there was the time my oldest, **Ted Kehl '00** told Mrs. Marcia Turner that her waist was bigger than three elephants. Lucky for Ted, Mrs. Turner understood his sense of humor. In reply, she sent him to the principal, Dr. Register! Surprisingly, he was really not in trouble — but I didn't know that. I was so mortified! I ate my lunch in my room that day hoping to avoid seeing anyone. Mrs. Turner sought me out at the beginning of 7th hour and started laughing when she saw the look of concern on my face. I have so much respect for Marcia, and I had been trying all day to think of a way to apologize for Ted's comment. It was only after she showed me her belt that I could laugh. It was an elephant belt with three elephants across the front! The lesson I learned was that I could let my children get in trouble and not rescue them.



Favorite medium to work with and why? I am happy painting, working with clay or anything else creative. It is so satisfying to see what can be done with a little time and effort.



Senior Profile

Sacred Heart High School's 77th commencement ceremony, held May 23, 2021, celebrated the 26 seniors of the Class of 2021. Mrs. Marcia Turner, who was chosen by the class as the commencement speaker, said that any advice she was thinking about offering them has already been given. "Your standards, your faith, your integrity - from your parents, your priests, your teachers - all of you are our gift to the future. You are our very best hope for the future."



Class of 2021 Highlights:

- 100% graduation rate
- 100% enrolled at a college or university
- 100% completed one or more college courses
- 81% of the Class of 2021 posted a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher on a 4-point scale over their four years of high school
- 46% of the graduating seniors posted a 3.9 GPA or higher
- 390 hours of college credit (collectively) received by SHS graduates
- \$2,432,340 offered in scholarships; \$1,001,260 will be utilized
- 15 of the 26 graduates attended SHS since kindergarten

Hayden Altena

Attending Drake University
Majoring in Kinesiology

Jose Angel

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Criminal Justice

Tania Bhardwaj

Attending University of Missouri, Columbia
Majoring in Health Science

Dallin Chappell

Attending Southern Virginia University
Majoring in Biology

Allie Ferguson

Attending Pepperdine University
Majoring in Psychology

Jaysen Gerke

Attending University of Central Missouri
Majoring in Computer Science

Kobey Hill

Attending State Technical College of Missouri
Majoring in Precision Machine Tool

Jeff Hollabaugh

Attending University of Arkansas
Majoring in Business

Adelynn Hunsaker

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Computer Animation

Dayton Martin

Attending University of Kansas
Majoring in Sports Management

Lucas Martin

Attending State Fair Community College
Major Undecided

Maria Mergen

Attending University of Missouri, Kansas City
Major Undecided

Melody Mertes

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Business

Koyuki Miura

Attending University of Belgium
Majoring in Neurology

Layne Mothersbaugh

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Dental Hygiene

Amelia Schott

Attending Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Majoring in Fermentation Science

Addison Trammell

Attending Lindenwood University
Majoring in Marketing

John Ulbrich

Attending University of Missouri, Columbia
Major Undecided

Jude Jenkins

Attending State Fair Community College
Major Undecided

Kaytlin Kempf

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Nursing

Kelsey Hudson

Attending Washington University
Majoring in Biology

Caten Lucchesi

Attending Missouri State University
Major Undecided

Megan Wingerter

Attending University of Missouri, Columbia
Majoring in Health Science

Eddie Withers

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Welding

Kaleb Woolery

Attending Rockhurst University
Major Undecided

Veronica Vanegas

Attending State Fair Community College
Majoring in Psychology

Charlie Brown Musical



A standing ovation to musical director, Mrs. Jan Bahner; music director, Mr. Hartman; and to the entire cast and crew of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. The musical, originally planned for the spring of 2020, was canceled just days before the curtain was to open due to the pandemic. The show must go on and SHS was thrilled to finally bring the musical to the stage in the spring of 2021 with a returning cast and a host of new members.

Still under a cloud of pandemic health and safety regulations, the lighthearted musical opened to limited seating capacity at the Hayden Liberty Center. Tickets quickly sold out, but "Charlie" got a dose of good luck as regulations were lifted just in time to allow for additional seating. Mrs. Bahner was grateful for the combined efforts from the Hayden Liberty Center, production team, and audience for being on board with health and safety protocols.

"We established early on that our priority was the safety of our cast, crew, and audience," said Bahner.

