



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

A word from the principal...

Dear Parents and Students,

The pace at school feels faster than ever. Besides the daily planning and engagement in learning, there is also that looking forward. Students are having conferences with their guidance counselors and selecting appropriate courses for next year. Some seniors are excited about letters of acceptance and others are watching for theirs. We hope the juniors are totally invested in preparing for the ACT. We have an excellent prep course here at SHG, but the key is always about maximizing the participation rather than about “taking” a course or workshop.

Our SHG teachers continue to delve deeper into the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Please see the additional information that is in this newsletter. Their involvement in professional development and growth is a true reflection of their commitment to providing the best learning opportunities for their students. Together—students, teachers, supportive parents—we strive for excellence. Another light for our education pathway is the Bishops Framework (short for Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age). We also hold ourselves accountable to the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools. Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith is a holistic approach.

Thank you for your commitment to Sacred Heart Griffin. This 25th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Griffin is a reminder of our solid foundation as we continue to grow in the future.

Blessings to all of you!

With prayers,

Sr. Margaret Joanne Grueter, O.P.



Further study for those who wish to know more deeply:

http://www.tcoe.org/ERS/CCSS/ELA/AnchorStdsSummary_6_12.pdf

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Effective Catholic Schools

Micah 6:8

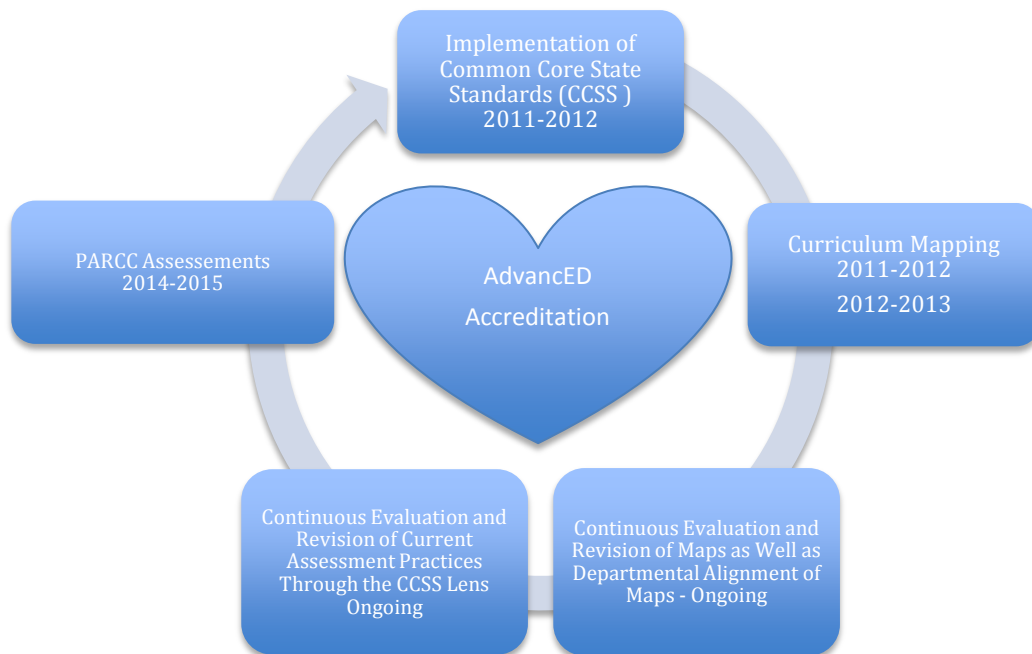
*...and what the Lord requires of you:
Only to do the right and to love
goodness, and to walk humbly with
your God.*

SHG MISSION

Sacred Heart-Griffin is a Catholic, Dominican college preparatory high school that welcomes a diverse student population to pursue academic excellence within the Dominican values of study, prayer, service and community.



SHG Curriculum- Strategic Plan



What has been and is still part of this process?

