Matilda Opens Tonight!
Sacred Heart Academy is proud to present the Kenny Award nominee, Matilda the Musical, to be performed November 15 and 16 at 7 pm and November 17 at 2 pm.

Matilda the Musical is an award winning musical about a 5 year old girl with a special gift who loves to read. She is able to overcome the issues caused by her family and her school and to help her teacher reclaim her life. Based on the 1988 novel by Roald Dahl, the musical explores the themes of bullying, friendship, and the power of reading. Reserved tickets can be purchased for $15 and $12. General admission are available for $10. Tickets are available at the door or reserve your tickets online at http://our.show/sacred-heart-academy/89129

SHA Christmas Dance
This year, the annual SHA Christmas Dance will be held on Friday, December 20th. The dance will take place from 7:00-10:00 p.m., at Grapevine Banquets (former Hearthstone Manor) on Dick Road in Depew. This semi-formal event is open to all SHA students. Light snacks, desserts and soft drinks will be served. Students may bring a date or come with their SHA friends. Girls wear semi-formal party dresses (no need for prom-type gowns) and boys must wear dress pants, a shirt and tie.

Please note: It is not necessary to bring a date to this dance. Many students attend with their SHA friends. Also, it is not necessary for students to hire limousines to bring them to the event.

Cost is $25 per person. Tickets will be on sale daily in the front hall from 7:30-8:00 a.m. from November 18th through December 11th. Tickets can ONLY be purchased in the morning before homeroom. No tickets will be sold after December 11th. Checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart Academy. Emergency contact numbers for our students and their dates must also be given. Students will receive conduct forms that must be signed by themselves and their parents. If applicable, they will also receive a permission form for their date. All forms must be returned to the main office by homeroom on December 13th. No one will be permitted to attend the dance if their forms are missing.

Also note: Students may not enter the dance after 8:00 p.m. unless special permission is given in advance (parental note required) and everyone should be picked up at the Grapevine no later than 10:15 p.m. Students must stay at the dance until 9:30 pm.

Attached you will find a copy containing further information about the dance, as well as the rules our students are expected to follow.

Bahamas Trip Meeting
If you are attending the Bahamas trip in February, there is a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm in SHA Hall. Students and their parents should attend. If you cannot attend please email Miss Makar at cmakar@sacredheartacademy.org to schedule an alternate time to meet.
Parent Teacher Conferences
SHA’s Parent Teacher Conference Night will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 5-8 pm and is by appointment only. The details regarding appointments are as follows:

The appointments are in 10 minute increments with individual teachers. If you feel as though you will need more than 10 minutes you should contact the teacher directly and make an appointment at another mutually convenient time. Teacher email addresses are:  first initial, full last name@sacredheartacademy.org (ex. mmouse@sacredheartacademy.org).

SignUpGenius will be used to book appointments. Please find the teacher you would like an appointment with, review the available time slots, and click on the corresponding button to sign up (note each teacher is set up with appointments every ten minutes between 5-8 pm). Links to SignUpGenius are listed below for your convenience. You do NOT need to create a SignUpGenius account in order to sign up for an appointment.

As a reminder, you can always request a meeting with a teacher at any time during the school year by contacting the teacher directly, you are not restricted to this one night.

Teachers that are not available on 11/20 are as follows, please feel free to contact them via email if necessary: Mr. Joe Childs - Music

Sign ups for conferences will close out at noon on Tuesday, November 19 after which you must contact the teacher directly.

On Parent Teacher Conference Night please enter the building through the Key Bank door and there will be a table with a handout which includes where the teachers are located for the evening and a school map.

Please click on the following links to book an appointment:

Teachers with last names A-G: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAFA92FA5FD0-teachers

Teachers with last names H-M https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAFA92FA5FD0-teachers1

Teachers with last names N-Z https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAFA92FA5FD0-teachers2

Bring Your Sister to School Days
Bring Your Sister to School Days will take place during Spirit Week, December 4-6 (no sisters on 12/3). See attached permission slip for specific details. Please note: these are very fun days for SHA girls and their sisters. However, only sisters in grades 4-8 are allowed. No younger, PLEASE.

If you have any questions, please email mcochrane@sacredheartacademy.org or call 834-2101 ext. 311. Permission slips are also available in the main office. ALL permission slips are due back at SHA by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26. Thank you!!

Attn: Cheektowaga Central Parents
Cheektowaga Central will not be providing transportation on Thursday, November 21 due to their Parent Teacher Conference Day. Please make alternate travel arrangements for your daughter.

