



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

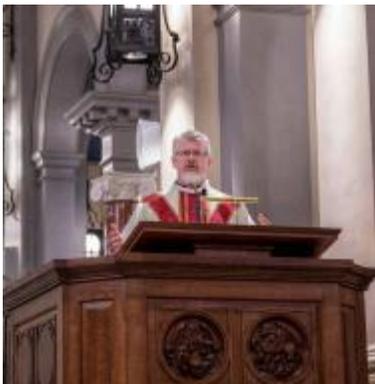
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## May 2018



### The Mother of the Church

Although we may be celebrating in a new cathedral, the traditions at the heart of our institution and our Catholic faith remain unchanged and as solid as ever. One of the most beloved of these is the May Crowning, during which a group of our most prayerful and service-oriented eighth graders are tasked with the special honor of crowning the statue of our Blessed Mother in our sanctuary space. In addition to the wonderful reminder of our spiritual calling to be more like Mary, this event is also the first in a series recognizing our graduating Class of 2018 during the month of May.



### Farewell, Father Joe!

The oldest—and unquestionably the most beloved—recipient of a diploma from SHCS this year was our own Father Joe, who has been called up to serve as pastor of St. John Neumann. To commemorate his years of service to our school and parish and his time as a student here as a child, Father Joe received an honorary diploma during graduation. We send him to our neighbors to the west with much love, prayers, and best wishes!

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### **Congratulations, Class of 2018!**

We also thank and congratulate our eighth grade class for their years of service and commitment to excellence on our campus. We celebrated their achievements at our baccalaureate mass and commencement ceremonies this month. A particularly memorable and touching moment for the students, staff, and school community was the graduation speech, "I Soar Like an Eagle," given by Handje Tamba, who emigrated from the Democratic Republic of Congo in September. Coming here, Handje spoke very little English but has grown so much in a very short amount of time. His speech touched on his experiences participating in service activities, playing on our championship-winning basketball team, and learning from our teachers and priests. We are so proud of Handje and all our graduates and wish them much success in the future!



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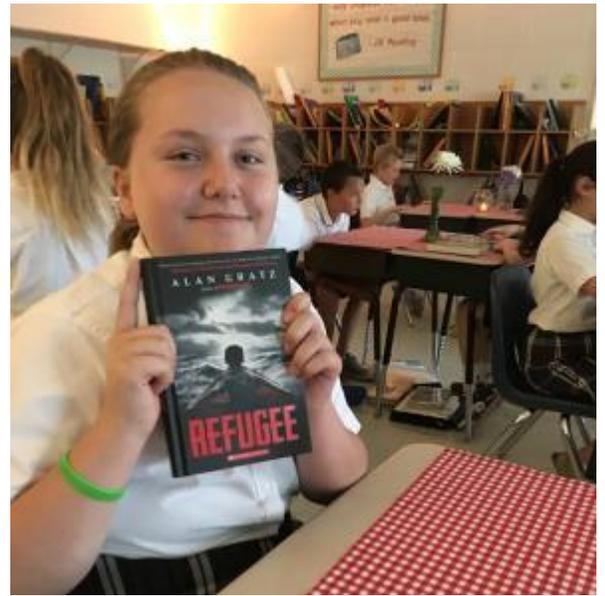


### Work Hard, Play Hard

On what many the most fun day of school, students, teachers, and parents let their hair down a little for a day of fun. Field Day is a great tradition of games and friendly competition that pits homerooms against each other in a variety of exciting games and events. After working up a sweat in the sun, students cooled off in the gym while enjoying a presentation on Vietnamese culture from some of our alums featuring a dancing dragon. Vietnamese is the second most-common second language spoken by SHCS students after Spanish, and we are proud to honor the diversity of our school community.



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### **Baker's Book Bistro**

With everything else happening on campus, we did manage to squeeze a ton of learning into May too! In fifth grade, students were dining patrons at Ms. Baker's Book Bistro, where they feasted on information about different books their classmates had read this quarter! This creative activity was a great way to whet our rising middle schoolers' appetites for reading this summer!



### **Enhancing Reality, Enhancing Learning**

Using Google Expeditions, an augmented reality teaching tool, students in K-7th grades were able to explore inside a coral reef, visit with dinosaurs, zoom inside the core of the sun, and travel through the aorta! This was a special preview of not-yet-available technology from Google for Education. What an incredible day!

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### Fellowship and Fun for a Good Cause

Our preschool held its first ever Art Walk. The fundraiser was an overwhelming success that not only showcased the talents of our youngest students but it also brought the community together in a powerful way. It was a beautiful time celebrating our children and connecting our families. We are so grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by our families and guests. A heartfelt and special thank you goes to the St. Clare Guild for their tireless efforts in putting this event together.



### Fun and Learning for Sale

Second graders created a marketplace where they became producers and consumers, earned and spent market money, learned how to bargain, and practiced negotiating. It is one of the earliest exposures students have to economics and understanding supply and demand. The Market Day event concludes their unit on how the markets operate, and it provides an authentic and memorable hands-on learning experience for students.



### Second Holy Communion

The second grade class also had a special mass where they all received communion together for the first time since receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist.

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### **Walking with Christ for Others**

More than 100 enthusiastic SHCS students participated in the 20th annual “Kids Helping Kids” Fun Walk. The afternoon included a one-mile fun walk around the grounds of Knoxville Catholic High School, plus a family fun fest featuring inflatables, games and prizes, original art, live music and complimentary refreshments. This event annually attracts hundreds of participants, including children and their parents. Proceeds from the event supported the Columbus Home Children’s Services.



### **A ‘Grand’ Celebration**

Grandparents and Special Friends Day is a day set aside at Sacred Heart Cathedral School for our students to welcome the special people in their lives to witness their faith and academic life at SHCS. It’s an opportunity to celebrate our strong relationships with family and friends!

The day started with Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. From there, they toured the school and checked out our book fair in the library.

It’s always a great day on GPSF Day, and there were plenty of smiles to be seen.

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### Marching in the Light of God

The 2018 Spring Concert entitled, "We are Marching in the Light of God," focused on songs and dances from various global regions. There are so many ways in which we march toward the light of God, and our program showcased our journey towards God in numerous ways. We brought many cultures to life: Mexican, Spanish, Hawaiian, Filipino, Irish, African, and more. We also paid homage to several May holidays, including Mother's Day!



### A Hot Cup of Love

Kindergarten students treated their moms to a special tea for Mother's Day this year to show them their love and appreciation for all they do.

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### NFL Player and SHCS Alumnus Gives Scholarship

Congratulations to rising SHCS eighth grader Kaylee Estridge! The administration and athletics department are pleased to announce that she is the recipient of the Harrison Smith Scholarship for 2018-19. This prestigious, \$2,500 award towards tuition is given on behalf of the NFL player and SHCS alumnus' foundation to one SHCS student each year who demonstrates excellence in academics, athletics, and service.



### Reading is FUNdamental

The library celebrated students who met their AR goals all four quarters of the year with karaoke, robots, DIY bubble blasters, a selfie station, and more fun. We are so proud of all of our readers!



### Christina Kenkel Appointed Preschool Director

Mrs. Christina Kenkel officially steps into the role of preschool director this month. Please join us in welcoming her to our staff family. We are so thankful for her and her commitment to our school community.

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