

# The HeartBeat



## \$10,000 Gift Kicks off 2009-2010 Annual Fund

In Fall 2009, Sacred Heart will launch an Annual Fund drive in order to support the operational needs of the school. This campaign will allow Sacred Heart to maintain affordable tuition and to continue advancements in the areas of infrastructure, teacher recruitment and retention, technology, and tuition assistance.

The George Kress Foundation, Green Bay Packaging, has announced their support of Sacred Heart with a \$10,000 donation. This gift, along with pledges made earlier in 2009, will set the stage for a successful campaign. "We are very appreciative of the Kress Foundation and their investment in the work we are doing at Sacred Heart," said Principal Bailey. For more information about the Annual Fund, contact Alisha Koonce at 501-354-4358.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Blast from the Past**  
 Mark your calendars and order your tickets now to attend the "Blast from the Past: Honoring Our Heritage"  
 5:30 pm Join us for Mass  
 6:30 pm Happy Hour  
 7:00-8:00 pm Dinner  
 8pm—Midnight—Music & Dancing  
 Sacred Heart Gym  
 \$30 per person  
 See insert to reserve tickets!

## New Website: Resource for Parents, Teachers, and Alumni

Be sure and visit our redesigned website for the latest about Sacred Heart Catholic School! Check us out at:

[www.sacredheartmorrliton.org](http://www.sacredheartmorrliton.org)

Updates and more information will continue to be added, including sports and student club information. A handy calendar can be found on both the homepage and under "About Us" with the most current information about Sacred Heart events and activities. Parents can find information for Booster Club and PTO activities, as well as teacher email addresses (all ending in sacredheartmorrliton.org) and tuition automatic draft forms to take the hassle out of monthly tuition payments.

**And new for our alumni**—sign up for alumni updates online! Just complete the form online or print off and mail in. As we launch these efforts, we ask you to keep us informed about new happenings in your lives too. Send in your exciting news—including graduations, babies and grandchildren, marriages, and career achievements. We want to hear from you! We also have a page specifically for reunion information—just send in your information to have it posted to the site.

And finally, take a look at the development opportunities. Development is the meaningful involvement of people in our mission and vision—so we encourage you to join us in this ministry for Sacred Heart.

We are especially grateful for the generosity of a faithful donor who made this new site possible. Gifts such as these allow Sacred Heart to flourish and to invest in progress.

If you have any questions or comments about the website, or to post information, send to [akoonce@sacredheartmorrliton.org](mailto:akoonce@sacredheartmorrliton.org).

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#### SH School Board 2009-2010

- Greg Koch, President
- Tarina Epperson
- John Maus
- Joe Stocking
- Matt Szymanski
- Sharon Walker

#### 2009-2010 Faculty:

- Brian Bailey, Principal
- Jack Bean, Counselor
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- Mary Kay Wiedower

## Back to School: SH opens doors with improvements and new technology

Thanks to the generosity of donors and federal title money, Sacred Heart received a major upgrade over the summer.

- Just as the 2009 school year was coming to an end, a new scoreboard courtesy of Roberson Tire was installed in the school gym.
- Lock-Wood Electric of Conway donated labor for their work on the new ceilings in the elementary classrooms. New dropped ceilings were installed in the entire building, as well as new lighting. Lockwood spent five days working on the project.
- Thanks to funds from the Conway County Legal Beverage Fund, Sacred Heart has purchased a new



server which will support both classroom instruction and administrative needs.

- Sacred Heart has received federal stimulus Title I funds for technology and elected to utilize it for the implementation of "smart" technology in every classroom.

This new technology will transform any standard whiteboard, flat surfaces or projection screen into an interactive whiteboard.



## New Faculty Welcomed to Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart is pleased to welcome the newest faculty members to our team of professionals.



**Heather Roberson**, a 2005 Sacred Heart alum, graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 2009 and is currently pursuing a Masters in Arts of Teaching Degree at UCA. She is teaching 4th grade.

A native of Conway, High School English teacher **Tracy Nabholz** holds a BSE in Social Studies Education and a minor in German



from UCA. Prior to joining Sacred Heart, she worked for Conway Adult Education where she taught unemployed adults reading and workforce training.

