

October 16, 2026

CARDINAL NEWS



*"With upright heart He tended them, and
guided them with skillful hand."*

MESSAGE FROM MR. STEWART

Greetings, Sacred Heart Families!

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours blessed! It is hard to believe that we are already in the middle of October! I am 100% ready for the cooler weather to get here and stay here!

Forming Saints

We open each morning by praying the Angelus together as a school. The Angelus is an ancient Catholic prayer that commemorates the Incarnation. This is the pivotal point in human history where Jesus became man in order to bring about our salvation. We also honor the Blessed Mother and her humility in accepting God's will for her life.

Educating Scholars

Students in grades 3-8 will be wrapping up their first learning checks for iLearn in math and ELA. We have already seen significant growth from last year for classes that have already completed the assessments. This week, I was able to visit several classes that are working on writing. Our 5th and 6th grade students are starting the process of writing a personal narrative. I am anxious to see the work that goes into creating their final products.

Living Our Mission Together

Students in grades K-8 will have the opportunity to take part in supporting the Box of Joy program over the next two weeks. This program collects toys and other items that are given to some of the poorest of the poor from around the world during the Christmas season. This is an opportunity to help our students minister to the poor and reaffirm the human dignity of all of God's children.

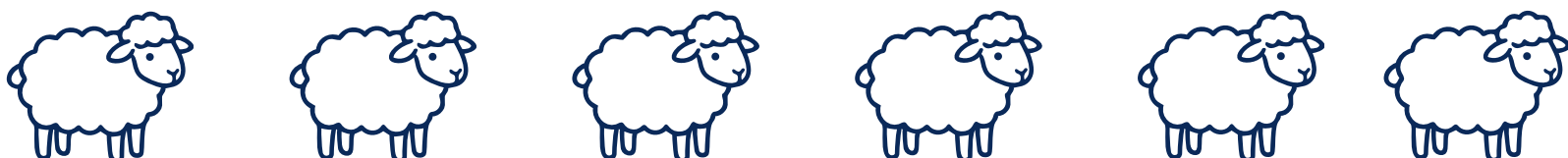
God Bless You and Yours, and always know that you are welcome to join us for our school Mass on Friday mornings and weekend Masses here or at St. Augustine. We would love to pray and worship with you!

Jeremy Stewart
Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School



Thank you to the parents who helped with our Book Fair! The students enjoyed browsing and shopping for all the books and trinkets. Our Library benefits from your purchases!

Parents who can stay after school today, help is needed to close down the Book Fair.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC FORMING SAINTS AND EDUCATING SCHOLARS!

Our Mission: Sacred Heart Catholic School community provides a Catholic foundation which cultivates disciples of Jesus and fosters academic excellence for all God's children.

Highlights for October

Oct. 20: Trunk or Treat
Oct. 21: Middle School Drop In
Oct. 26-30: Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 27: Providence High School Trunk or Treat
Oct. 30: Cardinal Carnival; Sponsor sheets due
Nov. 1: Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 2: Winter Dress Code begins
Nov. 3: eLearning Day
Nov. 4: Spirit Wear Day/Middle School Drop In



5th Grade is responsible for filling the [Blessing Box](#) this month.

Date	Time	Liturgical Observance	Grade Planning
Friday, Oct 23	8:15 a.m.	29th Friday in Ordinary Time	5
Friday, Oct 30	8:15 a.m.	30th Friday in Ordinary Time/All Saints	3
Friday, Nov 6	8:15 a.m.	31st Friday in Ordinary Time	4

Parents are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart Church for Mass.
Your student may sit with you, if you prefer.
Doors to the church will be locked at 8:20 a.m.

News from the Office

Student Absences. All absences must be reported to the school office. To report an absence, please contact Mrs. Ehringer by [email](#) or phone at 812-283-3123.

Cardinal Carnival Sponsorships. Each family is asked to raise \$100 for our Cardinal Carnival by Friday, **Oct. 30**. There are special prizes for those who meet or exceed the goal starting with a surprise reward and a chance to win a Zaxby's meal with Mr. Stewart!

