

*SACRED HEART SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S PEN
1/14/2019*



We are just two weeks away from a brand new semester. But before then our students will be heavily engaged in MAP Testing as well as Mid-Term Exams. All grades K-8 take MAP tests. These tests administered in MATH and ELA are given 3 times a year, and students are challenged to show growth each test cycle by increasing their RIT Score. The results of these tests offer a starting point for teachers to adapt their teaching to meet the individual child's strengths and weaknesses. Through these test results our students and teachers are able to see which skills need to be more thoroughly developed. Through Blended Learning techniques, goal setting, and teacher developed action plans, students are able to work on their weakest reading and math skills to try to show progress in the next test cycle.

Mid-Term Exams are being administered only in Grades 6 through 8 except in the subject of Religion. This exam will be teacher constructed for grades 3-8, and in the Spring the Archdiocesan Exam will be used as their final exam. Exams are being spread out over the next two weeks followed by a fun filled week with numerous activities, best known as Catholic Schools Week.

HSA General Meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 in the Library.

Sunday, January 20th is Hospitality Sunday. SHS has been asked to provide coffee and light refreshments after the 10:00 Mass on this Sunday. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. This can also be a perfect opportunity for students to hand out fliers for our Open House the following Sunday. Let me know if you can help us out in any way.

Catholic Schools Week Events are as follows:

- Jan. 27th OPEN HOUSE from 9 to 1:30 pm.
- Jan. 28th BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY from 7:45 to 8:30 am
MATH MANIA MORNING
- Jan. 29th TOURING TUESDAY for perspective parents 9:00 to 11:30 am
SPELLING BEE for the Upper Grades at 1:30-2:30 pm
- Jan. 30th RELIGION BEE for the Lower Grades at 10:15-11:30 am
SPIRIT DAY-Wear Red and White to celebrate MAP Progress
WEDNESDAY IS SUNDAE around 1:30 pm

- Jan. 31st LITERATURE DAY for the Lower Grades
 MOVIE AFTERNOON for all grades
- Feb. 1st CSW MASS at 9:00
 DRESS DOWN DAY – Wear your Favorite Football Jersey
 Early Dismissal at 11:45 – Faculty Meeting
 SNOWBALL DANCE at 7:00 PM for 6-8 USO Schools



Other Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 14th Mid-Terms Begin
- Jan. 15th HSA General Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library
- Jan. 18th Early Dismissal – Faculty Meeting
- Jan. 21st School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 25th Mid-Terms End
- Jan. 27th CSW Begins
- Feb. 1st CSW Ends with a SNOWBALL Dance
- Feb. 15th Bussing may not be available as many of the districts are closed
- Feb. 18th School Closed – Presidents’ Day
- Feb. 19th School Closed - Academic Conference Day
- Feb. 22nd Father Daughter Dance at 7:00 in the Gym
- Feb. 28th Science Fair at 7:00 pm in the Gym

MEDICAL ALERT:

From this point on, Sacred Heart School will be considered a Peanut Free School. Children will no longer be allowed to bring Peanut Butter to school for lunch or snack. Over the years we have had only one or two children with known peanut allergies. More recently however, we are finding there are several students in each class who have experienced allergic reactions to peanut butter. It is becoming next to impossible to keep these children safe from harm. In some schools with cafeterias, a table or two is set aside for the students who eat peanut butter sandwiches. But we do not have a cafeteria. I thought of designated one classroom where peanut butter sandwiches could be eaten, but as it turns out we have at least one or two students in each class who are allergic to PB (some severe) so this will not work. I am sure every child likes something other than PBJ sandwiches. So going forward, please err on the side of caution... and do not send your child to school with peanut butter products. I thank you in advance for your support and understanding in this matter.