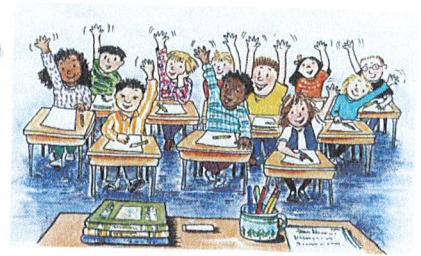


Fr. Connors Endowment Trust Fund



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Thank You Donors for your Support!

A Message from the Principal

Dear Supporters,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another school year. This year we were blessed with 241 students from preschool through 8th grade.

We continued our Free Dress for a Cause days, raising over \$3,800 throughout the year for various local organizations, including the Bishop's Ministry Appeal.

Over the summer, we completed our school-wide painting project. Additionally, we slurried the asphalt around campus, power cleaned and sealed all the roofs, and upgraded our security system. To remain mission aligned and nurture our students in a safe environment, we installed security fencing along the front of the school along with a security camera and doorbell entry system. We also removed the two portables that previously housed our 4th and 5th grades and transitioned our library to Sr. David Hall.

We are grateful for your gift of \$70,000. With that donation, we are pleased to share that a percentage of that amount will be applied directly to our school's scholarship fund.

Thank you to The Father Connors Endowment Trust Fund as well as the Daughters of Charity, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Diocesan SEEDS program, and our Angel Donors. These resources have allowed us to provide scholarships for families in need this year.

Blessings,

Mrs. Theresa Rothstein, Principal

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them: for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14)

Retirement/Open position

In our fall newsletter, we mentioned that Peggy Perez was back on campus teaching the 7th and 8th grade students math. It was just announced that at the conclusion of the school year, Peggy will retire from her current position. She plans on traveling a bit more and spending some much-needed time with her loved ones. Peggy plans on still having a presence on Sacred Heart's campus. FCETF would like to congratulate Peggy on her retirement! May God continue to bless her on this new journey.

Sacred Heart's Chapel

The Chapel at Sacred Heart School has been seeing quite a bit of foot traffic this school year. It has been utilized for weekly masses, family rosary & confession. The school has had two to three grades celebrating a mass every Friday with one of the priests. Every Friday after school, a couple of parents & students volunteer to lead a family rosary that everyone is invited to attend. The second graders received their first reconciliation in the chapel. Grades second through eighth go three separate times throughout the school year for confession. With the age of the chapel and the amount of foot traffic it has received it is in dire need of some love. One of Sacred Heart's alumni, Montana Barron, has decided to earn his Eagle Scout Badge by revitalizing & beautifying the chapel. He will be installing new seating, painting the interior and many other things to help improve it! The school is very excited for this improvement.

Message from Student Body President:

Dear Supporters,

In the time of my enrollment in Sacred Heart School, since November 2021, I have been blessed with many new opportunities for my academic and physical success. This school has strengthened me as both a person and a student. It has opened up my mind to be more accepting and forgiving. Sacred Heart, in my opinion, is the physical embodiment of a *safe and caring environment*, with the teachers and staff helping all students on their journey to become *stewards of God's earth*. I acknowledge that we may not be the biggest school, or have all the newest technology, but once you come and experience what the inside is like, you will understand what I mean when I say that each and every staff member has a heart of gold. This extends past our school and into our parish, and all the donors and contributors in our cause to making this world truly *rooted in the Vincentian spirit* and thus, rooted in the spirit of God. Sacred Heart is a part of my family. It will always hold a special place in my heart as I make my way into high school and beyond into adult life.

I would like to extend an enormous amount of thanks to all of you who donate both time and money in order to give us something unforgettable...a Catholic education and a strong academic spirit.

Sincerely,

Christian Chavez

Requests for Memorials & Tributes

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An acknowledgement is sent to the family of the intended. The loved one is remembered at the First Friday mass of the students of SHCS.