**Angie Johnson** holds a B.S. in Biology from Lyon College in Batesville. She is currently working on a Master's of Arts in Technology at UCA. Mrs. Johnson, High School Science teacher, previously worked as a long-term substitute teacher at Parkview Arts and Science Magnet School in Little Rock.



## Development Advisory Board Update

In an effort to sustain and grow resources for Sacred Heart, the school has established a Development Advisory Board. This group will focus on the overall advancement of the school, including Resource/Fund Development for the school and the Endowment, PR/Marketing and Enrollment Management, and Alumni Relations. Members of the Founding Board include:

Mary Jane Cahill—President

Dr. Bill Eggart—Vice President

Carey Ruff, 97' - Secretary

Eric Tyler, 01' - Treasurer

Djuana Beck, 89'

Patti Bottoms, 88'

Martha Briggler

Brandi Cooper, 95'

JoEllen Dunlap, 76'

Delores Hartman, 58'

Stephanie Lipsmeyer

Charles Penick

Brian Rohlman, 04'

Paul Zimmerman, 00'

Board members will lead and serve on committees as defined by the school's strategic goal. We invite you to join us in this work. For more information about the DAB and volunteer opportunities, please contact Alisha Koonce at

501-354-4358 or

[akoonce@sacredheartmorriton.org](mailto:akoonce@sacredheartmorriton.org).



Saturday,  
November 28, 2009

5:30 pm Join us for Mass  
6:30 pm Happy Hour  
7:00-8:00 pm Dinner  
Sacred Heart Gym

\$30 per person  
Includes spaghetti & sausage dinner and drinks.  
Razorbacks vs. LSU on the big screen!  
Plus, music from all eras by Alumnus Brian Rohlman  
8pm—Midnight

# Sacred Heart Catholic School

## Blast from the Past: Honoring Our Heritage

Classes 1879-2006

Special Recognition for our outstanding Pastors,  
Nuns, and Faculty

To rsvp, please return response card and  
check made payable to Sacred Heart School  
By October 30, 2009

ALL INVITED!  
Former students,  
parents, and  
grandparents  
welcome!

### Your memories welcome!

We invite you to send in your memories of Sacred Heart staff who have touched your life. Your comments may be featured in the event program. Memorial gifts and honor gifts to the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund will also be recognized

Help us spread the word! Invite others who attended Sacred Heart, regardless of where they graduated!

Questions: 501-354-4358 or  
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More Info: [www.sacredheartmorrilton.org](http://www.sacredheartmorrilton.org)



## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Blast from the Past: Honoring Our Heritage Response Card

Return with \$30/person by October 30, 2009 to Sacred Heart—406 E. Elm, Morrilton, AR 72110

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you would like to make a gift to the Sacred Heart Endowment, in honor or in memory of a religious or lay faculty member or pastor who touched your life, please complete the information below. Any amount is appreciated and gifts will be recognized in the event program:

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to contribute comments about a teacher or pastor, please include below or email to [akoonce@sacredheartmorrilton.org](mailto:akoonce@sacredheartmorrilton.org).

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Please make checks payable to  
Sacred Heart School

\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$30 each =

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Memorial / Honor Gifts

\$\_\_\_\_\_ I can't attend but want  
to donate to Sacred Heart.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

All proceeds benefit  
Sacred Heart  
Catholic School





# Alumni News



Colton Kordsmeier, a 2009 SH graduate, has been named our school's first National Merit Scholar. He is among the 1.5 million students who entered the scholarship program by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Valedictorian of his graduating class, Kordsmeier received over \$220,000 in scholarship offers and is attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Colton was recently chosen to join the eighth class of Honors College Fellows at the U of A; he is one of only 75 outstanding high school students chosen from a field of 495 applicants.

In July 2009, Colton and his cousins, twin brothers Joseph and Caleb Kordsmeier, were pictured in the regional magazine, *501Life*. The boys were chosen for the "Loving Life" feature in honor of their significant accomplishments. Joseph and Caleb each received over \$120,000 in scholarships; Joseph and Colton were named Governor's Distinguished Scholars.



