



*Sacred Heart Catholic School  
Principal's Pen  
3.20.2017*

*Saint of the Month: St. Edith Stein  
Value of the Month: Humility*

*Happy St. Joseph's Day!*

*Happy Spring!*

Wow! We have been on a roller coaster ride this entire month of March. But here at Sacred Heart School, roller coaster rides are a fun time. As the March winds rolled in, bringing nearly 2 feet of snow to all areas of the region, our Saints were blowing away the competition on the court at Mount Saint Mary College. Our Varsity Girl's Basketball team took to the court against St. John School. It was a pretty close game from start to finish, but we had Anna Fajardo who took possession of the ball with only minutes to play and scored the winning points. Fajardo was on fire giving SHS the Win! *Varsity Champs 2017!* Congrats Saints!!



Our Varsity Cheerleaders also took center stage at the Mount as the *2017 Grand Champions!* Their enthusiasm and dedication could be felt throughout the crowd. We are so proud of their accomplishments. We have another terrific trophy on display in the foyer. Keep the tradition going!

Although our JV Cheer Team only took 4<sup>th</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree of Excellence, they are a young team, and now that they have experienced the competitive nature of the event first hand, they will strive for excellence next season. I was told they just needed to smile more. I know we can fix that 😊

Our JV Boys Basketball team was on a roll as well. They made it all the way to the Championship at the Mount and brought home a coveted 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy. For some reason Mr. Costa is holding tight to the trophy in his classroom! We are so proud of this team and look forward to another strong season next year. Our Varsity Boys Basketball team took Third Place, beating Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Basketball and Cheer have always been strong sports here at SHS. I want to thank our dedicated coaches and Mr. Brian McDonald for all the time and effort they put into making our SHAC Program such a great success. Thank you to all of our dedicated coaches. We would not be where we are if not for your time and talents.



We had a bit of the Blarney going on here at SHS this past Friday. It was St. Patrick's Day and everyone was wearing green. As it turns out, our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Ms. Jena Whitehead had her class create their very own Leprechaun Traps to catch our formidable Leprechaun, Liam, who ransacks our rooms and turns everything on end. What an incredible ELA experience the children had.



Their traps were so creative and their stories so believable I can only imagine how honored Liam felt to be the center of attention all day! I have posted some pictures of these incredibly, creative Leprechaun Traps on our website.

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the Lenten Season. I will make arrangements with Fr. Tom for all of our Catholic students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Holy Thursday.

Because we have used our 5 "Snow Days" we will have to shorten our Easter Vacation by 1 day so far. After I consult with the District Superintendent I may have a viable solution. For those of us who have a long distance vacation planned, continue with your plans. There is nothing we can do as we need to be in school 180 days each year. Remember, the public schools are closed during our Holy Week, therefore Bus transportation will not be provided. We recommend that parents work together and carpool whenever possible. I am sorry for this inconvenience.

This week is the week for our Spring Scholastic Book Fair. I want to say thank you to Mrs. Linda Wajda who is chairing this event. She has come up with some really nice added features for Family Night, Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. This time 'round will not only include McDonald's Night but include a "Gather Around the Campfire" with real S'mores and a "Read Along with Amy" her beautifully, trained Service dog. A Photo Booth will also be available that evening. I want to thank Michael Wajda, Anna Henderson, John Drumgoole and their friend Jen from Burke who came to set up the whole event with Mom. It is always nice to see our graduates return to do service for others.

**Dates to Remember:**

- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Joseph**
- Mar. 20-24 Scholastic Book Fair**
- Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> Team Pictures for the Yearbook**
- Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> Agriculture in the Classroom for grades 1, 2 and 3**
- Mar. 25-26 Chocolate Cross Sales after the Masses (Volunteers Needed)**
- Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> Club Pictures for the Yearbook (Full dress Uniform)**  
**Confirmation Letters to the Bishop are due today**
- Mar 28-30 NYS ELA Testing \*\*\***
- Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Colonial Day**
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Early Dismissal - First Friday Mass at 9:00 am, Faculty Meeting**  
**End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

**\*\*\*Attached is a letter from Dr. Timothy McNiff explaining the need for all students to participate in NYS Testing. A student's refusal to take the test will be noted on his/her test, and they will have to remain home for the part of the day when testing is administered as supervision will not be available at that time.**