



# Weekly Bright Spot



November 16th- November 20th



#iGIVECATHOLIC

DECEMBER 1, 2020



**There is no school for students November 25th-27th for Thanksgiving.**

**Tee shirt order forms with payment are due this Friday, November 20th! Please see attachments!**

**Poinsettia Orders are due by the end of this week! Please see the Google form attached to the email Casey sent out!**

## Message from the Principal

This is our last full week prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. I pray that everyone has a safe, healthy, and enjoyable break. Our students and teachers have worked very hard in our "new normal" and deserve a chance to rest.

Last Friday, Governor Northam put into place new mandates for the State of Virginia. Although these new mandates do not change how we will operate, the reasons for their existence does have an impact on our school. Recent increases in cases means a greater chance of impact on our school community. I would like to echo the words of our leadership calling on all members of our community to do their part. **Please be careful and safe during the holidays.** I have attached previously sent letters from Father Jonathan and Kelly Lazzara discussing the importance of mindfulness of our actions.

## Changes and noteworthy items for the calendar:

- **Interims will be sent home December 4th** (moved from the original date of November 20th)
- **Thanksgiving holiday** begins Wednesday, November 25th with students returning Monday, November 30th.
- **Wednesday, December 2nd** is an Early Release day for students and Professional Development Day for teachers

**\$1 Dress Down Day next Tuesday, November 24th!**



**#iGiveCatholic is coming up on December 1st!**



Last year, our community helped us raise enough money to purchase a new activity bus! **This year our goal is \$7,500** to help cover the loss of revenue from our canceled Auction, Golf Tournament, and Fall Fling. You can find our profile and ways you can start marketing to family and friends by going to <https://richmond.igivecatholic.org/> If you have any questions or ways you would like to help, email Casey at [cscarce@sheartschool.com](mailto:cscarce@sheartschool.com).

## Calls from the North Pole

Sign your kids up for a special call from Santa! Fill out the form at [bit.ly/santacalls2020](http://bit.ly/santacalls2020) and find out when your child can get a call from the big man himself right before Christmas.



## Eat Out/Take Out Night at King Cropp

**King Cropp will be hosting a dine in or take out option for a fundraiser on December 2nd from 12pm-8pm.** That is an early dismissal day so be sure to stop by and pick up some lunch or dinner! Ten percent of sales will go back to the school!

**Have questions? Contact Us!**  
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**Are you or someone you know an Alumni of SHCS? Want to get in touch with your former classmates and teachers?**

Join our Alumni Facebook page! Just search for Friends and Alumni of Sacred Heart Catholic School, Danville VA!

## Wear It Wednesday Swag

We continue to find creative ways to fundraise to support our school this year! We are now taking orders for black tee-shirts and long-sleeved shirts with our theme for this year ("The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:6) on the back and "SHCS 2020-2021" on the front. Students will be able to wear these any Wednesday of the school year. Below are the pictures of the shirt and an order form is attached to this week's newsletter. **Order forms with payment will be due this Friday, November 20th!**



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### Use AmazonSmile this holiday season!

To find our AmazonSmile profile, use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-0851867>

All proceeds from AmazonSmile go back towards the school! Remember us when you are Christmas shopping on Cyber Monday!

### Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)  
or with AmazonSmile ON in the app  
and Amazon donates



Dear friends,

As we approach Labor Day weekend, I know how excited we are to have a rest from our labor of the recent weeks. Our students have been working hard on their assignments and adjusting to new expectations for classroom conduct and digital study. Our teachers have been working hard reconceiving their lesson plans in a new educational paradigm. Our staff and administrators have been working hard overseeing communication and applying new health protocols which keep us healthy. Our parents and relatives have been working hard to navigate new online systems and equip their children to be both safe and successful. Your labor is accomplishing great things!

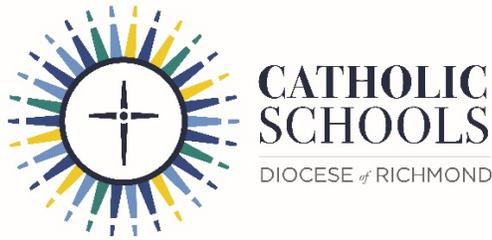
At this point, it's easy to become complacent. As we approach the holiday weekend, it's very tempting to take time away, not just from the daily school schedule, but also from basic safety practices. Careful attention to these practices has allowed us to gather for in-person learning, which is extremely rare in our region. After so much labor by so many, we don't want to see this opportunity squandered.