Parent volunteers are needed! [Click here!](#)

Street Dance Silent Auction Winners.

Congrats to the high bidders at our Silent Auction: Front Row Seats to the 2026 K-5 Christmas Program: Emily Tungett; Front Row Seats to the 2026 6-8 Christmas Program: Melanie Yates; Mr. Robbie for a Day: Heather Johnson; Preferred Afternoon Pickup: Joan O Lenahan; Principal for the Day: Deborah Barber.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL'S FIRST...
CARDINAL
Carnival**

"RUN, PLAY, SERVE, CELEBRATE!"

CARDINAL MARCH IS NOW... CARDINAL CARNIVAL!

The students, staff, and families raise funds to support our school and the students who need help to be a part of our school family. Donations are collected and we have a picnic lunch and take part of the day to have fun activities and celebrate our wonderful school.

OUR GOAL:

\$18,000!

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS!

Each family is asked to secure donations in the amount of

\$100 PER FAMILY

This is just the minimum amount required. We encourage each student to try and raise as much as they can!

Ask family, friends, neighbors, and more to support you! Grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, relatives, close neighbors, and friends.

FUN INCENTIVES!

- Top 3 students who collect the most in donations will get a **surprise!**
- Top class with the most donations, relative to size, will have an **ice cream party** at school!
- Every student/family that raises \$250 or more will be granted an **out-of-uniform day** every Wednesday in November!
- Each student/family that raises the minimum donation of \$100 will receive one entry into a drawing for the chance to have a **Zaxby's lunch** with Principal Stewart! If you raise over \$200, you'll receive an additional entry—that's TWO chances to win! **5 students will win!**

OCTOBER 30, 2026

Sponsor form and money due **Friday, October 30th.**

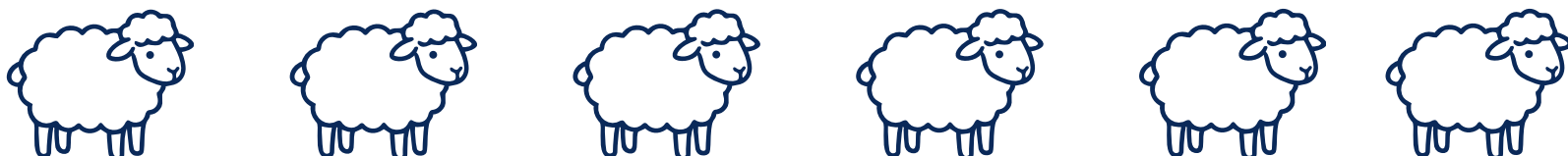
WE NEED YOU!

To join in on the fun, we ask that parents attend as volunteers. Thank you for helping make our Cardinal Carnival a special day for our students!

Email Mrs. Nickell at cnickell@sacredheartschool.us if you'd like to volunteer.

Students & volunteers are to bring a sack lunch, no fast food.

★ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL AND OUR STUDENTS! ★





Get dressed in your Halloween costumes and bring the family to the back parking lot from 5:30-7 p.m. for Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, **Oct. 20.**

It's not too late to sign up to decorate your vehicle and pass out candy. [Sign up now](#) to reserve your spot!



Your help is needed!

Be an active part of the Cardinal Family! Don't miss out on these opportunities:

Oct. 30: Cardinal Carnival. Parent volunteers are needed to make this fun event run smoothly. [Click here](#) to sign up!

Nov. 6: Mom/Son Nerf Games. Dads and girl moms are **needed to organize and run this much-anticipated event** for our male students and boy moms. Share your ideas and mad planning skills! [Contact Kristian Broy](#) if you can help.