1. Curriculum Mapping-First introduced in September of 2011
2. Gretchen Courtney Workshops on CCSS
3. Project Based Learning (PBL)
4. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
5. Revisions to Teacher Evaluation Rubric
6. Mini workshops on reading/vocab strategies
7. Addition of Professional Learning Communities (PLC)- which has resulted in additional professional development opportunities for the faculty and staff (i.e. technology and assessment)
8. Technology improvements in the building including "Suggested Device" for students and increased bandwidth for Wi-Fi usage
9. Encouragement to take a closer look at the EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT tests by teachers in order to identify structure of tests and types of questions being asked.
10. Increased requirement of data collection and documentation of activities

The Catholic Identity

The Common Core Catholic Identity Initiative (CCCII) is the NCEA's response to the Common Core. Simply stated, they support best practice in the classrooms. The skill sets listed in the CCSS are supported when instruction is infused with Catholic beliefs and values. The Bishop's Doctrinal Framework is also used by the Theology department at SHG to ensure the Catholic teachings are the focus of all instruction. Our mission statement continues to reinforce the commitment to superior education through rigorous curriculum and a focus on Catholic teachings.

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Around the school....

We are Proud of You! –

Congratulations to the following students on their induction into the National Honor Society: Dominic Aiello, Lia Barkmeier, Monica Bell, Ethan Bluhm, Cody Bowman, John Broeker, Anna Brown, Lauren Carter, Erin Cetindag, Sean Chapin, Katelyn Churchill, Michelle Clark, Erin Crabtree, Hannah Crabtree, James Cross, Kelsey Cutler, Kayla Daniels, Taylor Dodd, Sydney Enlow, Erin Faloon, Delaney Flattery, Patrick Flattery, Allison Frank, Donald George, Jennifer Haley, Kathryn Halford, Emma Hardy, Mary Haxel, Danielle Healey, Miranda Koehler, Meghan Kramp, Sydney Lynch, Bridget McClain, Meghan McClain, Tessie McDermott, Rebecca Merrill, Marissa Miller, Sarah Miller, Matthew Mosley, Sophia Mounce, Chaepther Negro, Timothy Oh, Andrew Oreshkov, Maria Palazzolo, Taylor Pohlman, Cody Prosperini, Benjamin Sestak, Emily Sestak, Madeline Smith, Ryleigh Taylor, Rachel Treat, Gabriel Urbance, Alexandria Yarnik, Mengshen (Katherine) Yun, Justin Zanger, and Timothy Zock.

Congratulations to the WYSE (WorldWide Youth in Science and Engineering) Team who earned second place in the regional competition and advanced to Sectional Competitive. Individual trophy winners are Sasha Lamtyugina, Edward Mueller, Cody Prosperini, John Stegeman, and Katherine Yun.

Congratulations to Boys Swimming & Diving! 2014 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS! Freshman Nick Patton and Senior Ryan Held each qualified for State in Two Events! Juniors Chris Conrad and Nick Farris along with Sophomore Nate Fierstos combined to set new school records in the Medley and 400 Free Relays!

Congratulations to all German III and IV Honor students for taking the National German Exam that was administered this year in a new format and online for the first time. The following students earned medals: Albert Perlman, Matt Mosley, Cody Bowman, and Haley Bentel earned the silver award, Bridget McClain, Meghan McClain and Madeline Smith scored bronze. Maria Palazzolo, Joseph George, Peter Salvo, Kaylin Tate, Ethan Bluhm, Marissa Miller, Nolan Brennan, Andrew Hoffman and Daniel Kalvaitis earned the achievement award. They competed with the best German students in the nation. Way to go German III and German IV students!

