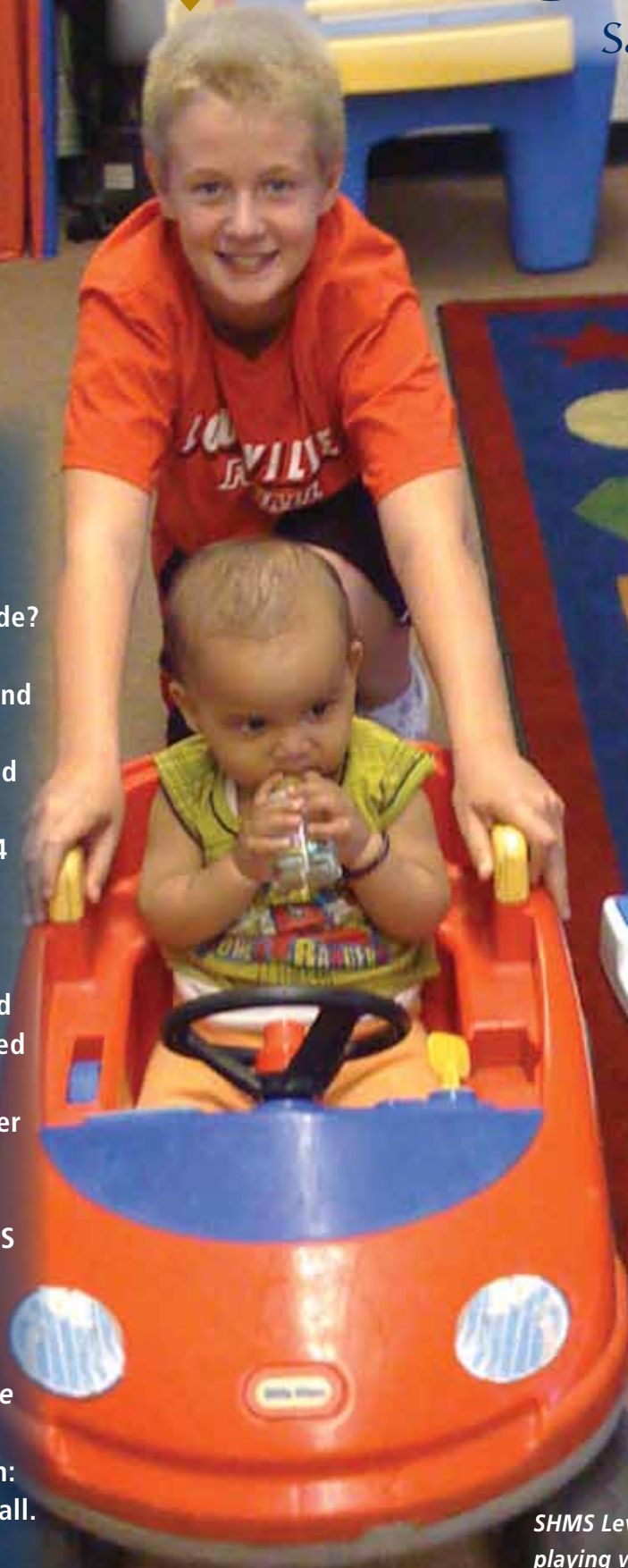




# The Link

Sacred Heart Schools

The entrance to the building looked normal to the Sacred Heart Model School Level 7 student. What could be so different about it on the inside? In one room were toddlers with names like New Moon and Mu Lei. They spoke Spanish, smiled continuously and loved the attention from the SHMS student. Students age 6 to 14 were in another room where the SHMS student used the chalkboard to teach them numbers in English. In a third room the SHMS student played with infants from Bhutan, Cuba, Vietnam and many other countries. One little boy was born without toes and had webbed fingers. But the SHMS student knew that the tot would be just fine. After leaving the Catholic Charities *English as a Second Language School*, the SHMS student confirmed her initial intuition: it was a normal school after all. See article, page 5



*SHMS Level 7 student Jackson Rice enjoyed playing with a toddler at the ESL School as part of the school's Students Helping Many Succeed stewardship program.*



We welcome this holiday season and the many opportunities that it brings. The students of Sacred Heart Schools have embraced the season by being living examples of the Ursuline Core Value of service. We recently completed a campus-wide toy and gift drive for the children of Kermit, W. Va. Our annual campus-wide food drive benefiting Kentucky Harvest and Dare to Care was again a huge success. The students, faculty and staff are constantly looking for ways to make a difference in the lives of others. For example, you will read in this issue about the new service initiative at Sacred Heart Model School.