She added that the true secret to such a successful show was the talent and commitment of the students in the cast. "I'm so thankful to all the students and their parents who put their hearts and hands into making every show better than the one before."



The cast was grateful for Sacred Heart School's support of the production. They also turned praise back on Mrs. Bahner, crediting her for pushing them to be their best. "I was nervous about being involved in a musical, but Mrs. Bahner really helped me get out of my comfort zone," said sophomore Eli Smeltzer, who played the part of Charlie Brown. "I made many friends, had a great time, and I can't wait to be involved next year."

The musical marks the final production for Mrs. Bahner who has produced and directed over 20 plays and 23 musicals for the Sacred Heart drama program. Bahner said that her final curtain call with SHS was bittersweet, but that the theater program will be in good hands. Chelsea Turner, an actress, singer, and drama teacher will be taking over the program.

"Now I can move on with complete confidence that the Speech/Theatre programs will continue to be strong in the future," said Bahner. "I'll go from being their director to being their biggest fan!"



Winter/Spring Sports Recap

Basketball

Coen Brown, a junior at SHS, was named to the KMZU Dream Team as Class 2 Basketball Player of the Year, a highlight of yet another memorable basketball season. Coen also received All-Conference, All-District, and All-State honors this season. He helped lead the team to a 16-6 season. The Gremlins also placed second in the Pilot Grove Tournament and third in the Kaysinger Conference Tournament.

The junior high boys basketball team went undefeated, going 14-0 overall and 9-0 in conference play. Season highlights included taking home the Kaysinger Conference championship title and earning first place in the Gremlin Invitational Tournament.

The girls basketball team was the youngest team in the conference, and while the Gremlins didn't always claim the victory, player growth and development were goals that were accomplished. Great things are coming in the next few years.

Elementary basketball capped off its season with the inaugural Catholic Schools Regional Shootout sponsored by Bryant Motors and McDonald's. SHS was host to 155 players in grades 3-8 from St. Andrew (Tipton), St. Peter (Marshall), and Sacred Heart. It was a great day of basketball and fellowship with other families in our Catholic community. Plans are in the works to make this a new tradition at SHS.



Baseball

The Gremlins baseball season finished with an 8-12 record. Despite falling short of its goals for the year, the team made improvements every game. Injuries benched key players who will be returning next year. This young team gained a lot of experience this season which will prove beneficial in the upcoming years.

Gremlin elementary baseball is in full swing. The teams are having lots of fun and the outlook is bright for a successful season.



Softball

The Lady Grems came on strong for a stellar competitive softball season. The team, a co-op between LaMonte and SHS, went 11-7 for the season. They took second place in the conference tournament and second place in districts.



Swim

In only its second season, the Gremlins swim and dive team is coming off the blocks strong, posting many state considered and state qualifying times. Thanks to a coordinated partnership with the Sedalia School District, Sacred Heart and Smith-Cotton practiced together under the same head coach, but swam as two different teams. For the 2020-21 season, SH also co-opted with Cole Camp High School. In both seasons, the freestyle relay posted state consideration times, and the medley relay had a state considered time this season. Camille Schear, a co-op teammate from Cole Camp, placed 2nd in the state in both the 100 breaststroke and the 200 freestyle.



Basketball All State

Coen Brown (JR)

Basketball All District

Coen Brown (JR)

Basketball All Conference

Coen Brown (JR)

Tanner Damlo (SO)

Honorable Mention

Dallin Chappell (SR)

Mariana Restrepo (SO)

KMZU Dream Team

Coen Brown (JR) – Player of the Year

Dallin Chappell (SR)



Golf

The Gremlins golf team sent two individuals to the Class I State Championship. Senior Jeffrey Hollabaugh fired a 76 to finish 7th place and medal. Freshman Luke Jenkins had a solid showing finishing 25th out of 80 participants.



Tennis

SHS continues to expand its offering of academic and athletic enrichment. This spring tennis club was offered for students in grades 7-12. The team had fun while growing in the fundamentals of the sport. Plans are in the works to expand the club into competitive play next spring.



