



## Sacred Heart School

Parent Newsletter

### Church Envelope Up-Date

Thank you to all families that have been partnering with us to instill a sense of stewardship in your children. Sacred Heart Student Envelope program is designed for:

- **Giving - an offering.**
- **Bringing their gift to Jesus.**

Because faithful attendance at Mass is more important than what the children give, let me clarify a few points.

1. If you still have last year's envelopes, throw them away!
2. If you miss attending a week-end Mass, throw that week's envelope away!
3. Do not hand in Church envelopes to the school. They need to be collected with the offering at Mass. Remember, the gift is "child sized" and does not have to be money. It can be an act of service or kindness to others.

Handing in 2 or more envelopes at one time still only counts for attending one time. The Parish office keeps record of what envelopes come in and on what date. This method enables us to verify your parish support that is necessary for you to continue to receive parishioner rates on tuition.

From the Principal



### Scantron

In the next couple weeks two significant things will involve your child(ren). Over the next five weeks, we will be proctoring the Scantron achievement tests. This year we are testing science and language content areas in addition to reading and math. The children will be taking this test on the computer over several testing sessions.

### Focus for Respect

Also over the next couple weeks we will be implementing a school-wide student behavior system which we are calling Focus for Respect. This is to honor our effort for school improvement as directed by the Accreditation team, and to help our children build 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills in the area of respectful interaction.

Our methods must, of course, be elementary. We will begin by teaching your child a set of expectations for certain tasks that your child experiences in a normal day. These include walking in the hallway, going through the cafeteria line and other routine activities.

The one Focus Objective that will be totally new to Sacred Heart students will be that of standing to greet an adult visitor who enters the classroom. We have been telling our kids "not to talk to strangers" for so long, that they often do not know how to politely greet an adult. Little actions reinforce big ideas. And if you think about it, that's what Catholic education is all about.

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