

# Sacred Heart Catholic School



***DRIVE THE MISSION***

***Annual Report 2014-2015***

## Mission

Our mission at Sacred Heart Catholic School is to provide each of our students an **excellent academic education** grounded in **Catholic religious principles and values**, thereby creating a **lifelong love of learning** and a **respect for all people and all creation as gifts of God**.

*We are a ministry of the Church, and a ministry of Sacred Heart Parish.*

## School-wide Learning Expectations

*A Sacred Heart Catholic School Student is a:*

### Christian Role Model who:

- Shows love and reverence to God
- Knows the teachings of the Catholic faith and acts as a follower of Christ
- Prays and participates in community worship

### Responsible Citizen who:

- Accepts responsibility for one's actions
- Communicates effectively and works collaboratively with others
- Works for peace and justice by serving others

### Lifelong Learner who:

- Strives for academic excellence in all classes
- Applies knowledge, Catholic values, and critical thinking skills to create solutions
- Uses technology creatively and responsibly



## Strategic Vision

### Core Values:

- Our Catholic identity guides us and is apparent in all we do
- We relentlessly pursue academic excellence
- We value every individual as a gift from God
- We treat parents as educators of their children, and partners in our work
- We are good stewards of our resources to ensure the growth and future of our school

### Key Goals:

- Be a leader in academics, the arts, athletics and Catholic education in the Rogue Valley
- Achieve growth at 25 students/year to 350 by 2020; prioritize Catholic family enrollment; manage growth in a fiscally responsible way
- Provide development and community outreach; build and maintain strong external and internal communications channels
- Provide for a seamless transition PS-12 Catholic education system in the Rogue Valley

## A Letter from the Principal

Dear Sacred Heart Family, Friends, and Supporters,

It is my privilege to greet you as Sacred Heart's new principal. Since my arrival on campus last summer, I have been repeatedly awed by the students, faculty, staff, parents, and community here. With the perspective that comes from 27 years as an educator—on four continents—I find myself saying again and again (sometimes out loud, and sometimes just to myself): *"This is a special place!"* As an educational leader, and as the parent of a middle schooler here, I couldn't be more pleased: the skilled and caring faculty, the academic rigor, the individualized instruction and support, the loving climate, steeped in Catholicism, that celebrates and nurtures the gifts of all, and the robust opportunities for participation in arts, activities, and athletics combine to create an amazing summer experience for our students and families. I've never experienced anything like it.



With a strategic vision to be the acknowledged leader in academics, the arts, athletics and Catholic education in the Rogue Valley; to achieve balanced enrollment growth over time towards building capacity; to move towards a donor-centered model of development that engages our parents, parishioners, alumni and other supporters in our mission; and to take steps to ensure a sustained, seamless PS-12 outstanding Catholic education system here in Southern Oregon, we count on your support. I hope that all members of our school community—internal and external—will become actively invested in our school, mission, and vision, thus ensuring the future of this very special place.

I urge each of you to give deliberate and prayerful thought to the future of our school, and to your role impacting that future. Sacred Heart Catholic School's Annual Fund Drive offers a concrete way to exhibit your heartfelt commitment to our school, our children, and our community, as well as to the lasting individual and societal value of Catholic education. Your contribution will truly *make a difference*.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support, and may God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "AGG".

Patrick Gross, Principal

## 2013-14 School Year Highlights

### Academics

- Continued to significantly exceed national norms on standardized assessments in all subjects tested
- Sustained specialized intervention assistance programs in critical core performance areas of READING and MATH
- Implemented Personalized Learning Communities (PLCs) to allow for flexible grouping to maximize student engagement and achievement through differentiation
- Continued specialized instruction in enrichment areas such as religion, music, art, computers, library, and Spanish



### Athletics

- Continued fielding a comprehensive and competitive interscholastic athletics program, with 84 percent of middle school students actively participating in at least one sport; and many participating for two or all three seasons
- Established a Cross Country team
- Our basketball teams were again recognized at the St. Paul's Tournament in Eugene, by earning the Sportsmanship Award exemplifying embodiment of our School-wide Learning Expectations
- Individual students participated in cross country and free throw competitions at the state level