Baseball All District

1st Team

Dallin Chappell (SR)

Honorable Mention

Alex Karigan (JR)

Baseball All Conference

Donovan Dobson (JR)

Alex Kariagn (JR)

Honorable Mention

Carter Rice (FR)

Softball All District

1st team

Emma Schouten (SR)

Claire Smeltzer (JR)

Sammy Altena (FR)

Keely Elweel (SO)

2nd Team

Zoey Martin (SO)

Softball All Conference

Emma Schouten (SR)

Claire Smeltzer (JR)

Honorable Mention

Zoey Martin (SO)



Track and Field

The Gremlins junior high and high school track & field teams hurdled over a great regular season to land in the starting blocks of the Class I State Championship. Sophomore Kate Carney represented the Gremlins in shot put. She also joined juniors Arley Ponce and Allie Finney, and sophomore Mariana Restrepo in the 4x200 meter relay.



School News

Despite the uncertainty of the pandemic, it was "Mission Possible!" for the SHS Class of 2021, as they embarked on a week-long mission trip in March to Branson, Missouri. Service activities centered around Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri and its Life House Crisis Maternity Home in Springfield. Life House is a 24/7 transitional housing residential program for homeless pregnant women. With no volunteers for over a year due to the pandemic, and an excess of donations to organize, the senior class was quickly put to work on chores such as landscaping, cleaning the gardens, organizing donations, and cleaning the facilities. According to Mrs. Bolin, Sacred Heart's Campus Minister, the most rewarding work was when students got to connect with people in the community. "It brings the true spirit of mission work to life when you actually get to meet the people you are helping and to see that all the work we accomplished made someone else's life a little easier," said Bolin. In addition to mission work, the seniors attended mass every morning at Our Lady of the Lake in Branson, and each evening ended with a prayer circle. While on the trip, the senior class also got to take part in some fun activities around Branson. The group attended various shows such as the Dixie Stampede and Jesus! Live. Hayden Altena '21 said that this trip is one of her favorite memories from Sacred Heart. "It was so nice to hang out with all of my closest friends and create lasting memories," said Altena. "It means a lot to have been able to spend time with them despite what a crazy year it's been."

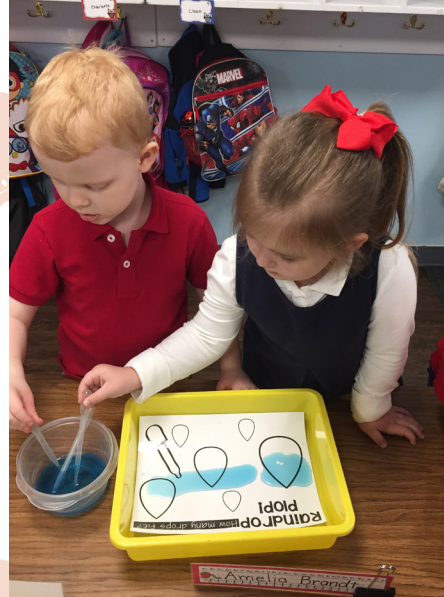


Elementary students (grades 1-4) partnered with Sister Mary Ruth Wand to create over 100 "blessing bags." These bags full of goodies were given to our St. Vincent de Paul parishioners who are 80+ years young. Thanks to our Sacred Heart parents, bags were delivered to the doors of our recipients before Christmas. It's a toss-up as to who enjoyed this more, the families receiving the bags or those delivering them! "We hope to make it an annual tradition!"



Ms. Keele and her preschool students discovered what's hidden inside the magical green rocks that Lucky the Leprechaun left on St. Patrick's Day. The students went on a scavenger hunt around the classroom looking for clues and were excited to find a pot of magical green rocks.

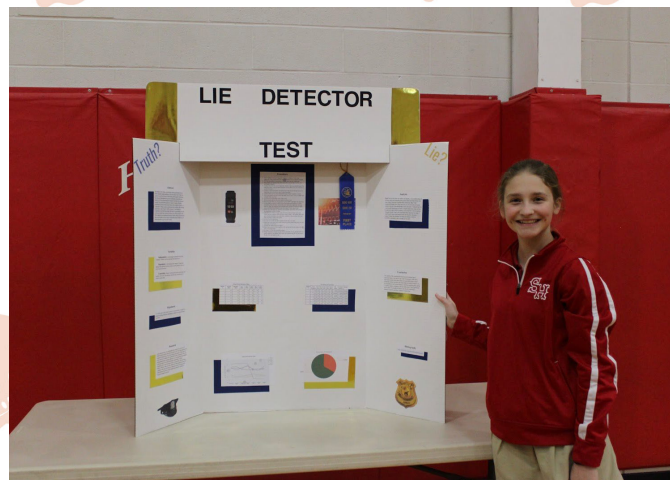
Little Gremlins used droppers to cover rain drops as they discover how many drops it takes to cover big and small rain drops as part of their preschool unit on learning about weather.