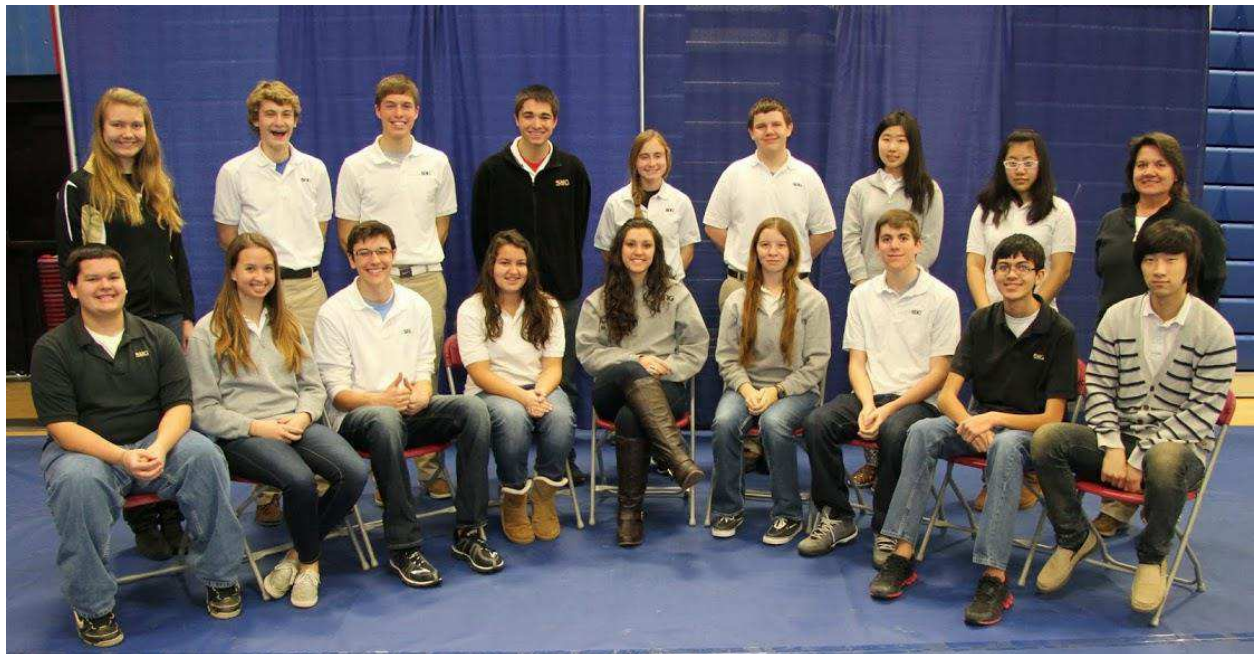
Congratulations to prize winners in this year's bridge building contest - Cameron Murphy, Nola Aherin, Dominic Aiello, and Malik Turner won 3rd place and \$50; and Jesse deCastro, Pat Regan, and Paul Grieser won 'Best Constructed' and \$25!

Congrats to the SHG Hockey Players for capturing their first Lincoln Land High School Hockey regular season title defeating Decatur 4-3!



Congratulations to the following SHG players who were named to the Lincoln Land Hockey All Star Team: Ty Clearwater, Jack Healy, Nick Heisler, Brendan Stannard, Cavan Stannard, and Elek Wellman.

Congratulations to the New Key Club Officers: President, Charlie Costa. Vice Presidents, Delaney Flattery and Meghan McClain. Secretary, Nolan Finney. Treasurer, Patrick Flattery. Publicist, Alin Cetindag. Sophomore Representatives, Michael Groesh and Lauren Freiburg. Junior Representatives, Anna Benoit, Claire Conlon, and Reed Groesh. Senior Representative, Bridget McClain and Anthony DiNello.



SHG's WYSE Team 2014



Mostaccioli Dinner –

Ticket sales are going strong for Sacred Heart-Griffin's 55th Annual Mostaccioli Dinner/Raffle to be held on **Sunday, March 2nd**, from **11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Planned events in addition to the dinner include the raffle (\$10,000), a wonderful array of goodies from the Country Cupboard, exhibit space in the gym, and publication of an ad booklet. This major fund raiser for SHG brings scores of students, parents, alums, and friends of the school together for a day of hard work and fellowship. If you have not been contacted and would like to volunteer, please call the Advancement Office at 787-9732 or email shgmeatballs@yahoo.com. The Country Cupboard is looking for **HOMEMADE** pies, cookies, cakes, etc. and service hours will be awarded to students who bake. Drop off your homemade goodies at West Campus on Saturday, March 1, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon or on Sunday, March 2, during the Mostaccioli dinner.

