



JANUARY 3, 2024

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS BREAK AND LOOKS FORWARD TO A GREAT 2024. I'M VERY PLEASED TO SHARE THAT OUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY AT BALLOU PARK TOOK 3RD PLACE OVERALL! CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSISTED WITH THIS DISPLAY. AS WE GET BACK TO SCHOOL TODAY, I WANT TO REMIND FAMILIES OF A FEW THINGS ON THE HORIZON. THE WINTER MAP GROWTH TESTING WINDOW OPENS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH. SOME OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE INVOLVED IN MID-TERM EXAMS DURING THE WEEK OF JAN. 8TH - 12TH. THE 2ND QUARTER WILL COME TO A CLOSE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH, WITH AN 11:30 DISMISSAL. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, AS MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH IS A HOLIDAY. LOOKING TOWARD THE END OF THE MONTH, WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES, SO STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS. UNTIL NEXT WEEK, STAY SAFE AND BE BLESSED!

## UPCOMING DATES

**JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 22**  
**LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA  
FUNDRAISER**  
**(MORE INFO COMING SOON)**

**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 11**  
**EARLY RELEASE DAY**

**MONDAY**  
**JANUARY 15**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**MLK JR. DAY**

**JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

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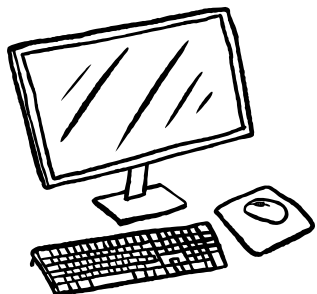
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THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FOR 2024-2025 IS NOW OPEN! YOU  
CAN APPLY BY [CLICKING THIS LINK](#)

(BEST ON A COMPUTER).

**EXISTING USERS (ALL CURRENT FAMILIES):**

1. OPEN THE APPLICATION LINK
2. CLICK "SIGN IN"
3. LOG IN WITH YOUR FACTS CREDENTIALS



**NEW USERS:**

1. OPEN THE APPLICATION LINK
2. CLICK "REGISTER"
3. CLICK "SEARCH FOR MY INSTITUTION"
4. ENTER EITHER "24541" FOR THE ZIP OR "DANVILLE VA"
5. SELECT "SACRED HEART SCHOOL"
6. SELECT "CREATE USERNAME/PASSWORD"

7. FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF YOUR LOGIN INFORMATION, AS FACTS IS THE SOFTWARE THAT WE USE FOR ALL PAYMENTS THROUGH SACRED HEART.

IF YOU APPLY BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2023 YOU CAN UPLOAD YOUR 2022 TAX INFORMATION. KARA OAKS IS COPIED ON THIS EMAIL IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION.

DON'T FORGET TO ENROLL IN OUR NEW  
MESSENGER SERVICE!

TEXT "START" TO 31706 TO GET STARTED TODAY!

\*\*ALL TEXT ALERTS WILL BEGIN WITH "SHCS  
INFO" & ALL CALLS WILL COME FROM 434-793-

2656\*\*



# VIRTUS

VIRTUS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS A CLASS REQUIRED BY ALL VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH ADULTS HOW TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE ADULTS AND HOW TO PROTECT OUR STUDENTS FROM THESE UNSAFE ADULTS. CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED MONTHLY AT THE SCHOOL. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN A SESSION BEFORE SIGNING UP FOR FIELD TRIPS, CAFETERIA HELP, ETC. YOU CAN REGISTER FOR A SESSION BY HEADING TO VIRTUS.ORG AND CHOOSING DIOCESE OF RICHMOND WHEN CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT.

**JANUARY 24, 2024: 9:30 A.M.**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2024: 5:30 P.M.**

**MARCH 20, 2024: 9:30 A.M.**

**APRIL 17, 2024: 5:30 P.M.**

**MAY 1, 2024: 9:30 A.M.**

## SACRED HEART PLACED 3RD OVERALL IN THE BALLOU PARK COMMUNITY LIGHT SHOW!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO SUPPORTED US BY  
VOTING FOR SHCS - SITE  
36! A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO  
THOSE WHO DONATED  
ITEMS AND THOSE WHO  
HELPED WITH THE SET-UP  
& TAKE DOWN!



**Catholic Schools**  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

SINCE 1974, NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES. IT STARTS THE LAST SUNDAY IN JANUARY AND RUNS ALL WEEK, WHICH IN 2024 IS JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3. THE THEME FOR NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024 IS “CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: UNITED IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY.” SCHOOLS TYPICALLY OBSERVE THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION WEEK WITH MASSES, OPEN HOUSES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, PARISHIONERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THROUGH THESE EVENTS, SCHOOLS FOCUS ON THE VALUE CATHOLIC EDUCATION PROVIDES TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR NATION.