Things got 'wild' as the three-year-old preschoolers visited Mrs. Barb Hagebusch's science room. They enjoyed seeing all sorts of animals, but they were especially fond of meeting Ted the tortoise and Nacho the rat.



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Honor Society (NHS) held a joint ceremony in May to induct 53 new members. The induction ceremony, held at Sacred Heart Chapel, officially welcomed 22 junior high students into NJHS and 31 high school students into NHS. Inductees were selected based on service, leadership, citizenship, and character. Inductees must have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Including the newly inducted class, 34 students are members of NJHS and 56 students are members of NHS. The purpose of NJHS and NHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership and good citizenship, and develop character in the students of Sacred Heart School.



Undeterred by cancellations of regional science fair competitions, Sacred Heart science faculty and students proceeded with their own local competition in March. This year's students produced a collection of experiments that were judged by SHS faculty.

Spring fever hit Sacred Heart during the second of three spring concerts featuring SHS vocalists, pianists, and local musicians. The pandemic prevented SHS from hosting its traditional all-school elementary concert, but the show must go on! Music director, Mr. Darrin Hartman, got creative by hosting a spring recital series. The series featured select students, faculty, staff, and professional musicians from around the area. The final series included a special performance of *I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair* by faculty members, Mrs. Dove, Mrs. Bolin, Mrs. Bahner and Ms. Close.





Saints Alive! The 4th-grade students in Mrs. Tippie's class brought to life inspirational holy men and women throughout history with their saint's project. Students each selected a saint that they researched, wrote, presented on and portrayed.

Amid a challenging school year due to Covid-19, the vocal music department was still able to maintain some sense of normalcy. The Sacred Heart choirs were featured this year in *Sounds of Christmas*, a professional DVD filmed in the SHS music room. The elementary, junior high, and high school choirs all performed as well as numerous soloists. Public appearances were greatly reduced this school year; however, the choirs performed at several local events, including Confirmation, Baccalaureate Mass, junior high graduation, and the annual National Day of Prayer, held at the Pettis County Courthouse.



Sacred Heart elementary students continued the tradition of helping to save lives through the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon. This year, 74 students participated in the Math-A-Thon to raise a new record of \$15,820 - all of which goes directly to St. Jude. Sacred Heart School has participated in the Math-A-Thon fundraiser since 1987. Since then, our students have raised over \$213,820 for the children at St. Jude battling cancer and other terminal diseases. The St. Jude Math-A-Thon - America's largest education-based fundraiser - is a supplemental math education program for kindergarten through eighth grade that also raises funds for the hospital. Participants are sponsored by family and friends in their completion of a digital Funbook filled with math problems. Students were awarded various prizes depending on the amount raised, but in the interest of securing additional revenue for St. Jude, some students opted out of receiving their prizes. Money raised helps ensure that families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food. Pictured are the faculty coordinators and the top five earners.



SHS honored 23 preschool students during a special graduation ceremony held at the Sacred Heart Chapel. Next stop, Kindergarten! Congrats to the Class of 2034!



First graders in Mrs. Tucker's class were hard at work in their writing course. Students were able to write personal narratives and have their work bound into their very own book. Way to go, first-grade authors!



Because safety protocols were exercised this year, the band played at fewer events than usual. Still, they played at homecoming pep rallies and served as our pep band at several home basketball games. The annual *Follow the Star* Christmas program featuring the choir and band was recorded on DVDs and distributed. The band also performed at Sacred Heart's Hall of Fame banquet.



Ms. Jane McMullin's World History students learned about the two main styles of cathedral architecture in the Middle Ages. They then completed a project incorporating romanesque and gothic cathedrals. Each group produced a piece of artwork from both the interior and exterior of a cathedral. This project has become a tradition at SHS, with several of the students' final pieces gracing the halls.