ATHLETICS NEWS CORNER

5/6 Grade Girls Basketball

Oct. 17 at 12:00 p.m. vs. SMK Red @JP11

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Oct. 17 at 12:00 p.m. vs. HF Blue @HF

Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. vs. SMK Navy @SHC

7/8 Grade Girls Basketball

Oct. 17 at 10:00 a.m. vs. JP11 Navy @JP11

Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. vs. HF Blue @SHC

7/8 Grade Boys Basketball

Oct. 17 at 9:00 a.m. vs. HF Blue @HF

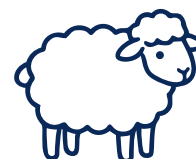
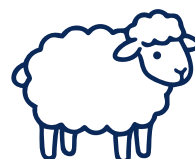
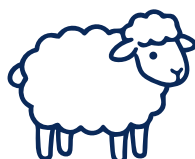
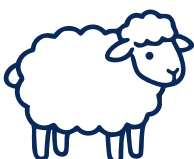
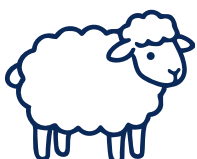
Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. vs. SMK Navy @SHC



Students in Grades 5-6 interested in being part of the SHC Cheer team should sign up now. [Click here to register.](#)

Are you volunteer ready?

All volunteers, including parents, who interact directly with students must receive Safe Parish training. It only takes a few minutes of online training and is good for three years. [Click here](#) to get started!





Portrait of a Cardinal

This week in our Portrait of a Cardinal series, we demonstrate how our students can become **SCHOLARS**. This week, we cover what it means for a Cardinal to **COMMUNICATE**.

Students can become scholars by communicating, especially when they need more information. Scholars ask questions, seek clarification, and ask for help when needed. Parents can help students develop this habit by mirroring understanding and asking questions when children are explaining things, by narrating tasks to young children to help build vocabulary, and reading together.

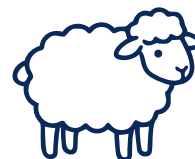
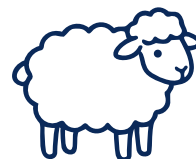
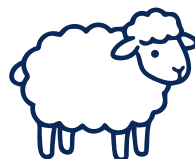
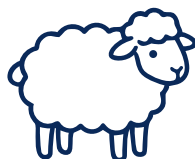
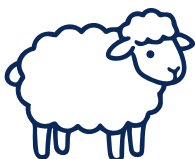
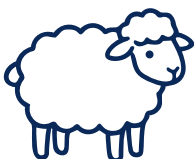


One of our parishioners is dedicated to serving the Box of Joy program and has invited our students to contribute to the boxes she puts together. Students are asked to bring in small items such as toys (cars, trucks, craft kits, mini board games, yo-yos), school supplies, apparel items like socks and T-shirts, accessories like hair bands and sunglasses, and other items like lip balm. Each class will fill three shoeboxes.



Scan your receipts in the [Box Tops app](#) to earn money for SHC. So far, we've earned \$81!

[Click here](#) to earn the monthly incentive!



Counselor Corner

By Mrs. Nellie Springston

This week, Kindergarten-4th grade students started a new Friendly's unit called "I need help." They learned about the four zones of emotions, and which zone we want to be in for best learning outcomes. Next week, they will learn strategies to get back to the green zone when they are in the red, blue or yellow.

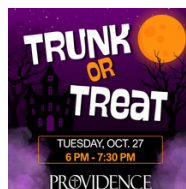
Middle school is discussing being "Rooted in Friendship". We discussed authentic versus inauthentic friendships, how to keep distance from inauthentic relationships, and how to be good friends to others.

Red Ribbon Week is coming soon, and the theme is "Make a difference. Be a hero. Stay drug free." We will have daily themes, and discuss making positive choices.

RED RIBBON WEEK
OCT 26-30

Red Ribbon Week is **Oct. 26-30**. We will have special activities

and daily dress in the theme days, including superhero day, silly socks, red shirt day, and Halloween costume day. More info soon!



Providence High School is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, **Oct. 27**, 6-7:30 p.m.

Our parish is asked to pray for one of our own who is in his first year of seminary, Josh Waddell. Please join us in praying for him throughout the school year.