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After School Pick Up -

When picking up students in the back lot after school, parents are **NOT** allowed to park in the drive off Monroe Street. The drive needs to be open for two-way traffic. Please pull up, out of the drive, and find a parking space. Acceptable parking spaces are along the outside edge or in one of the parking places in the lot. Please be courteous to others and do NOT block the drive. There are directions and a map on the Dean of Students webpage (Administration>Dean of Students>after school pick-up) to help with the after school pick-up. If you do not like dealing with the congestion in the back lot, have your students walk down one of the numerous side streets and pick them up there. If you have any questions, please call Mr. "C" at 787-1595 extension 108.

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2014-2015 Tuition/Financial Grants –

Eligibility for grants requires payment of the student's 2014-2015 registration fee of \$225 and completion of the financial aid application forms by **March 14, 2014**. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. If you have any questions regarding tuition and grants, please contact Mrs. Becky Jones at 787-1595 extension 156.

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Father Thomas Pisors Scholarship –

The Father Thomas Pisors Scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year will be awarded to two current juniors who are in good standing at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School and who are registered for the 2014-2015 school year. Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship toward next year's tuition. The SHG Science Department will select the recipients. Applications are now available in the main office or on the SHG website under the Admissions page (click on Forms). Completed applications must be returned to Sr. Katherine O'Connor, O.P., President; Sacred Heart-Griffin; 1200 West Washington Street; Springfield, IL 62702 by **March 14, 2014**.

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Sacred Heart-Griffin Internship Program –

Attention Sophomores and Juniors! Are you interested in reducing tuition costs for next year? Are you interested in professional work experience? Are you interested in earning 0.5 business elective credit? Yes? Then the Sacred Heart-Griffin Internship Program may be for you! Interested students may pick up an internship application in the Main Office, in the Finance Office, or on-line (Admissions >Financial Aid). Please see Mrs. Garvey in the finance office for more information. Completed applications are **due by March 14, 2014**.

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Planning Ahead for Prom –

Hey Parents! It's early, but we need to begin collecting donations for Post Prom prizes! Money donations (to buy prizes), gift certificates, electronics, food coupons, anything you can donate to help us have a great Post Prom this year would be greatly appreciated! If you are willing to donate please contact Denise Pachlhofer, Prevention Coordinator, 787-1595, ext. 128 or pachlhofer@shg.org. ALSO, this year we are hoping to have Post Prom at the Springfield Racquet and Fitness Center. Please help donate so we can make this happen and your students get a great Post Prom!!! Thank you!

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J.O.S.H.U.A.

Journeys Of Service Helping Upper Appalachia –

J.O.S.H.U.A. or Journey's of Service Helping Upper Appalachia. SHG students will, for the 14th year provide assistance to the residents in and around Steubenville, Ohio. This is a very depressed old mining area of upper Appalachia along the Ohio river that borders Pennsylvania and West Virginia.. The students clean, scrape, and repaint homes; rebuild structures such as roofs and porches; stock food pantries; and serve on a food line. Each day the students are presented with the opportunity to attend Mass and reflection time. This summer's trip is scheduled for June 1-6. The students work very hard at raising the \$20-25,000 to be able to go. We welcome anyone who would like to help monetarily, with painting supplies or other tools. Please contact Sr. Linda Mary at 787-1595 extension 150 or slindamary@shg.org if you would be willing to support this powerful mission trip.

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Black & Gold Non-Event Event... Back by Popular Demand!! –

Parents: The on-line auction was such a success last year that we are going to hold it again this year during the first part of April. Dates that the auction will run are TBA. You can bid on some great items: Prime graduation seats, prime parking spots, skybox seats, dinners, spa packages, art, various tickets and many other great items, all from the comfort of your own home! You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, we are inviting everyone to get creative and think about something you might be able to contribute to the auction! We would like this auction to have something for everyone. If you have an item(s) to contribute, please call or e-mail Jennifer Bettis at 787-9732 or bettis@shg.org. The proceeds of the on-line auction will go towards the operating budget, so we are encouraging everyone to please get involved. Thank you!