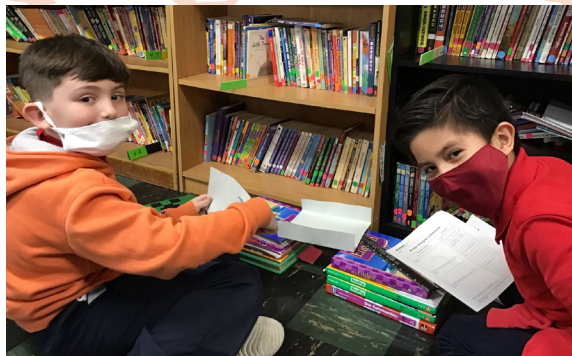


Fr. Joe Corel and Mrs. Liz Suter-Van Leer, Development Director, were honored to accept the President's Award on behalf of the SHS family at the 2020 Sedalia Chamber Awards Banquet. SHS was selected to receive the President's Award by the Chamber board in recognition of faculty and administration's remarkable dedication and success in providing quality education to its scholars during the pandemic.

Members of the parish and school community planted the seeds of charity to grow a community garden on the school campus. Teamwork and green thumbs have helped to produce a bounty of vegetables which are shared with the Open Door food pantry.



Once a month, SHS students can dress down to lift up a charity. Students who bring in a monetary donation have the opportunity to dress out of uniform for the day with proceeds benefiting a charity. This year, funds supported charities such as the RARE Bear Army, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and NHS Christmas Eve Dinner. The last dress down day of the school year benefitted Retrieving Freedom, whose mission is to change lives through the placement of service dogs for veterans with disabilities and children with autism. In addition to the dress-down day, Sacred Heart will be working with Retrieving Freedom as part of their School Impact Program. This will allow for dogs in training to be in our school as part of their training program. June, a 13-month-old white lab, will be visiting SHS periodically until she completes her training and is placed.



Third graders in Mrs. Williams' classroom learned about the invisible pushes and pulls that operate in the world around them. Students used their knowledge of forces to build a strong bridge to support as many pennies as possible using only paper.



Reid Nehring arranged flowers in the preschool's dramatic play flower shop. The children love arranging, selling, and buying flowers as well as making cards in this fun pretend center.



Mrs. Hegger's 4th-grade science students were challenged to "shoot for the moon" by creating a prop, or giving a presentation on the moon phases, the inner planets, or the outer planets. Creative exploration was out of this world with projects that included a solar system made out of recycled materials and a spaceship and planet model where students could act out a space landing.

Natalie Walker and Noe Umana-Ramos were selected as the Class of 2022 recipients of the American Youth Foundation "National Leadership Award," formerly known as the "I Dare You Award." Nominated by the school administration, the award recognizes two youth currently in 11th grade, who strive to be their best and make a positive difference in their communities. Natalie and Noe distinguished themselves through their actions and leadership potential. Sacred Heart instituted this award to honor the life of Zachary Parsons, son of Jason and Debbie Parsons. Parsons was a recipient of this award and a remarkable student at Sacred Heart from his 2013 freshman year until he passed from this earth in a car accident in 2016, at the age of seventeen. Natalie and Noe were honored with the award following the 2021 Catholic Schools Week all-school Mass. Zachary's parents were on hand to present the award along with SHS Foundation member, Bev Rollings.



The Student Council (STUCO) hosted an official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Gremlin Student Store and Cafe, which both debuted this school year. These two student-run business ventures have been wildly successful. The Gremlin Store, newly located next to the Hoyoing Gym, provides convenient access to pre-owned uniforms, along with one of the largest selections in recent history of ready-to-wear Gremlin Gear. Space for the store was made possible by reconfiguring a hallway and locker room. The end result is a welcoming store front that is easily accessible and filled with a variety of items ranging from hats, water bottles, umbrellas, stickers, and an array of clothing options for every Gremlin fan.



At the end of each school day students can head to the Gremlin Cafe to purchase an assortment of after-school snacks. Since its opening, the cafe has been extremely popular. The menu items varied based on feedback from the student body. The 21 members of STUCO spent more than 150 combined service hours during the school year operating the stores and gaining on-the-job business management skills.

"I was very stressed the first day I worked because I didn't think I was capable of running a store," said Mariah Van Leer, a freshman and member of STUCO. "The hands-on learning was extremely valuable and I gained confidence in my management skills."

The students created promotional plans, managed inventory, organized the store and cafe, and maintained a schedule under the direction of STUCO moderator, Mrs. Nikki Howell.

"Opening the Gremlin Student Store and Cafe has given the student council a way to serve the student body and Sacred Heart community as a whole," said Mrs. Howell. "We are operating a business built on student entrepreneurship to serve our school community. The students are truly leading by example and in doing so being great stewards to one another."