**Msgr John Kordsmeier** of Morrilton recently celebrated 60 years of service to the priesthood. His education began at Sacred Heart where he remained until the 9th grade when he entered the seminary. Msgr. Kordsmeier holds a master's degree in education and has served the Diocese of Little Rock as assistant director of schools, assistant director of hospitals, superintendent of schools and director of hospitals. In 1960 he became director of Catholic Social Services and was later appointed assistant chancellor of the diocese. He has served numerous parishes through the years and now resides at St. John's Manor on the St. John Center campus in Little Rock.



Arkansas Catholic photo by Armando Rios

**Justin (96') and Kim (Tyler, 99') Spickes** welcomed their first child, Melody Ann, on April 28, 2009.

22nd. Other children include Madeline and Matthew.

**Amie (Dold) Widner, 03'**, received her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy from UCA in August 2009. She is working for Pleasant Valley Living Center in Little Rock

**Candice Stobaugh, 05'**, has been accepted into the Physical Therapy program at UCA.

**Luke Hill, 03'**, received his Masters degree in Occupational Therapy from UCA in August 2009. Luke is working for Jarvis Pediatrics in Springdale.



**The Class of 1989** celebrated their 20th class reunion on July 18th with dinner at Yesterday's.

**The Class of 1969** will hold a 40th reunion celebration prior to the SH Blast from the Past event on November 28th. Class members and spouses are invited to a reception in Drilling Hall from 5-7. For more information contact Sheila Willis at 501-354- 2016 or email [scrwillis@earthlink.net](mailto:scrwillis@earthlink.net).

Send in your alumni updates for future publication—just email to:  
[akoonce@sacredheartmorrilton.org](mailto:akoonce@sacredheartmorrilton.org)

## Welcome Back Students!



## Sacred Heart Students ACT Trends Continue to Improve; Above State Average

Sacred Heart is pleased to announce that recent student ACT scores, a benchmark for college readiness, exceeded the state average composite score, a measure of all four key areas. The composite score has also shown a steady increase over the past five years—a result of increased attention to college preparation in our high school. In fact, in 2009 two Sacred Heart Seniors held the top ACT scores in the county and 7 members of the Sophomore class qualified for scholarships based on their ACT score. Sacred Heart is proud of our commitment to academic excellence and rigorous college preparation for our students. We applaud our students who have set the bar high for classes to come.

## New School Mission Statement!

In July 2009, the Sacred Heart School Board and the newly formed Development Advisory Board held a joint Board Retreat at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain. The retreat offered the two groups the opportunity to spend focused time on the strategic mission and goals of the school.

As a result, the boards submitted to the faculty a new Mission Statement, Statement of Philosophy, tagline, and core values for the school. The new verbiage was taken from feedback submitted by alumni, parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, parents, and faculty at the end of the 2009 school year. The faculty reviewed and approved the following statements for the school:

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Sacred Heart Catholic School, a fully-accredited educational community, is dedicated to Catholic Christian values, service, respect for self and others, and academic excellence in order to form a strong foundation that inspires our students to be productive leaders of tomorrow.

**STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY:** Sacred Heart Catholic School's responsibility is to foster a deep commitment to academic excellence, personal moral development, spiritual growth, and social consciousness in our students through a rigorous curriculum rooted in the tradition of our Catholic heritage. Using contemporary teaching techniques, technology, and the wisdom of the Sacred Heart family, faculty, and staff, we offer high quality academic programs which are integrated with religious truth and values. Sacred Heart exists to impart a love of learning and service and to encourage our students in an active life in the catholic community and world.

**SCHOOL TAGLINE:** *Enlightening Minds, Enriching Souls, and Inspiring Hearts since 1879.*

**CORE VALUES:** Our core values sustain the tradition and anchor the dynamic mission of Sacred Heart Catholic School:

- **Enlightening Minds** – Through the use of contemporary teaching techniques, technology, and the wisdom of our faculty and staff, Sacred Heart offers high quality academic programs which are integrated with religious truth and values.
- **Enriching Souls** – Sacred Heart Catholic School strives to foster a deeper commitment to the personal moral development, spiritual growth, and social consciousness in our students and guides them in transforming the Good News of the Gospel into action.
- **Inspiring Hearts** – Sacred Heart provides a family atmosphere which values the role of family, friends, and milestone moments in the development of our students. Through a service-oriented curriculum, we promote social justice, the dignity of human life, and an active life in the catholic community and world.





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