## Activities

- 100% of our Middle School students participated and contributed to a successful musical performance of *The Little Mermaid*; our music ensembles performed throughout the community
- Sacred Heart fielded a regional champion *Oregon Battle of the Books* team that competed at the state level
- As a school-wide Lenten initiative, our students and families supported a selected school in Rubanda, Tanzania with partnership and funds
- Numerous field trips enriched instruction at all grade levels; middle school students benefited from multi-day, Outdoor School co-curricular trips
- Our students demonstrated a strong commitment to a tradition of service, with ongoing partnerships, for example with Orchards Assisted Living and St. Vincent de Paul



## Facility

- Enhanced our building's safety with state-of-the-art, magnetic, computer monitored door locks
- Added 12 safety cameras to continuously monitor and digitally record inside and outside public spaces
- Reviewed and updated facilities plan to ensure ongoing enhancements





## History

Next year, Sacred Heart Catholic School, collaboratively with St. Mary's School, will celebrate our sesquicentennial: 150 years of academic excellence, Catholic values, and *heart* in Oregon's Rogue Valley. Our school has been a significant part of Oregon's educational landscape since pioneer days.

In **1865**, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary established a boarding and day school in Jacksonville, called St. Mary's Academy. At the beginning of the **20<sup>th</sup> century**, following population movement, the sisters relocated the school to Medford at a site near our present location. In **1949**, Sacred Heart Parish purchased the school and began building the present facility on 11th and Ivy, which opened in **1951** as St. Mary's School for students in grades one through twelve.

During the **1950s**, enrollment at St. Mary's grew exponentially, and in **1960** Sacred Heart Parish split the high school and the elementary school. St. Mary's High School opened at its present location on Black Oak Dr., and the elementary school at the Ivy location became Sacred Heart Catholic School. The Sisters of Holy Names continued to have a strong presence at Sacred Heart through the **1980s**. In **1984**, Sacred Heart hired their first lay principal; today, committed lay faculty staff the school.

In March of **1987**, a fire damaged Sacred Heart Catholic School. While classes continued at alternate locations, the community quickly mobilized and rebuilt the school. By September of the same year Sacred Heart reopened as a stronger, more modern facility ready to serve the needs of the students and families of the Rogue Valley.

**Today**, and into the future, Sacred Heart Catholic School provides superlative academics, arts, athletics, and activities for almost 250 students from pre-school through eighth grade, in a caring community of faith and learning, guided by our Catholic identity, religious principles, and values.



## A Community of Faith

Sacred Heart Catholic School is much more than an exceptional educational facility. We are a Community of Faith and Learning, where our Catholic Identity is a Core Value of our school.

### Daily Prayer and Religion Study

At 8:05 every morning, the Sacred Heart Catholic School Community joins in student-led prayer. All community members who are in the halls are asked to stop what they are doing and join us in prayer.

All students, regardless of their faith or grade level, participate in Religion class. In an environment welcoming and respectful of all faith traditions, students learn about the prayers, rituals, and traditions of the Catholic Church. For families who are not Catholic, this provides an excellent spring board to discuss their beliefs and traditions in a family setting.

### Sacraments and Community Worship

We celebrate Mass (Eucharist) weekly for the middle school and twice monthly for Kindergarten through 4th grade. At each Mass, different classes are responsible to lector, participate in the choir, present the gifts, and usher. All students attend this celebration and participate as fully as possible. Student who have not received First Holy Eucharist and those who are not Catholic are invited to receive a blessing during communion.

Twice a year, we honor Mary, the Mother of the Church, through the Living Rosary; once a year we participate in a Living Stations of the Cross prayer as a school-wide celebration. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, all students participate in a reflective examination of conscience, and Catholic students participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



### Liturgical Calendar

Sacred Heart School observes the Catholic Church calendar, which is segmented by the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. Throughout the calendar, we celebrate Saints' Days, Feast Days, and Holy Days of Obligation. Each season, Feast Day, and Saint's Day is steeped in rich tradition to remind us of our roots, our heroes of the Church, and the importance of that season or day.