The Gremlin Store is open every day after school, throughout home game season and during important events hosted at Sacred Heart School. Customers can also call the school office to set up a time to access the store.



What Will Your Legacy Be?

All of us leave a legacy.

Our legacy is our mark on the world. So, what is yours? Taking time to develop a plan today for your assets can help ensure that your life's mission will continue to impact the world for years, decades — even generations to come. We all know life is uncertain and encourage you to start or update your plan today.

Benefits of planned giving

Peace - A good estate plan can increase your lifetime security and also help provide for your loved ones and the causes you value at the same time. Imagine passing away with no plan in place, leaving both an emotional burden and tax burden for those you care about the most.

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Spiritual Legacy - An estate plan acknowledges God's ownership of all. It helps prepare the next steward and ensures that your final act on earth is one of good stewardship.

We are blessed to have Sacred Heart School as an invaluable ministry of our St. Vincent de Paul Parish. At present, 56% of our parish budget supports the school and 44% of our parish budget supports other important ministries. We are grateful for the work of the Sacred Heart Foundation assisting us in raising additional funds for our school.

Dorothy Winkeljohn, known to many as Sister Mary Rose Edna, passed away August 23, 2020. Sister Edna taught science at SHS from 1966 – 1968. In a letter to SHS, her sister, Rita Poindexter wrote:

"Months before her death Dorothy spoke frequently about the growth of SHS and how good it made her feel that the school has survived and grown in the past 50 years...We need a good Catholic Education for our children so desperately these days."

Sister Dorothy blessed SHS as an educator and as a benefactor. We lift up our gratitude and prayers to her and to all who have made a meaningful and lasting difference in the life of our parish and school.



We are grateful to the O'Connor Moseley Foundation for the generous gift to Sacred Heart School in memory of H. Michael O'Connor.

"Our dad's deeper exploration and understanding of his faith took place later in life," said **Charlene (Moseley) O'Connor '67**. I recall his returning from numerous Cursillo retreats with such zeal for Jesus and His saving grace. It was as if all his head knowledge of faith connected with his heart.

He and our mom were both active in school and parish life and shared a deep appreciation for Catholic education together with efforts of the nuns and priests where students receive a daily faith-filled environment."



Ways to plan a gift now for the future

Bequest: A bequest is a gift through your will or revocable trust that enables you to retain the asset during your life and provide significant support when you no longer require the asset. You may choose a specific item, a percentage, or a residual bequest. You may also choose to make a charity a contingent beneficiary in the case the heirs are unable to receive the estate.

Retirement Plan Assets: In some cases, retirement assets can be the heaviest assets taxed in an estate. Naming a charity as a beneficiary can avoid that taxation, enabling those assets to pass tax-free. You may also designate a charity as a percentage beneficiary or a contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan.

Bank or Investment Account: Financial accounts can be a simple and inexpensive way to leave a legacy gift for a charity.

Ways to make a gift now

Appreciated Securities (or other assets): Gifts of this nature are usually in the form of common stock or mutual funds, and enable you to receive tax benefits. SVdP Parish and the SHS Foundation also accept other appreciated assets, but it is important to discuss these gifts in advance.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's) - IRA Accounts: If you are 70½ or older, you can make an annual tax-free distribution from your IRA directly to a charity.

Real Estate: Real estate may be deeded outright to a charity or left by bequest while potentially providing the donor with an immediate tax deduction.

Life Insurance: Make a gift or buy a policy making the charity as the owner and beneficiary

Ways to make a gift that pays

Charitable Gift Annuity: This is an irrevocable gift of cash or securities where you receive a predictable income for your life. At your passing, the charity could receive the residual value of the annuity.

Charitable Remainder Trust: This is an irrevocable gift of assets into a charitable trust that provides you a fixed (annuity trust) or variable (unitrust) income for life or for a set term. At the termination of the trust, the trust becomes a generous gift to the charity.

Charitable Lead Trust: This method seeks to provide generous annual support for a charity. It also removes assets from the estate and passes assets to heirs with little to no tax.

If any of the following legacy gift ideas resonate with you, we invite you to contact your trusted advisors to see if these planned giving methods are right for you. To speak about your planned gift to Saint Vincent de Paul Parish or the Sacred Heart Foundation please contact Liz Van Leer in the business office at (660) 827-2311 to discuss further.



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