SHA Christmas Dance
This year, the annual SHA Christmas Dance will be held on Friday, December 20th. The dance will take place from 7:00-10:00 pm, at Grapevine Banquets (former Hearthstone Manor) on Dick Road in Depew. This semi-formal event is open to all SHA students. Light snacks, desserts and soft drinks will be served. Students may bring a date or come with their SHA friends. Girls wear semi-formal party dresses (no need for prom-type gowns) and boys must wear dress pants, a shirt and tie. Please note: It is not necessary to bring a date to this dance. Many students attend with their SHA friends. Also, it is not necessary for students to hire limousines to bring them to the event.

Cost is $25 per person. Tickets will be on sale daily in the front hall from 7:30-8:00 am from November 18th through December 11th. Tickets can ONLY be purchased in the morning before homeroom. No tickets will be sold after December 11th. Checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart Academy. Emergency contact numbers for our students and their dates must also be given. Students will receive conduct forms that must be signed by themselves and their parents. If applicable, they will also receive a permission form for their date. All forms must be returned to the main office by homeroom on December 13th. No one will be permitted to attend the dance if their forms are missing.

Also note: Students may not enter the dance after 8:00 pm unless special permission is given in advance (parental note required) and everyone should be picked up at the Grapevine no later than 10:15 pm. Students must stay at the dance until 9:30 pm.

Attached you will find a copy containing further information about the dance, as well as the rules our students are expected to follow.

The Nutcracker
Several of our SHA students will be performing in The Nutcracker at UB’s Center for the Arts. The performances will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1:00 & 6:00 pm. Tickets start at $20 and may be purchased at UB Center for the Arts box office (open Tues.-Friday, noon-6 pm), or online at Eventbrite.com and search for Nutcracker. We hope you can come support our girls and enjoy the sounds and sights of the season!

Service Hours Due
Please remind your daughter that 10 Footprints Service Hours are due on Wednesday, December 11th. Forms are available on the website by going to the Student tab and clicking on Footprints Service.

District Bus Reminder
If your daughter does not take her district bus in the morning but will need it for the ride home, please be sure to contact your local school district transportation office to let them know she will be expecting the bus to pick her up at dismissal. If her district bus is late to pick up after dismissal, she can come to the Main Office who will contact the transportation office for her (note the Main Office is open until 3:45 pm).
Attention Pre-Calc. Honors and AP Calculus (AB & BC) Families
As of Wednesday, December 4th, from 3:30 to 4:30 each Wednesday in Room 104, Mrs. Jessica Emerling (formerly Miss Thrush) will be available for drop-in homework help. Please have students bring particular questions from assignments to go over with her. No sign up is necessary, just stop by if you can and would like to have some questions answered.

The Shark Shop
Let the Shark Shop help cross off items on your shopping list!  Shark Shop, located in the Athletic Center, will be open Monday, December 16 from 4-7 for any last minute shopping!

Tony Walker & Co.
SHA will be holding a Sandstone gift gathering parent at Tony Walker & Co. The event will take place on Sat., Dec. 14th from 11-2 pm. You can shop all the newest arrivals and if you purchase a gift to donate to SHA, you will receive 20% off your purchases. There will be 50% off select wines in the Grivani Wine Cellar and complimentary gift wrapping & free shopping. Cocktails & appetizers are compliments of Giancarlo’s. Please click on the link below to rsvp: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGypmF5sd9b5iFrVfFl7doDemn36Sjo_b0J-6SAhDxdHxi6w/viewform?mc_cid=81e6e3c81c&mc_eid=%5BUNIQID%5D

Notes - from the Music Department
The Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium. Come hear the seasonal music the students have been working on for you! It’s an excellent way to get yourself in the holiday spirit! This concert will feature all our Singers, Wind Ensemble, and String Ensemble students. All are welcome! Admission is free. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please note the following upcoming December events:
9 Wind Ensemble/String Ensemble to Roswell Park 9:30-10:30 am (WE, ST)
10 Theatre Class - Dress Rehearsal - after school (MT)
11 Advent Prayer Service #2 8:09-8:57 am
11 Chorale/Chamber Singers to M&T Gold Dome Holiday Series 12-1 pm (CH, CS)
12 Music Department Christmas Concert 7 pm (CS, CH, ST, WE, + extra-curricular)
16 Musical Theatre - Tech. Rehearsal 3-6 pm (MT)
17 Musical Theatre Class Showcase Night 7:15 pm (MT)
18 Advent Prayer Service #3 8:09-8:57 am
20 Mass - Christmas - last day before Holidays (CS, CH, ST, WE, MM)

Class of 2020 Senior Parents
Appropriate Attire - please see the attachment for details on the Appropriate attire for the Seniors for the prom, baccalaureate, alumnae masses and graduation.

Class of 2021 Junior Parents
The SHA Faculty & Staff cannot thank you enough for the wonderful lunch you provided us this week. The food was amazing and we were all still talking about how good everything was days later! Thank you to Susan Meyers and crew for all the hard work that went into coordinating this meal for us!
Class of 2020
Appropriate attire for Prom, Graduation, Baccalaureate, & Alumnae Masses

Below is a listing of appropriate attire for your Senior year ceremonies and events – Prom, Baccalaureate, Alumni Mass and Commencement 2020. Please make appropriate choices.

