



Sacred Notes Newsletter

September 2018

Principal's Note

Dear Friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are in the swing of the new school year as we're in our fifth week of school already. We welcomed two new teachers to Sacred Heart this fall - Mike Katalenich is teaching Latin to our PK - 8th grade students and Kate Derickson is our 6 - 8th grade Math and K - 8th grade Resource.

We received a grant from the Pearle Francis Finigan Foundation to enhance our band program. Through their generosity, we were able to purchase a small inventory of band instruments that will allow each 5th grade student to participate in band this year! Previously, band was optional for 5th - 8th grade students. We are excited that this important musical opportunity is now available to all our 5th graders as part of the music curriculum.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Sacred Heart Catholic School! Be sure to check our website regularly for upcoming events and information: www.mysacredheartschool.com. A classroom wish list will be posted soon if you are interested in making a donation of tangible items to the school. I hope to see you at **SEPTEMBERFEST** - be sure to stop by the Sacred Heart Catholic School table to learn more about our school, purchase a t-shirt, or sign up to volunteer!

Sincerely in Christ,
Laura Knaus
Principal
Sacred Heart Catholic School

Sacred Heart Legacy

The Sacred Heart Legacy was created for our alumni to be connected with Sacred Heart Catholic School. All are welcome to share their own memories and/or story.

Tuan Le shares his story about the events that brought his family to Sacred Heart School and Parish and its impact on his life.



"A Story of Survival"
Memories Shared by Tuan Quang Le
Class of 1982

The Vietnam War is one of the longest wars in world history. It was a way of life for many during 1955 through 1975. During this period, Vietnam was split with North Vietnam being supported by the Soviet Union and other communist allies and South Vietnam was being supported by the United States and other anti-communist allies. The North Vietnam Army would capture Saigon in April of 1975 marking the end of the Vietnam War.

With the fall of Saigon, many decided to leave Vietnam for the safety of their families. Tuan Quang Le's father, understanding the dangers his family faced, made the decision it was time for their family to leave too. He took his family to the harbor where they were able to catch a ride on one of the fishing boats. The United States Navy picked them up and took them with other refugees to Guam. From Guam, they were flown to Philadelphia. Once in Philadelphia, families went through a placement process to help them find sponsors who helped them settle in the United States.

Sacred Heart Parish was able to help many refugees who needed assistance during this difficult time. Ms. Virginia Degenhart was instrumental in helping sponsor and coordinate housing for Tuan's family when they arrived in Lincoln in November of 1975. With her help, his family was able to find jobs and receive schooling.

While living in Lincoln, Tuan's family lived next to Ms. Effie Johnson. Ms. Johnson was willing to help when they needed guidance. They knew they could rely on her if they had questions or needed a ride to the store. She became a close friend to their family.

Tuan also developed a close friendship with Steve Hofmann. They were classmates at Sacred Heart Catholic School and could always be found together outside of school during the summer months. The Hofmann family became good friends to Tuan thanks to the friendship he shared with Steve.

Tuan and his siblings developed a strong Catholic foundation as a result of their experiences with Sacred Heart Parish and the educational experiences received from the Catholic schools in Lincoln. Tuan attended Sacred Heart Catholic School from 1975 to 1982. As other Sacred Heart students that graduated from 6th grade at that time, Tuan went on to attend St. Teresa Catholic School from 1983 to 1984. Tuan attended Pius X High School from 1985 to 1986. His family then moved to Sacramento, California, in April of 1986, where they currently reside.

Sacred Heart Parish provided a free Catholic education to many refugee families. The support received during this vital time in their lives was instrumental to Tuan's family's survival and their success in the United States. Tuan and his family have come back to Lincoln several times to visit long-time friends. They enjoy their time during their visits with Ms. Degenhart and the Hofmann family. He enjoys the opportunity to attend Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Tuan is forever grateful to the parish members of Sacred Heart for being so kind and generous to his family when they needed it most. The people were gracious and welcomed them with open arms when they arrived. The memories he has during his time at Sacred Heart will "Never Be Forgotten." He thanks the people of this great parish for everything they have done and given him and his family.

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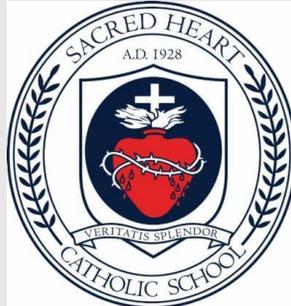
[Join the Sacred Heart Legacy today!](#)

As part of the Sacred Heart Legacy, alumni and friends have been able to reconnect with our school.