Pease's Easter Candy –

The Sacred Heart–Griffin and Springfield Catholic Elementary Schools Bands are kicking off the 44th Annual Pease's Candy Sale! Please support the band program by sweetening your Easter with some delicious Pease's to be enjoyed by family and friends. Prices (no tax will be charged) are found on the order form and checks should be made out to **Pease's Candy**. Payment should be submitted when the order is placed. Included in this newsletter is an order form for your convenience. For orders being placed long distance, your order will be placed as soon as payment is received. (Payment should be mailed to Sister Melissa Blankestyn, OP; 1200 W. Washington St.; Springfield, IL 62702.) Orders can be taken by any band member, by contacting Krista Arisman at mntnmama99@aol.com or [217-793-3334](tel:217-793-3334) or by contacting the band office at smelissa@shg.org or [217-787-1595](tel:217-787-1595), ext. 120. Thank you for your *sweet* support of the Band program!

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March Madness Meets Math –

The NCAA men's basketball tournament tips off with Selection Sunday on March 16, 2014. While millions of sports fans nationwide anticipate potential matchups involving their favorite teams, students in Will Cragoe's Probability and Statistics class will apply mathematical techniques to understand the likelihood of certain seed combinations advancing in each round of the tournament. Based on research conducted at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign which will be featured this month on the Bleacher Report, Dr. Adrian Lee of Central Illinois Technology and Education Research Institute is collaborating with Mr. Cragoe to teach a five day course covering the application of mathematical predictability in the career of sports analysis. Drawing upon the fever of March Madness, the Probability and Statistics class will host its 2nd annual school-wide tournament challenge where students and faculty can complete a pre-tournament bracket in the hopes of winning prizes including SHG apparel, basketballs, and the beloved cafeteria cookies. The tournament challenge aims to promote the excitement of applying mathematical science to real world issues, and to encourage students to enroll in Mr. Cragoe's awesomely enlightening elective courses.

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Holy Goalie! Hockey with Bishop Paprocki –

Come support The Catholic Charities while watching the Holy Goalie fight off pucks! See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for all the details and information! See you there!

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SHG Monthly Calendar –

See the monthly calendar at the end of this newsletter for some of the important events happening in March at SHG.

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SHG GUIDANCE OFFICE UPDATES

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Registration for next year's classes began in February with the students in the current junior class. Each student will meet with his/her guidance counselor to select classes for the upcoming academic year. A copy of selected courses will be mailed to the parents in late April for approval before the schedule is finalized.

In addition, tuition information regarding SHG tuition and fees, financial aid and scholarships, and formal registration for the 2014-2015 school year is available on the Admissions page of the SHG website, www.shg.org. **REMINDER...**the Tuition Investment Plan and \$225 Registration Fee (for each student) are **DUE March 14.** Financial Assistance applications are also **DUE March 14.** Everyone who wishes to be considered for financial assistance for the 2014-2015 school year must complete an application even if you received assistance for this current year. Please note...you must send the required supporting documentation to FACTS Grant and Aid in order to be considered for assistance. The Returning Students and/or Incoming Freshmen application, as well as the Parent application must be completed and returned to SHG by **March 14.** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please call Mrs. Becky Jones at 787-1595 ext. 156 if you have any questions regarding the tuition information or financial aid application.

Families with **INCOMING FRESHMEN** must complete and return all items included in the packet received at the information meetings held in early February. In addition to the tuition forms and fees, the following forms must be completed by March 14 to be considered registered for the 2014-2015 school year: Student Application and Course Registration Worksheet. Refer to the Freshman Registration Checklist for all items needed by the beginning of the school year.

If your student is registering to take English I (Honors Level), an essay is also required before they are accepted into this class. The essay component will be done at SHG on March 26 at 3:20 p.m. An email will be sent with more information.



