**Holiday Closings**

SHA will be closed 11/27-11/29 to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will also be closed on Monday, 12/2 for reaching our Walkathon goal and earning a day off. Enjoy your extra-long weekend!

**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.

**Extended - New Blanket Collection**

The DIY Club’s New Blanket Collection has been extended and they will be accepting blankets until Friday, December 6th.

The blankets will be given to the infusion patients at Windsong Medical Park to keep them warm during their treatments. They will be distributed during the month of December and patients will get to keep their blanket.

There are marked collection boxes outside of Room 104 and in the Main Office. Please help share the warmth of SHA to others during this holiday season. Thank you!
SHA Spirit Week is Almost Here!

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:
- 12/3 Decorate School
- 12/4 Advent Svc. (Sched. #6)
- 12/5 Talent Show
- 12/6 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. Freshmen 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.

Museum of disability History Holiday Store Sale & Book Fair

Please see the attachment for details on the Museum of disability History’s holiday store sale & book fair. This will take place on Sat., Nov. 30, 2019 from 10-1 pm. There will be books for all ages and unique gifts like jewelry, wooden wine stoppers handmade by program participants of People Inc. and more.

Matilda - The Musical, Thank You to All Parents

The cast, crews, and directors of the musical would like to thank all parents who were involved with the show this year, and for those of you who came to see the production last weekend. You all were incredibly generous with your time, resources, and support. We can't thank you enough for all you did: make the cast look great, help fundraise, help fill the auditorium seats, take out patron ads, donate treats for the concession stand, and so much more. We appreciate all you did.

Save the date: Kenny Awards Day & Evening Ceremony - Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Shea's Center for the Performing Arts.
Music Dept. Save the Dates

November
22-23  NYSSMA - Zone 1 - Senior High Area All-State @ SUNY Fredonia (accepted students)
26  Christ the King Ceremony & Thanksgiving Service (Senior Class)

December
4  Advent Prayer Service #1
9  Wind Ensemble/String Ensemble to Roswell Park 9:30-10:30 am (WE, ST)
10  Theatre Class - Dress Rehearsal - after school (MT)
11  Advent Prayer Service #2
11  Chorale/Chamber Singers to M&T Gold Dome Holiday Series noon-1 pm (CH, CS)
12  Music Department Christmas Concert 7 pm (CS, ST, WE, + extra-curricular)
16  Musical Theatre - Tech. Rehearsal 3-6 pm (MT)
17  Musical Theatre Class Showcase Night @ 7:15 pm (MT)
18  Advent Prayer Service #3
20  Mass - Christmas (last day before Holidays) 10:00 am (CS, CH, ST, WE, Adv. MT, MM)

Class of 2020 Senior Parents
Graduation Dresses - Have you started thinking about that long white dress your daughter needs for graduation? SHA has a selection of donated dresses from recent graduates that are available at no cost. If your daughter would like to take a look at them, have her see Mrs. Coughlin in the library or Sister Mara in the Advancement Office.
CHRISTMAS DANCE 2019

General
Friday, December 20th / 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Information:
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:
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.

CONDUCT

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.
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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

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: ____________________________

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