Baccalaureate Mass, and Alumnae Mass: Dress up!! Attire should be Modest and appropriate. Students who do not dress appropriately will NOT be able to participate in the ceremony. (Follow school uniform guidelines.)
- No strapless or spaghetti strap dresses
- No excessively short skirts or dresses
- No bare midriff or excessive cleavage are to be shown
- No low-slung pants
- No shorts
- No jeans – denim or corduroy
- No slits to thigh

Prom: Gowns should be selected with modesty and the following criteria in mind.
- No slits to thigh
- Strapless gowns may be worn if well supported
- No deep plunge openings back or front, nothing cut lower than the shoulder blades in back
- No sheer layered materials that reveal undergarments

Graduation: ALL DRESSES MUST BE APPROVED BY MRS. MODICAAMORE. YOU WILL SUBMIT A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WEARING YOUR DRESS.

- All selections must be WHITE – not ivory, not light pink, not embroidered with pastel or metallic threads or beads. (Beads must be white or clear.)
- All selections must have at least spaghetti straps – NO strapless gowns, nothing cut lower than the shoulder blades
★ Selections must be floor length or ankle length – nothing shorter. NO tea length dresses.
★ No slits to thigh
★ No deep plunge openings back or front, nothing cut lower than the shoulder blades in back
★ A white pant suit, with flowing pant legs, using the same guidelines is also acceptable.
★ DRESS SHOES must also be white. No gym shoes.
★ Photos are required prior to graduation to determine appropriateness

NOTE: If ordering a dress online, a picture must be provided prior to ordering the dress for approval by Mrs. ModicaAmore

Please see Mrs. ModicaAmore, Senior Class Moderator, if you have questions or need clarification regarding prom or graduation dresses.

Contact information: gmodicaamore@sacredheartacademy.org
CHRISTMAS DANCE 2019

General: Friday, December 20th / 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Information: Grapevine Banquets (former Hearthstone Manor)
333 Dick Rd., Depew, NY (391-1895)

Tickets: Cost $25 per person. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Academy. Tickets will be on sale from 7:30 am to 8:00 am in the front hall from November 18th to December 11th, however, no ticket sales will occur during Spirit Week. Tickets can only be purchased in the morning before homeroom. No tickets will be sold after December 11th. This is a “ticketless” dance. When you purchase your ticket, your name and your date’s name will be recorded by StuCo. You will receive two forms: a conduct form for you and your parents to sign as well as a permission form for your date. All forms must be returned to the Main Office by Friday, December 13th.

Dress Code:
Girls: Nice dresses, no excessive cleavage, bare midriffs or extreme slits, strapless OK, no super short dresses.
Boys: Collared shirt, tie, dress pants.

Arrival & Dismissal:
You must arrive by 8:00 pm. If you’re going to arrive later, you must turn in a note in advance that includes your name and date’s name, reason for late arrival and approximate time of arrival. Note must be signed by a parent and given to Miss D’Andrea by Fri., Dec. 13th. The dance ends at 10:00 pm. Students must stay until 9:30 pm. Please make arrangements for pick up by 10:00 pm. We must exit the building by 10:15 pm. Once you leave the dance, you will not be allowed back in.

Check-In:
You must check in before entering the ballroom. Please note: Your date must show a valid school ID. Look for sign with your class level and check in. If you get lost, etc. & will be arriving a few minutes late, call the Grapevine at 391-1895 and ask to speak with Miss D’Andrea. Anyone not checked in by 8:00 pm (other than those with notes) will have their home called to check on your whereabouts.

Belongings:
You are responsible for your personal belongings. Please note no backpacks are permitted.

Food:
Free pop, snacks and desserts will be available for everyone.

Guests:
Each SHA student is welcome to bring ONE guest. Guests must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade or a college student. High school students must bring a photo ID to be shown at check-in and must have a completed permission slip returned to SHA no later than Friday, December 13th to attend. College students attending must also bring a photo ID to be shown at check-in. They also need to sign the conduct form and provide a parent signature and an emergency contact, however, they do not need a school administrator’s signature.

CONDUCT
PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM YOUR DATE OF THESE RULES.

1. Your dates must show a valid school ID when you check in.
2. Once you enter the Grapevine, if you decide to leave, you will not be allowed back in.
3. No smoking/vaping anywhere – even in parking lot.
4. No alcohol or drugs.
5. Be respectful of Grapevine and its property. Try not to spill pop or drop food.
6. No standing on chairs or dancing on tables.
7. Do not touch the chandeliers or decorations.
8. No inappropriate behavior -- no public displays of affection, etc.

DANCING
No inappropriate dancing allowed. ABSOLUTELY NO SEXUALLY EXPLICIT DANCING ALLOWED!!! If an adult asks you to stop doing something inappropriate – stop it. If you don’t, your parents will be called and you will be asked to leave.

PLEASE NOTE – VERY IMPORTANT
The school drug and alcohol policy will be strictly enforced. If anyone is found to be under the influence, your parents will be called to come and remove you from the dance. Also, you and your parents will be expected to meet with Ms. Demert the following week and YOUR FUTURE AT SACRED HEART ACADEMY MAY BE IN JEOPARDY.

Dates found to be under the influence will have their parent/guardian contacted as well as their school administration so they can be disciplined according to his school’s rules and regulations.