ACT/SAT TEST REGISTRATION

Many juniors are taking the ACT preparation class at SHG or various other locations. The ACT test will be offered at SHG on April 12 and June 14. The regular registration deadline for the ACT test given on April 12 is March 7 but late registration is available until March 21 (includes late registration fees). The June test will be given on June 14. The deadline for regular registration is May 9. Please refer to our website for the registration deadlines for both the ACT and SAT. You can register online at www.act.org for the ACT exam or www.collegeboard.com for the SAT exam.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The seniors have applied to colleges, received admission decisions in many cases, and are narrowing their choices down. In addition, they are looking for ways to pay for college. On the SHG website, we have listed the scholarships that we have received information on in due date order. There are many university scholarships that are not listed here but can be found at the university's website. We encourage you to check our website at www.shg.org. Click on Academics>Guidance Office>College Counseling>College Scholarships (<http://www.shg.org/content/college-scholarships>). In addition to the scholarship name and due date, we have included a brief description of the criteria for each scholarship. We encourage you to read these to see if the scholarship might fit your student. Applications can either be downloaded or sometimes be obtained in the Guidance Department.



Dear Parents,

Your help is needed so we can provide a safe and fun post-prom environment. Without your support and dedication, this amazing event would not be possible. Ever wonder where all the great entertainment, food, and prizes come from? As a matter of fact, it is all thanks to you, your donations, and your time spent helping plan, decorate, and run the event. Remember, this is for **YOUR** student. Let's help our students create memories that will last a lifetime!

PLEASE INCLUDE ME/US AS PART OF PARENTS SUPPORTING POST PROM

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

I/We would like to be involved in the following activities:

- ___ Working with Food and Refreshment Committee
- ___ Decorations
- ___ Helping with set-up, clean-up, serving as a chaperone, or working the games at Post-Prom (April 27)
 - ___ Set-up (Friday evening and/or Saturday before Post-Prom)
 - ___ Chaperone all night (11:30 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.)
 - ___ Working the games, casinos, etc. (11:30 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.)
 - ___ Clean-up (Sunday 3:30-4:30 a.m.)

Donations are a **HUGE** part of putting on this event (the costs are tremendous)! We keep the large prize drawings until **3:00 a.m.** to keep the students at post-prom as long as we possibly can. Here are a few sample gift card ideas:

Gift Cards (\$25-\$50)

Bed, Bath & Beyond
Best Buy
Dick's
Hollister
iTunes
Scheels
Target
WalMart

Restaurant Gift Cards (\$5-\$25)

Buffalo Wild Wings
Coldstone
Dennys
Jimmy John's
Panera
Sonic
Starbucks
Steak & Shake
Taco Bell

Miscellaneous

Bath & Body Basket Sets
DVD's
Gas Cards
Movie Passes

Money donations are also needed for activities (photo booth, bouncy house, etc.), food, and drinks. Please help ... we could not do it without you!

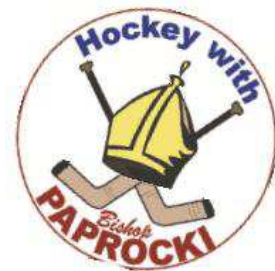
If you would be willing to volunteer for this great cause, please return this sign-up sheet to Ms. Denise Pachlhofer, SHG, 1200 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702 or call 787-1595, extension 128.



HE'S BAAAAAAAACK!



The Holy Goalie



3rd Annual
HOCKEY
with Bishop **PAPROCKI**

Thursday, March 13, 2014
at the Nelson Center

All proceeds will go towards Catholic Charities
Legal Services, which provides pro bono legal
assistance to people in need. Support every
human beings' natural right to legal representation
while watching the *Holy Goalie* fight off pucks!

Charity Game- 7:00 pm

\$5 Admission at the Door

Call 217-523-9201 for more info!

Special appearance by Blackhawk alum
and NHL record holder

Grant Mulvey!



MUSICAL NEWS

SHG PRESENTS



THURSDAY, APRIL 3 at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 at 2 p.m.

Children's Event Sunday, April 6 at 12 p.m.

Tickets: Adults - \$10, Students, Children, Seniors - \$8

Call 787-1595, ext. 153

www.shg.org

TICKETS GO ON SALE MARCH 3!



