

Give from the Heart for Sacred Heart Pledge Drive

Beginning December 2009, we are announcing an annual giving program or pledge drive intended to keep the school financially strong for the next generation. The School Board and the Finance Council have been reviewing the financial statements from the past several years and as we look at our current budget and out into the future the reality is that expenses are now outpacing income.

The school needs the help of parishioners, alumni and friends to reverse this trend. Although our challenge may appear daunting, the more people that can give, the easier it is to spread the need. Our goal for this years pledge drive is to raise \$75,000. This can be accomplished easily and affordably. If 750 individuals or families were to give \$100 per year, that would equal \$75,000. That comes out to \$8.33 per month or \$.27 per day. If those same people gave \$10 per month, that would equal \$90,000 per year.

School specific donations will help with covering such costs as classroom needs, the operational costs of the facilities and by reducing the need for major tuition increases which in turn may help increase overall enrollment.

Please know that the school is committed to reducing costs and giving back wherever possible. For example, staffing changes last year left us with a vacant position we did not fill. The teachers themselves have offered to forego funds raised that would typically go to classrooms to now instead go to the pledge drive.

Share this information with your family, friends, neighbors and Sacred Heart alumni at your holiday gatherings on how they too can help. Pledge cards are available at the doors, on our website and available at the school.

Sacred Heart School has a reputation for graduating successful students. At Sacred Heart success is defined not only by career path, but by a sense of faith, family, compassion and generosity.

Parents and students are grateful to our parish family for your spiritual and financial support, as well as support of all our events and programs.

We remain committed to continuing the Sacred Heart School tradition and keeping it a vibrant part of our parish community. We ask you to look into your heart to help us keep the mission of Sacred Heart School alive, not only for today, but for many years to come.

So how do our kids do when they leave Sacred Heart? A few examples:

Academic Honors Diplomas: On average at least a quarter of these go to Sacred Heart Students. (Keep in mind we send very small class numbers to BC, so this represents a large number of our kids)

ISTEP Scores: Take a look at the ISTEP scores and you will see a trend. Our students are the leaders; If you look at the English and Math scores you will find that our students are consistently at the top.

Our school starts molding our children from a very early start to become leaders. Everyday through the week at the morning mass, our kids will stand up here and Lector for the mass. One very simple example, but not being afraid to stand up in front of people and speak, is a leadership skill that will stick with them throughout their life.

Your generosity is appreciated in helping Sacred Heart school in its mission to provide a strong academic community, centered around the Catholic faith, respecting the uniqueness of each individual, and promoting a life-long love of learning.