At the core of our faith is the theme of sacrifice—the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross, when He gave His life over for us, His beloved children, so that we could have life in Him. In February, when Bishop Knestout visited our classrooms the day after Ash Wednesday, he simply and eloquently defined the notion of sacrifice to our students as giving up something to attain a greater good. Each of us is called to sacrifice in different ways, through our faith, jobs, relationships, spending—and even our diet and exercise. Hopefully we make our sacrifices joyfully, reminding ourselves of what's to come.

Throughout this pandemic, we have sacrificed for one another. It's not pleasant to wear masks (my glasses are constantly foggy!) but we make that sacrifice to protect others. It's not fun to cancel or restructure parties, events or vacations, but we make that sacrifice to avoid spreading disease. This weekend is no different. It's very tempting to want to join the crowded cookout on a neighbor's patio, the family reunion in another state, or the road trip to a fun destination. Before you make such plans, please consider how your choices affect others, especially the members of our SHCS family. By making a selfless sacrifice for a quiet holiday weekend, you help attain greater goods: the continuation of the opportunity for outstanding in-person learning at our school, and the eradication of the deadly coronavirus in our community and beyond.

Thank you in advance for your sacrifice: not only for your sacrifices regarding your family's plans this weekend, but for the many ways you sacrifice your time, talent and treasure to support the awesome faith-based education we offer here at Sacred Heart. Let's continue to pray for one another. In Christ,

Fr. Jonathan



October 27, 2020

Dear Principals, Faculty, Staff, Parent, and Students,

We did it! We have successfully completed the first quarter of the 2020-2021 academic year. It has not been easy but your commitment to adhering to your school's health mitigation plans has made it possible for us to keep our classrooms open to in-person instruction five days a week!

We are wearing masks, distancing, sanitizing, and taking temperatures daily, but we are also learning, having fun, and growing in our faith each and every day. We have carefully navigated this sea of uncertainty and we are continuing to take the waves as they come. Our schools are doing very well and that is because of your efforts and your dedication to the health and well-being of our employees, students, and families.

Each day when I walk into the Pastoral Center, I stop at our temperature scanner and thankfully hear the words – "temperature normal". I've come to appreciate this daily affirmation that something in my life is "normal". We all want more than anything to fully return to a pre-COVID sense of normal, but as we are entering the cold and flu season it is now more important than ever that we continue to follow the plans that have worked well for us thus far.

I have heard time and again from local health departments that our school environments are doing a great job of minimizing the spread within our schools. I ask that you continue to follow all the protocols in place at school, but also to be mindful of your exposure outside of our school environment. The fatigue of dealing with COVID is real. I ask that you please remain steadfast in not rushing back to normal by hosting gatherings or participating in large gatherings, especially without the same protocols in place that we implement in our schools; doing so increases the risks at our schools. The holidays are right around the corner, and while Virginia does not currently have any travel restrictions or requirements to quarantine after traveling, I ask that you please be mindful of the increase of risk associated with traveling to some areas. If you do travel, please be sure to closely monitor yourselves for any symptoms of COVID, err on the side of caution, and not attend school with any symptoms that could put others at risk.

I continue to pray each day for the health and well-being of all those in our schools, their families, and our entire community. Thank you for all you have done to keep all those that attend our schools safe during the first quarter and will continue to do throughout the second quarter and beyond.

Yours in Christ,

*Kelly Lazzara*  
Superintendent of Schools



# DINE IN OR TAKE OUT FOR SCHOLARS

**WHERE: KING CROPP  
621 MAIN ST.**

**WHEN: DECEMBER 2ND,  
2020 12PM-8PM**

**[WWW.KINGCROPPFOOD.COM](http://WWW.KINGCROPPFOOD.COM)**

10% OF OUR SALES WILL GO  
TOWARD SCHOLARSHIPS &  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR  
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL.



# Wear It Wednesday T-shirts

This year the School Home Connection group is offering a themed t-shirt that can be worn every Wednesday. The shirt is offered in long and short sleeves and has the school's theme for this year printed on the back. Short Sleeve are available for \$15.00 and long sleeve are available for \$20.00. Orders are due November 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Youth

<b>Youth</b>	Short Sleeve \$15.00	Long Sleeve \$20.00
Small		
Medium		
Large		
Extra Large		

## Adult

<b>Adult</b>	Short Sleeve \$15.00	Long Sleeve \$20.00
Small		
Medium		
Large		
Extra Large		
2 Xl (+2.00)		
3 Xl (+2.00)		

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_