



Sacred Heart of Jesus SFA Newsletter

Distributed by the Sacred Heart School - Family Association (SHS-FA)

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Mark the Date:

October 20th – Family Reading Night

October 30th – Halloween Party/Dance

October – Sally Foster Fundraiser – online sales only!

October/November – Silver Graphics

December 4th – Winter Gala

DO YOU GOODSEARCH?



Looking for an **EASY** way to help raise funds for our school? Here it is:

Go to www.goodsearch.com

Look for the "Who do you search for?" box. Fill in: Sacred Heart of Jesus School – Highland Falls Every time you do an internet search from this site, our school will earn a penny. Add it to your toolbar so you don't forget! It's a simple, cost-free way to help raise funds for our school. Spread the word, anyone can help us by using this website.

The purpose of the Sacred Heart School - Family Association (SHS-FA), in common with those of Sacred Heart Parish and School is: to promote the welfare of children in the home, school, community and place of worship; to strengthen academic, social and spiritual standards in the school and home; to more closely ally the home and the school so that parents, teachers, and school administration may communicate and cooperate in the educational development of all children; to develop united efforts between educators, parents and the community in gaining the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education for all children; to strengthen the relationship between home, school and community so as to promote a sense of belonging, service and commitment; to promote traditional ethics and values as they pertain to one's role in the home, school and community; to promote learning as a life-long process.

Make sure you check the Website Calendar for updated information!

SHS-FA Notes / Back to School 2009

➤ Focus on Fundraising:

- **Overview:** We are excited to announce the fundraising slate for this school year. The SHS-FA Board met several times over the summer, reviewed your comments from last year's survey, and came up with some fun, new activities while keeping last year's favorites! You'll find them listed toward the end of this newsletter.
- **School Survey:** Thank you for your great input. In general, our families would like to see more family oriented events and activities at the school and less direct marketing/sales. You'd also like events which draw in community money rather than "nickeling and diming" our families. You'll have the opportunity to buy sales items (i.e., Sally Foster) through internet sales but there is no pressure for you to purchase items.
- **Fundraising Goals:** We have a very ambitious goal for the year - **\$80,000.00!** As Fr. Jack pointed out at Back to School Night, we have a significant delta between what it costs to educate each child and what we charge for tuition. We are obligated to bridge that gap so that we aren't relying on Archdiocesan and Parish support.
- **What's this Fundraising Drive I've heard about?** We are conducting a direct marketing campaign with a goal of \$50,000.00! We will ask school families, alumni, corporations and friends of Sacred Heart of Jesus School to donate as much as they can to our great school.
- **What is SCRIP?** Scrip is simply a fancy name for gift cards! We've arranged through a company to purchase gift cards **AT COST!** We'll receive a portion of the face value of each card. Please consider buying all your gift card needs for birthdays, Christmas, First Communion, Baby Showers, etc. through this program. Guess What? Scrip is also available for several Grocery Stores, Gas Stations and many retail stores in our area! Before you head to Kohls, Walmart, etc., buy and use a gift card – this is easy money for our school! There's more information on the next page.
- **What's required of me?** THANK YOU to all who signed up at our breakfast and Back to School night! Our intent is to have a variety of fundraisers. We'd like you to participate in what interests you and your family.
- **How else can I help?** We **NEED** volunteers, particularly for the Winter Gala on December 4th.
- **Who can I contact with my fundraising questions or to Volunteer?** Please contact our Fundraising Chair or any Board member (listed on the next page).

Want to hear and see your child singing? Check out sacredheartsings!

<http://sacredheartsings.wikispaces.com>

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HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL!

Friday, October 30th

6-8 p.m. in the Gym

Concessions Open at 5:30!

Fun & Games for all ages

Food, Bouncy House, Cake Walk, Games (several new ones this year)

Bring your Friends!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION!



Send in your boxtops!



What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

How scrip generates revenue for you

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is our organization's revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

Find Out More

Ask your scrip coordinator listed below for the latest participating retailer list. Then put your shopping dollars to work for our organization!

Orders are due to the School Office or Rectory by Monday each week and are usually received Thursday of the same week. Order now for Christmas!

Fundraising Slate – 2009/2010

300 Raffle – May-Dec

Fundraising Drive – Sep to Dec
Goal \$50,000.00

Sally Foster- online sales only
Goal \$1,000.00

***Silver Graphics** – Sep/Oct and spring Goal \$2,000.00

***Halloween Party** – Oct 30
Goal \$1,500.00

Gala – Dec 4 Goal \$8,000.00

***Penny Wars** – Feb 22-26
Goal \$2,000.00

Horse Race/Penny Social – March Goal \$1,500.00

Play – April or May Goal \$3,500.00

Touch-A-Truck – May 23
Goal \$5,000.00

Scrip – Yearlong – Goal \$2,000.00

***SHS-FA account for Enrichment and expenses**
All others to General School Account

“Passive” Fundraisers:

- GoodSearch – sign-up at www.goodsearch.com – this is a search engine – each search earns money for our school!
- Target – earmark your Target Card to earn money for SHofJS.
- Boxtops for Education - \$\$\$!
- Campbells Labels – prizes only
- Inkjet Cartridges – turn in inkjet and toner cartridges for \$\$\$. Consider setting up a collection box at work!

SHS-FA Family Nights

September 21st – Back to School Night

October 20th – Family Reading Night
(and Scholastic Book Fair)

November 12th – Family
Sports/Wellness Night

January 22nd – Family Movie Night

March 24th – Family Internet Safety
Night

May 19th – Volunteer

Appreciation/Board Elections/Ice
Cream Social

(babysitting, lawn care, cooking, etc.). Each class will also be asked to donate a decorated, themed tree or wreath. We also need Acts for the Show! If you sing, dance, play an instrument, have a comedy routine, etc. or know someone that does, please share your talent! More information to follow!

SAVE THE DATE!



*Sacred Heart School-Family
Association*

Announces the

WINTER GALA

Friday, December 4th, 2009

VARIETY SHOW

Buffet Dinner

Silent/Live Auctions

*This event requires many volunteers!
Please let us know if you have any
items available for auction (event
tickets, restaurant gift certificates, Time
Share availability, Services*