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## SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL

June 17, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Sacred Heart Family for another productive year. Our students continue to have 98% acceptance to college, 80% received scholarship money and many of our students continue to receive accolades for their achievements throughout the year. Check out our online newsletter for more details about our achievements. We had an outstanding graduation and to conclude, the seniors celebrated with a Project Graduation Event at the Funplex in Mt. Laurel. It was a great evening and I would like to thank all the parents, faculty, staff and businesses that help to make this event possible. In addition, thank all of you who participated in our many fundraisers during the year to assist this worth cause.

I want to thank our faculty for all they have done to work with our students this year. Our faculty used a variety of instructional strategies to reach students using interactive Smartboards, cooperative learning, interactive lab technology and other innovative methods. They continue to professionally develop to find new ways to reach more students. In addition, our staff continues to extend themselves to assist our school in running safely, effectively and efficiently. We continued with our on line grading to give parents more opportunity to have access to grades and communicate with teachers. We will evaluate this system and hope to provide more on line time for parents next year. We are looking forward to the new school year, collaboratively working to give our students new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning Strategies to stay competitive with surrounding school communities.

I would also like to thank our professional staff people in the building. Without them it is very difficult to run and maintain a school. Our administrative assistants, school nurse, bookkeeper, project manager, development director and maintenance staff are diligent, courteous and helpful to all of our school community. On behalf of our school community, I would like to give special thanks and best wishes to Mr. Humberto Pinzon and Ms. Elizabeth Shuster who will be retiring this year. Their endless dedication and commitment to our school and Catholic education will always be remembered.

Unfortunately, this has been a difficult economical year for all of us. We have made an attempt to reach out to the needs of our families by not increasing tuition. We appreciate the sacrifices you have made to send your child to our school and hope you will continue to choose Sacred Heart as the secondary school for your child. We will make every effort to continue to give your children a quality education in order to prepare them for their future needs. Also, please keep in mind that our school allows students to be daily enriched and nurtured with spiritual values through prayer, theology classes and a wholesome environment created by administration, faculty and staff. Our students comprehend the importance of sharing these values and are given many opportunities to share within our school and community. It is the extra care and timely opportunities that we are able to give our students that distinguish us from other schools.

You should have received a report card in this envelope. If not, it is usually because of finances or something was not returned such as a book or uniform. If you have a question about a grade, please call our Guidance Department. Most teachers are not in school, but the Guidance Department will gladly assist you. If you have a tuition question, please call our bookkeeper, Mrs. Tamanini.

*“Academic Excellence In The Catholic Tradition”*

If you need to speak with me, I will be in school during business hours. If I am not available leave a voice mail or please speak with my assistant Mrs. Dondero, Ext. 1111. Our summer hours begin June 21 – September 3. Our business hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The school will be closed on July 5 and from July 16-25.

Please make every attempt to keep your payments up to date. If there is a problem with this, please call our bookkeeper, Mrs. Tamanini. Payments must be up to date in order to be enrolled for September, 2010. Students will not receive a school schedule if payments are not completed and up to date. If you need to transfer, this must be done in person due to health records and other documentation. Please call ahead so Mrs. Dondero can prepare the necessary papers. Please keep in mind official transcripts will not be sent until all financial obligations are fulfilled.

Your son or daughter **may** receive a **School Counts!** Certificate if they meet the requirements. Remember they must live in Cumberland County, have a total of no more than nine lates and/or absences and have earned a “C” or better in all final grades, including quarter courses. Please call the Guidance Department if you have any questions.

Students must attend **summer school** if they fail any course or need to complete time requirements for lateness or absences. Please call the Guidance Office for this information. Remind your son/daughter to complete their **Math and Summer Reading Assignments**. These will keep their learning skills sharp and the supplemental work is mandatory by our teachers. Check our website for details about these assignments ([www.shhsions.com](http://www.shhsions.com)).

You may purchase uniforms at Cheryl’s Uniforms, 2100 N. Delsea Drive and shoes at Al’s 639 E. Landis Avenue. They will give you great service and assist you with your needs.

Books need to be purchased on line this year through the Follett Company (Varsity Books). Directions for the purchasing of books will be listed on our website. However, you will not be able to do this without a schedule. All registration papers must be in with updated payments to create a schedule. (Re-registration papers were given out in March). A reminder was sent in May to parents. Please make sure the student’s schedule is available before ordering books on line. Schedules may be picked up at school after **July 28**.

School will begin for **Freshmen on September 8, Freshmen and Sophomores on September 9 and Junior and Seniors on September 10. These days will have noon dismissal.**

Your input is greatly appreciated and we would like you to fill out a Satisfaction Update at (Email [mainoffice@shhsions.com](mailto:mainoffice@shhsions.com) or [mcostantino@shhsions.com](mailto:mcostantino@shhsions.com) for link). It will be assessed and the results will be sent to us. We will share this with you and hopefully be able to make improvements and continue with the best education we can give your children. Please take a few minutes of your busy schedule to assist us in helping our school.

We will be working diligently this summer to improve our school environment, academic programs, technology, communications and learning opportunities for your children. I hope you will have a safe and happy summer! God Bless You and your family!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Diane Tucker  
Principal

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