



For over one hundred years, Sacred Heart Parish, Sacred Heart School (SHS) and the recently established Cabrini Pre-K at Sacred Heart have fashioned young children into responsible young adults who achieve academic success. Our Sacred Heart students also possess deep roots in faith, community and tradition. Help us continue our legacy of "enlightening minds, enriching souls and inspiring hearts" through your time, talent and treasure.



#### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Early Education Predicts College Admissions!

94% of SHS graduates are accepted into four-year college programs.

#### Sacred Heart Students Become Future Leaders!

SHS graduates become valedictorians, presidents, club leaders, athletic champions, university scholarship winners and good citizen award winners.

#### A Diverse Student Body!

Our rich Catholic traditions benefit all: 40% of SHS students are not Catholic.

#### **Giving Back!**

SHS students are active members of the community via their service efforts.



# Ways to Help

### **Endowment Fund**

Support Sacred Heart School through the Sacred Heart Catholic Education Endowment Fund. A local philanthropic foundation has contributed the bulk of this endowment and we are incentivized to contribute more. Our goal is to raise \$700k by 2023. Your contribution will be invested and will support Sacred Heart School well into the future.

### **In Memoriam Funds**

Honor the memory of your deceased loved ones by creating a scholarship or a gift to Sacred Heart School in their memory.

## PA State Tax Credits

Support Sacred Heart School with your individual and business PA state tax.

Individuals: Turn your PA state tax into a Sacred Heart School scholarship! You are eligible for this credit if your yearly income exceeds \$200k per individual, your combined family income exceeds \$300k, or if your net worth is \$1,000,000 or more (excluding your primary residence).

Businesses: Turn your business's PA state tax into tax credits! The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program can yield PA state tax credits of up to 90%, up to a maximal value of \$750k per year.

## **Community Fundraising Events**

Members of the local community are welcome to participate in Sacred Heart School's vibrant community spirit! Our 2020/2021 school year will feature a number of fundraising activities, including the Annual "Swing and A Prayer" Golf Tournament, the Annual Fund Appeal, the Christmas Bazaar, and the Annual Gala Dinner. Sponsor our events and advertise your business.

## **SHOPS/SCRIP Gift Cards**

Put your regular household shopping dollars to work. Buy gift cards for your favorite shops and raise money for Sacred Heart School! A percentage of the gift card's value will be donated. SHOPS/SCRIP gift cards can be used for almost any household purchase, including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and dining out.

Do you like making donations through Amazon Smile? Stay-tuned!

Questions? Contact Beth Gasperack, Advancement Director. bgasperack@sacredheartreading.org

# INVESTING IN STUDENTS. INVESTING IN THE FUTURE.

At the end of life, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received..., we will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." - Mother Teresa

Academic success is important, as is being a good citizen. At Sacred Heart School, we encourage our students to embrace service to others as a way of life. Each year, every class (Pre-K to Grade 8) designs and executes a unique service project, benefitting both our local and global communities. Some of the projects from last year include: Spending time with the retired Bernardine Franciscan Sisters at St. Joseph Villa ("Party with the Nuns"; Gr. 8); collecting mittens for the Children's Home of Reading (Gr. 2); writing letters to homebound Sacred Heart parishioners (Gr. 5); and honoring and supporting our active service people and veterans through letters, fundraising and our annual Veteran's Day assembly (Gr. 7). Our former students have won "good citizen" and "spirit" awards at Berks Catholic High School. Help Sacred Heart School continue to shape the future of our local and global communities through our children.

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