The Sacred Heart Legacy is a way for all to come together through the stories and memories shared in connection to Sacred Heart. Whether there was a teacher or a special friend met through school, Sacred Heart has provided a means that has helped a lot of people to becoming who they are today.

We encourage you to reach out to your friends and former classmates. Ask them to become part of the Sacred Heart Legacy. Everyone is welcome to share with us their favorite memories of Sacred Heart. Tell us about your adventures you had with your classmates or how your experiences at Sacred Heart have benefited you.

Be a part of the Sacred Heart Legacy. You are invited to provide us with your contact information and/or to contact us with your story. Your story could be featured in an upcoming newsletter!



In Memory of our Dearly Departed Sacred Heart Alumni

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of Sacred Heart alumni members who have been called to be by God's side.

Patricia L (Knight) Greb, 1933 - 2018

Septemberfest



Septemberfest is right around the corner! Septemberfest will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and enjoy delicious food, music, and games.

The Country Store will be available to purchase various items. You can place your bid on items at the Silent Auction. Don't forget to purchase your raffle ticket for a chance to win big during the Septemberfest Raffle!

Septemberfest Raffle Prizes

- 1st Prize - \$350 Walmart gift card - donated by Altar Society
- 2nd Prize - \$250 Super Saver gift card - donated by Knights of Columbus
- 3rd Prize - \$250 U-Stop gift card - donated by Knights of Columbus
- 4th Prize - \$250 Hy-Vee gift card - donated by Tracy's Body Shop
- 5th Prize - \$150 Walmart gift card - donated by Altar Society
- 6th Prize - \$100 Shopko gift card - donated by Butherus Maser & Love

Raffle tickets are available through the parish rectory and will be made available the day of the event for purchase. Need not be present to win.

Silent Auction

Donations have been received from many generous donors and area businesses for the Silent Auction. Sacred Heart is grateful to all who have donated including the following businesses.

- Cornhusker Bank - \$50 gift card
- Vala's Pumpkin Patch - 2 entry tickets
- Williams Cleaners - 2 \$10 gift certificates
- Starcrest Cleaners - 4 \$10 gift certificates
- Hy-Vee Food Store - \$25 gift card
- Casey's General Stores - \$50 gift card
- 48 Bowl, Inc. - 4 \$10 gift cards good at Hollywood Bowl or Parkway Lanes
- Raising Canes - gift basket with Raising Canes merchandise and 2 free Box Combo cards
- Lincoln Children's Museum - 4 entry passes
- A Street Market - \$20 gift card
- Let's Talk Bowling - \$100 gift card
- James Ekeler, haircare professional - gift basket with hair care products

Make plans to join us for the festivities!

[Learn more](#) about Septemberfest.

Kicking Off to a New School Year



The new 2018-2019 school year is underway. The staff at Sacred Heart Catholic School welcomed

students back to school the middle of August. Two new teachers were welcomed to the staff. We welcome Mr. Mike Katalenich and Mrs. Kate Derickson to the Sacred Heart family.

Following a wonderful summer filled with many opportunities for our students to stay engaged in learning, the students have settled into their new classrooms. We are looking forward to another great school year!

Meet the [Sacred Heart School Staff](#).

Other Happenings at Sacred Heart



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Support Our Students

Please consider sending in a donation to Sacred Heart Catholic School to help our students and families in need. Sacred Heart Catholic School serves a diverse group of students and provides a strong Catholic and academic foundation for any child, regardless of their ability to pay. Your donations will help us continue to keep our tuition affordable, so we can serve our students and families.

You can [Donate Online](#) by using the Sacred Heart Church Online Giving Portal, or send your donations to:

Sacred Heart Catholic School
540 N 31st Street
Lincoln, NE 68503
(402) 476-1783

Donations can also be sent to the Parish office:

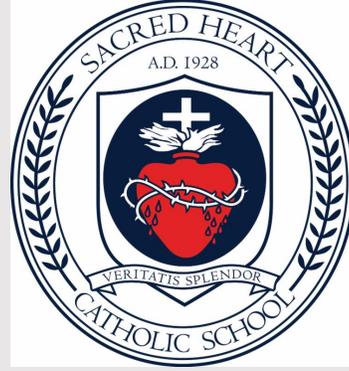
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- C.S. Lewis



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