

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Alumni Newsletter



Summer 2018

THANK YOU!!

Wonderful things are happening at Sacred Heart School! Our beloved school has been a fixture in our community for nearly 100 years. During that time, thousands of children have passed through its



doors eager to learn from wonderful teachers, to make new friends, and to grow in their faith and love for Christ. Through the blessings of Catholic education, children learn to trust that God is present and active in the world and in their lives. Despite challenges, He is ever present!

Last fall we shared with you the financial struggles facing Sacred Heart School. The very generous financial gift that was bequeathed to our school almost a decade ago has been nearly exhausted. Those funds helped supplement our operating costs for many years, allowing us to continue to provide the Christ-based education we know to be so important. After much work reducing expenses, we were still looking at facing a substantial financial deficit going in to the 2018-2019 school year.

We reached out to you, our alumni and friends of Sacred Heart School, for help. The response we received was truly humbling. We are beyond grateful to each of you for your donations, many of whom pledged to continue annually. With sincere thanks to each of you, we have made huge strides in closing that financial gap! Thank you for the compassion and commitment you have shown in making a difference in the lives of our children through Catholic education at Sacred Heart School.

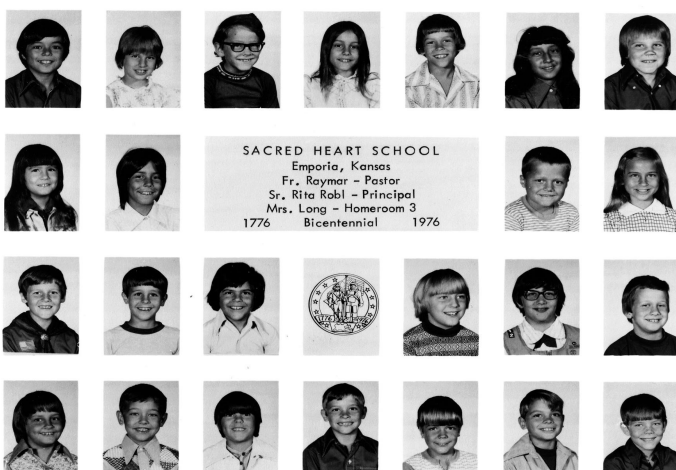
Water & Tile: A Bad Mix

Last winter, Mother Nature found a weakness in one of our pipes, and all of a sudden--the kitchen,



cafeteria and 5th grade classroom turned into a shallow pond. However, the deep waters couldn't match our generous and efficient pool of volunteers! With lots of labor, the seas of the flood of 2018 were parted and syphoned and squeegeed

away. The abatement company will begin their work in June, and the new tile and carpet will be installed in July.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL
Emporia, Kansas
Fr. Raymar - Pastor
Sr. Rita Robl - Principal
Mrs. Long - Homeroom 3
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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We've just formed an Alumni Committee to begin tracking down SHS Alumni, but our contact data is *soooo* old! We only reached a small number of former students in our last mailing, so we're asking for your help. If you know of *any* former SHS students or families, please send us their name, email and any other info you have (mailing address, phone number, etc.). Flip over this newsletter, include as many alumni as you can, detach and mail, shoot us an email, or complete the online form. This project is HUGE, but we also believe it'll be lots of FUN! THANK YOU!!

Sacred Heart’s New Principal



With deep gratitude to God and excitement for our future, I am pleased to announce Mr. Darby O’Neill as our new principal. He is a native of Kansas City, and has been involved in Catholic education throughout his entire life, from Visitation Elementary School, to Bishop Miege High School, to St. Mary’s in Leavenworth for College, and for the last nine years, as a coach, teacher and a vice principal at St. Vincent’s in South Central Los Angeles. He has a servant’s heart, which compels him to provide transformational educational opportunities for all children, especially the underserved. It was this same Christian zeal that lead him to a mission trip, which in turn lead him away from the midwest, and which has now prompted him to return closer to home and family as he prepares to begin his own with his fiancé Megan.

This was the first time I have participated in interviews and deliberations that resulted in immediate and unanimous support for a candidate. Dr. Abel from Sacred Heart Parish and USD 253 even said to me later: “If Darby comes to Sacred Heart, it will grow. He’s that good.” High praise from a man who has seen a principal or two. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

Mr. O’Neill will be finishing additional studies at Notre Dame this summer, and will join us in July. Please join me in welcoming him to Sacred Heart!

Catching up with...

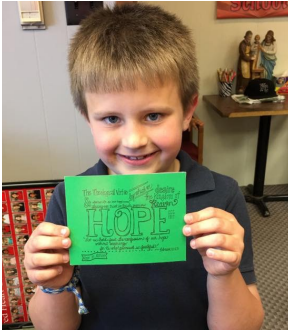


Sue Ella & Granddaughter Ashlyn

Sue Ella Touslee (Wilburn) - Ms. Touslee was a much loved Sacred Heart School teacher for almost 30 years. Sue Ella estimates she taught close to 375 students during that time! She began teaching at SHS in 1985. Through the years, she taught both Kindergarten and 1st grade until she retired just a few years ago. While recently visiting with Ms. Touslee, she recalled some of her favorite memories... She loved helping her students make their own rosary each year. This tradition continues at SHS to this day! She fondly remembers hatching chickens in her classroom, taking “walk about” field trips to Commercial St in the Spring, and hand making profile silhouettes of each student to send home as parent gifts. Many of her students will remember the loft that was built in her classroom by Tom Soetaert in the late 1980’s. Over the years the original loft was expanded twice and the ladder was replaced with a staircase. It is still present in the classroom today and is well used and loved by current students! In addition to teaching, Sue Ella directed the children’s choir and taught piano lessons to many Sacred Heart children. Next month Sue Ella is moving to Topeka to be closer to her children and grandchildren. We wish her all the best and thank her for the many wonderful memories she has given the children at Sacred Heart!

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Name (Maiden): _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

**What is Their Relationship to Sacred Heart School?
(Check All that Apply):**

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