### Catholic Schools Week

Near the beginning of the calendar year, we unite with all Catholic schools throughout the country in celebration of the good that Catholic schools do for our students, parishes, communities, country, and the world. At Sacred Heart, students and staff participate in special all-school celebration, service, and faith formation events.

## Go Make a Difference: Congratulations Class of 2014

Infused with Catholic values, solid academic preparation, and self-confidence, our graduates go on to success in secondary education and beyond. Our seventeen 2014 graduates matriculated as follows:

**St. Mary's School: 11**

**South Medford High School: 2**

**Crater High School: 2**

**Prospect Charter School: 1**

**Moved from area: 1**



## World-Class Faculty and Staff



Our teachers and staff set Sacred Heart Catholic School apart from other schools. Our teachers are licensed by the state. With most teachers holding advanced degrees and credentials, and with full time staff averaging eleven years of service at Sacred Heart, our teachers are highly qualified. More importantly, all are committed to our students and our school, as they choose very specifically to be here and to be a part of our Sacred Heart family, mission and ministry. The life-

long connection staff members have with this special place is notable: Five of our thirteen full-time teachers are alumni of Sacred Heart; and nearly seventy percent of our total staff have or have had their own children attend.

## Our Pastoral Leader: Father Ken Sampson



Since my arrival in Medford, one of the most joyful high points in my schedule has consistently been my regular class visits with the students and teachers of Sacred Heart Catholic School. The enthusiasm and energy of the students and the supportive environment of the school have been inspirational and it gives me great hope for the future of both our Church and our society at large. As a pastor, I count my blessings that I have been given the special privilege of working with such a quality Catholic institution.

What is more amazing is the fact that Sacred Heart Catholic School has been a reflection of academic excellence and Christian values for nearly 150 years here in Southern Oregon. For generations, our teachers have helped to produce future leaders who have gone on to impact the world in many positive ways. In a time in which much of the news we get from the media seems to be so discouraging it is great to have a parish school that has consistently been such a source of great, positive news. For all of these reasons, Sacred Heart Catholic School is worthy of our support to insure that our school will continue to be able to meet its mission for future generations.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is both the largest and oldest ministry of our parish and its positive impact on our youth over the past decades has been beyond measure. However, our school's continued success depends on your prayers and financial support. That is why I am asking for your financial assistance with our annual **Drive the Mission** fundraiser which helps to ensure that we will continue to have the necessary resources to impact young lives for the good going forward. May God bless you for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

Thank you!

*Rev. Ken Sampson*

Father Ken Sampson



## Drive the Mission

Tuition covers only 65% of the cost of fulfilling our mission. As we strive to keep the lifelong gift of a Catholic education affordable to our working families, and to make needed capital improvements, we depend on the support of all those who believe in this special place: alumni, parishioners, grandparents, and school families past and present. **Our “Drive the Mission” Annual Fund Drive is the vehicle!**

Sacred Heart Catholic School is a 501 (c) (3) organization; gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

**In the past, our school has been able to boast 100% participation from faculty, staff, and parents, along with very generous support from alumni and community partners. Please consider giving at one of the following levels:**

**Navigator:** Your gift of \$5,000 or more puts you in a category of leader, guide, and visionary, helping to shape the positive and sustainable future of our very special school.

**Driver:** By contributing over \$1,000 you are driving and sustaining our mission in a very tangible and meaningful way.

**Passenger on the journey:** Your donation over \$500 demonstrates your commitment to our shared mission and shows you are with us on the journey to a sustainable future.