Annual Christmas Plant Sale
Purchase your beautiful Poinsettia, Christmas Cactus, Cyclamen plant or wreath while supporting SHA at the same time. Orders are due by Fri., 11/22 & will be available for pick up on Thurs., 12/5 in the Athletic Center foyer. The order form is attached or to Click Here to purchase online. For questions call or text Kelly at 716-997-9629.  All proceeds from both sales benefit the SHA Parent Guild. Please let us know if you have any questions. Happy shopping!
SHA Spirit Week!!!
Spirit Week has been a long-standing tradition at SHA. This special week is set aside each year to unify our student body and bring about spirit within the school and within each class. The following is an explanation of the events, competitions and traditions.

SPIRIT POINTS and TROPHY: Throughout the week each class will compete for “Spirit Points.” Points will be awarded for: Karaoke Contest, class bulletin boards, largest percentage of students within each class level wearing theme-related costumes each day, and decorations. Winner of Spirit Week gets many points toward the Spirit Point Trophy, to be awarded in the spring, and bragging rights for one year.

CLASS BULLETIN BOARDS: Each class will be assigned a bulletin board to decorate with a “spirited” theme that incorporates their class colors.

DECORATIONS: The entire school will be decorated during assembly time on Tuesday, December 3rd. Classes are given designated areas throughout the building. Decorations are judged on creativity and neatness – quality, not quantity.

ASSEMBLIES: We will follow Schedule #3 (Afternoon Assembly) most days. This year’s events will be:
Tuesday: Decorate the School
Wednesday: Advent Service (Schedule #6)
Thursday: SHA Talent Show
Friday: Karaoke/Dance Contest

KARAOKE/DANCE CONTEST: Each class prepares an act for participation in our Karaoke/Dance assembly on Friday, December 6th. Performers sing or lip-sync and dance. As many members of the class as possible participate in this performance.

DAILY THEMES and COSTUMES: Every student is encouraged to dress in costume to express the daily theme. Anyone not in costume must wear her uniform. Each day a count of girls in costumes is taken in homeroom, and the class level with the largest percentage of students in costume earns spirit points accordingly. Each day a student will be chosen for best costume, and her class will earn extra spirit points. This year’s themes are:
Tuesday, December 3rd: Coachella Day (Festival Wear)
Wednesday, December 4th: Bills (or Buffalo Sports) Mafia Day
Thursday, December 5th: Character Day (Disney, YouTube Character, etc.)
Friday, December 6th: CLASS COLOR DAY

BRING YOUR SISTER TO SHA DAYS: Once again we invite you to bring your younger sisters to school during Spirit Week. Sisters are welcome on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Freshwomen can bring their sisters any day. Sophomores are invited to bring them on Wednesday, Juniors on Thursday, and Seniors on Friday. Mrs. Cochrane will provide detailed information on this. Permission slips will be available in the Main Office and online. All forms are due back to the Main Office by Monday, November 25th.

Organ Donation
Next week, the Donate Life Club will be sharing facts about organ donation with the students. This is a great opportunity for you and your daughter to have a conversation about your wishes. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this important topic.

SHA Lululemon Gear Sale Closes Today!
SHA holiday gifts are now for sale! Check-out the one-time run of SHA Lululemon gear, Love Your Melon beanies or Croc charms; there is something for every SHA girl, Mom, Grandma & Aunt! Lululemon sale ends Friday, 11/15. Order form for all items is attached or Click Here to order online.

Calling All SHA Bakers
The annual Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, 11.23. SHA will host parents of 8th grade students for a reception during the exam. Baked goods are needed & appreciated! Please see this link to sign-up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9A72EA46-20193
Report to the Main Office
Just a friendly reminder that all visitors must enter the building through the front door and report immediately to the Main Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clare Music Hall Door
Please note that all students must enter the building in the morning through the front or Key Bank doors, not the Clare Music Hall door.

Class of 2021 Junior Parents
Junior Class Staff Appreciation Luncheon - The class of 2021 will hold its annual staff appreciation luncheon on Tuesday, 12/3. This is a great way to show our appreciation for all the SHA faculty and staff do for our girls. Monetary donations are being collected and lunch will be catered. To donate please register on the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4aa9a72ea46-class14 Questions? Please contact Sue Meyers @ meyers.susan@aol.com
CHRISTMAS DANCE 2019

General Information: Friday, December 20th / 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Grapevine Banquets (former Hearthstone Manor)
333 Dick Rd., Depew, NY (391-1895)

Tickets: Cost $25 per person. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Academy. Tickets will be on sale from 7:30 am to 8:00 am in the front hall from November 18th to December 11th, however, no ticket sales will occur during Spirit Week. Tickets can only be purchased in the morning before homeroom. No tickets will be sold after December 11th. This is a “ticketless” dance. When you purchase your ticket, your name and your date’s name will be recorded by StuCo. You will receive two forms: a conduct form for you and your parents to sign as well as a permission form for your date. All forms must be returned to the Main Office by Friday, December 13th.

Dress Code:
Semi-formal
Girls: Nice dresses, no excessive cleavage, bare midriffs or extreme slits, strapless OK, no super short dresses.
Boys: Collared shirt, tie, dress pants.