SHG Band – Pease’s Candy Fundraiser


SHG Band Pease's Fundraiser				Name:
	Price	Quantity	Total \$	Best way to contact-
Milk Chocolate Sitting Rabbits	\$3.00			Cell phone:
Pastel Sitting Rabbit - White	\$3.00			or
Pastel Sitting Rabbits - Yellow	\$3.00			Email:
Milk Chocolate Cross	\$3.50			If purchased from an SHG Band Student,
White Chocolate Cross	\$3.50			their name:
Milk Chocolate Flathead Bunny	\$3.00			
Cookies & Cream Flathead Bunny	\$3.00			
Milk Chocolate Bunny Sucker	\$1.50			
White Chocolate Bunny Sucker	\$1.50			
Yellow Bunny Sucker	\$1.50			
Milk Basket with Foil Eggs	\$6.75			
White Basket with Foil Eggs	\$6.75			
Milk Basket with Assorted Chocolates	\$13.50			
White Basket with Assorted Chocolates	\$13.50			
Milk Chocolate Coconut Nest	\$2.25			
Yellow Coconut Nests	\$2.25			
7oz. Solid Foil Eggs	\$6.25			
7oz. Pectin Jelly Beans	\$4.75			
1# Assorted Chocolates	\$19.25			
1# Raggedy Anns (Turtles)	\$22.00			
1# Mixed Nuts	\$20.00			
1# Cashews	\$23.00			
1/2# No Sugar Added Assorted Chocolates	\$11.75			
Milk Lincoln Logs	\$2.75			
Dark Lincoln Logs	\$2.75			
White Lincoln Logs	\$2.75			
Naked Raggedy Anns	\$1.75			
3.5oz Bag Raggedy Anns	\$5.00			
2.5oz Wrapped Vanilla Caramels	\$3.00			
2 oz Bag Mixed Nuts	\$2.75			
2oz Bag Cashews	\$3.00			
8oz Caramel Corn	\$4.00			
4oz Cheese Corn	\$2.50			
6oz Caramel/Cheese Mix	\$3.25			
Cream Eggs		Quantity	Total \$	
Milk Vanilla	\$1.50			
Milk Butter	\$1.50			
Milk Chocolate	\$1.50			
Milk P. Butter	\$1.50			
Milk Marshmallow	\$1.50			
Milk Caramel Marshmallow	\$1.50			
Dark Vanilla	\$1.50			
Dark Butter	\$1.50			
Dark Chocolate	\$1.50			
Dark P. Butter	\$1.50			
Dark Marshmallow	\$1.50			
		Quantity	Total \$	Name on Egg
Personalized Eggs	Ex.	3	22.50	Abby, Ashley, Alex
Milk Chocolate Butter Cream	\$7.75			
Small Fudge	\$8.00			
Medium Fudge	\$14.25			
Milk Heavenly Hash Egg	\$13.50			
Milk Shell with Foil Eggs (inside)	\$13.25			
Milk Shell With Jelly Beans	\$13.50			
Medium Shell with Assorted Chocolates	\$23.00			
Medium Shell with Cashews	\$21.00			
Medium Shell with Mixed Nuts	\$20.00			
Large Milk Shell With Assorted Chocolates	\$39.50			
Large Milk Shell With Mixed Nuts	\$34.00			
Large Milk Shell With Cashews	\$34.75			
Milk Peanut Butter Egg	\$11.00			
Dark Peanut Butter Egg	\$11.00			
Medium No Sugar Added Shell With No Sugar	\$27.50			
Misc.				





March 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 55 th Annual Mostaccioli Dinner 11am- 7pm	3 No Classes Faculty Retreat	4	5  ASH WEDNESDAY	6 Instrumental Music Recital @ 6pm in the Sr. Rachel Conway Auditorium	7	8 IHSA Solo Ensemble Music Contest
9	10	11 Boys Kairos 11 th -14 th	12	13 Hockey with Bishop Paprocki @ The Nelson Center 7pm	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22
23 SHG's Spring Open House 11a - 1p	24	25 Girls Kairos 25 th - 28 th	26	27	28	29
30	31					