**Mechanic:** Your donation in any amount is greatly appreciated, supports our mission, and makes a difference.

## A Community of Learning

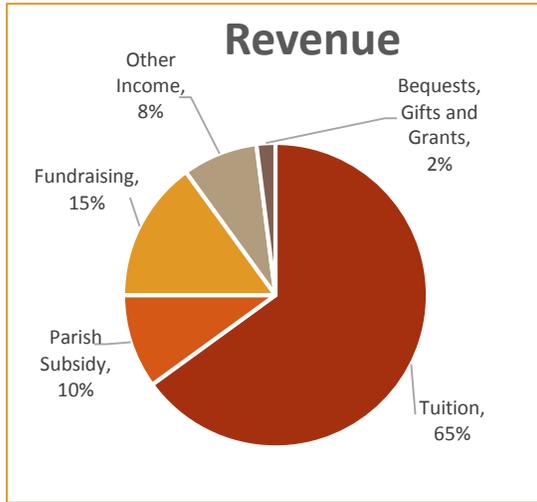
Our Pre-School through Eighth Grade educational program is Archdiocese of Portland standards-aligned and fully accredited through WCEA; our standards acknowledge and exceed those of the common core. Our highly qualified, certified teachers provide grade-appropriate, differentiated, rigorous instruction in religion, math, language arts, science and social studies at all grade levels. Additionally, our students experience regular classes in music, art, Spanish, computer technology, library and research skills, and physical education, as well as individualized intervention as needed from our dedicated math and reading specialists.



Sacred Heart offers a five-day-a-week, half-day program for 3-year olds (Pre-School) and 4-year-olds (Pre-Kindergarten), in addition to our full-day Kindergarten.

We offer year-round on-site daycare during non-school hours, until 6pm weekdays.

## Revenue and Expenses 2013-14



### REVENUE 2013-14

Tuition and Fees: **1,435,582**  
 Development/Fundraising: **317,215**  
 Parish Subsidy: **219,150**  
 Bequests, Gifts & Grants: **41,658**  
 Other Income: **184,303**

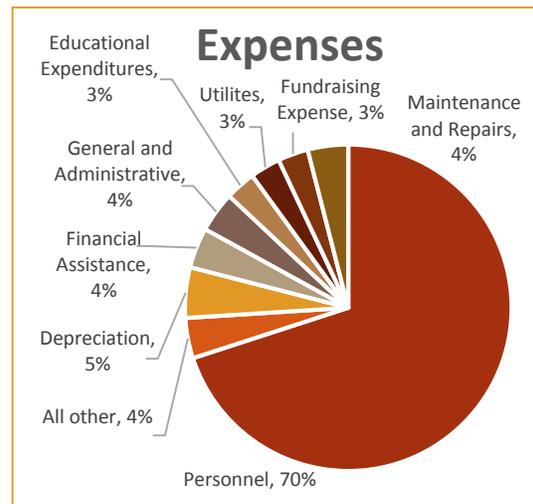
**Total Revenue 2,197,908**

### EXPENSES 2013-14

Personnel: **1,489,211**  
 Educational Expenditures: **73,911**  
 Financial Assistance: **88,000**  
 General and Administrative: **77,224**  
 Fundraising Expense: **57,899**  
 Utilities: **67,637**  
 Maintenance and Repairs: **87,298**  
 Depreciation: **111,702**  
 Other: **78,230**

**Total Expenses 2,131,112**

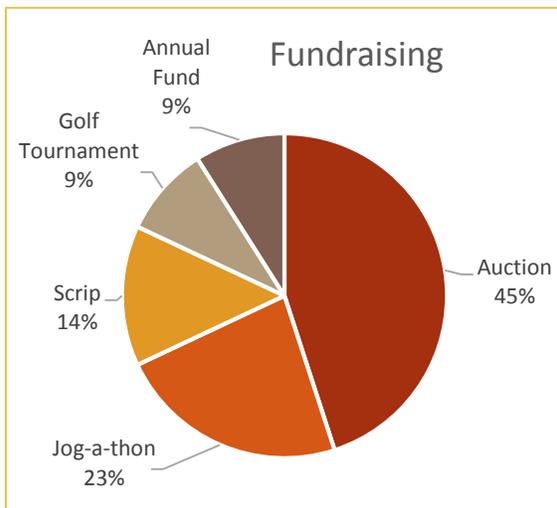
**Carryover to 2014-15: 66,796**



### Fundraising Events 2013-14

Auction: **45%**  
 Jog-a-thon: **23%**  
 Scrip: **14%**  
 Into the Heart of the Cup Golf Tournament: **9%**  
 Annual Fund Drive: **9%**

**Total Fundraising Dollars 286,824**





**Dear Alums**

*We'd love to hear from you!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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