Arrival & Dismissal: You must arrive by 8:00 pm. If you’re going to arrive later, you must turn in a note in advance that includes your name and date’s name, reason for late arrival and approximate time of arrival. Note must be signed by a parent and given to Miss D’Andrea by Fri., Dec. 13th. The dance ends at 10:00 pm. Students must stay until 9:30 pm. Please make arrangements for pick up by 10:00 pm. We must exit the building by 10:15 pm. Once you leave the dance, you will not be allowed back in.

Check-In: You must check in before entering the ballroom. Please note: Your date must show a valid school ID. Look for sign with your class level and check in. If you get lost, etc. & will be arriving a few minutes late, call the Grapevine at 391-1895 and ask to speak with Miss D’Andrea. Anyone not checked in by 8:00 pm (other than those with notes) will have their home called to check on your whereabouts.

Belongings: You are responsible for your personal belongings. Please note no backpacks are permitted.

Food: Free pop, snacks and desserts will be available for everyone.

Guests: Each SHA student is welcome to bring ONE guest. Guests must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade or a college student. High school students must bring a photo ID to be shown at check-in and must have a completed permission slip returned to SHA no later than Friday, December 13th to attend. College students attending must also bring a photo ID to be shown at check-in. They also need to sign the conduct form and provide a parent signature and an emergency contact, however, they do not need a school administrator’s signature.

C O N D U C T

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM YOUR DATE OF THESE RULES.

1. Your dates must show a valid school ID when you check in.
2. Once you enter the Grapevine, if you decide to leave, you will not be allowed back in.
3. No smoking/vaping anywhere – even in parking lot.
4. No alcohol or drugs.
5. Be respectful of Grapevine and its property. Try not to spill pop or drop food.
6. No standing on chairs or dancing on tables.
7. Do not touch the chandeliers or decorations.
8. No inappropriate behavior – no public displays of affection, etc.

DANCING
No inappropriate dancing allowed. ABSOLUTELY NO SEXUALLY EXPLICIT DANCING ALLOWED!!! If an adult asks you to stop doing something inappropriate – stop it. If you don’t, your parents will be called and you will be asked to leave.

PLEASE NOTE – VERY IMPORTANT
The school drug and alcohol policy will be strictly enforced. If anyone is found to be under the influence, your parents will be called to come and remove you from the dance. Also, you and your parents will be expected to meet with Ms. Demert the following week and YOUR FUTURE AT SACRED HEART ACADEMY MAY BE IN JEOPARDY.

Dates found to be under the influence will have their parent/guardian contacted as well as their school administration so they can be disciplined according to his school’s rules and regulations.
**Bring Your Sister to SHA Day!**

Do you have a younger sister in grades 4-8? Are you hoping that she will follow in your footsteps to SHA?

Then let her spend a day with you during a great week of school – **Spirit Week**.

Here’s what you need to know…

**When:** School Spirit Week Sister Days-December, 2019

- Please note there are no sisters allowed on Tuesday, December 3
- Wednesday, December 4 (9th and 10th grades): Theme- Character Day (Disney, YouTube Character, etc)
- Thursday, December 5 (9th and 11th grades): Theme- Sports Team Mafia Day (Support your favorite sports team)
- Friday, December 6 (9th and 12th grades): Theme-Class Color Day

**Who:** Sisters of SHA girls who are in grades 4-8 (no younger, please!). SHA students can bring sisters on their class day, only.

**What:** Sisters will go to classes, lunch, and each day’s special assembly and is encouraged to dress up according to the theme of the day. Please have your sister bring a book or magazine that she can read during class or study hall. No cell phones. We will provide each girl with a lunch pass so she will get a free lunch.

**How:** Simply have your parent(s) sign the permission slip and return to the main office by Monday, November 25. There is a limit to the number of sisters per day so get your permission slips in early. All permission slips must be filled out completely or they will be returned. And please, no sisters younger than 4th grade!

**Questions?** Call Mary C. Ganey, Director of Admissions, at 834-2101 x311 or email mcochrane@sacredheartacademy.org

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**Name of SHA student:** ___________________________ Grade: _______ Homeroom: _______

**Name of sister:** ___________________________ Grade: _______

**School:** ___________________________

**Emergency phone #:** ___________________________

I give my daughter _______________________ permission to attend SHA for a day on ___________________________ (indicate which day, see above).

Signed: ___________________________

(Parent signature)

*If the above girl is NOT a sister of a SHA student, please give us the parent name and address. Thank you!

**Parent name:** ___________________________

**Address, City, Zip:** ___________________________

**Cell phone number:** ___________________________

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PLEASE TURN IN PERMISSION SLIPS TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER OR THE MAIN OFFICE BY **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25.**