Also in this edition, you will see the students across the campus continue to demonstrate excellence in all that they do—whether it is in the classroom, in athletics, in their artistic expressions or in serving our community. I am constantly amazed at the level of commitment and dedication that the students demonstrate as they pursue excellence.

I hope you have had the opportunity to visit our new website at [www.sacredheartschools.org](http://www.sacredheartschools.org). We hope to have the entire site up and running over the next six months. This new website design and the information it will contain will meet the needs of both our internal and external communities.


The *Ursuline United Capital Campaign* is making great progress. We are beginning to count down the last \$1 million left to raise toward our \$9.55 million goal. The construction on the elementary gym and Performing Arts Center (PAC) are on schedule with the gym to open in June 2009 and the new PAC to open in December 2009. The last remaining projects in the master plan include an additional Sacred Heart Academy (SHA) science lab renovation and the new front entrance to SHA.

As we strive to live out the Sacred Heart Schools' mission and vision, I want to thank you for your strong support of all the schools. This is such a special place, and with each day I continue to be in awe of the talent of students, the dedication of the faculty and staff, and the support of our families, alumni and friends.

In this time of thanksgiving, we are reminded that each and every student entrusted to us is a unique gift to our schools, and we are blessed to have such wonderful families and supporters of the SHS community. I wish you and your families a most blessed Christmas season.

St. Angela tells us, "God has so ordained from all eternity that those who for his honor are united in doing good enjoy every prosperity, and that what they do turns out well, because they have God himself and every one of his creatures in their favor."

Sincerely,



**Dr. Cynthia R. Crabtree**  
*President, Sacred Heart Schools*



Dr. Cindy Crabtree (left) and Dr. Beverly McAuliffe (right) congratulate Stephen and Peg Diebold during Interlude after it was announced that the couple held the winning ticket for the \$25,000 grand prize raffle.

## Interlude 2008: Thank you!

Thanks to the sponsors, donors and guests, the students of Sacred Heart Schools were the winners of *Interlude 2008*! Proceeds from the dinner/auction and \$25,000 raffle benefit Sacred Heart Academy, Sacred Heart Model School, Sacred Heart Preschool and Sacred Heart School for the Arts directly, making up part of each school's current-year budget.

**SHA parent Peg Diebold** was the lucky winner of the **\$25,000 grand prize raffle**. She purchased the winning ticket from her daughter, Chrissie '09. Other lucky winners were SHMS parent Mollie Turnier, who won the champagne sip and a pair of stunning diamond earrings, and SHA parent Maddy Smith, whose key unlocked the treasure chest to a diamond and sapphire bracelet.

## Diversity Matters

In 2007, as part of the Sacred Heart Schools strategic plan, SHS embarked on an in-depth study of where we stand in terms of diversity. The two-part study included a school self assessment and school climate survey. Faculty, parents, alumni and some students were involved in 10 discovery committees, and over 1,100 students at SHA and 7th and 8th graders at SHMS, trustees, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and alumni responded to the internet school climate survey.

Among our strengths, the study found: a growing awareness that the school needs to increase diversity in faculty and administration; it was a benefit to our campus for Sacred Heart School for the Arts to be a Mayor's Summer Camp; Sacred Heart Preschool has a diverse faculty; there is widespread buy-in to the value of diversity; and respondents believe values and character development matter to the SHS community.

Among our weaknesses the study found: The need for an endowment for financial aid; the need to attract more diverse faculty and administration; and the need to provide professional development for faculty and staff on diversity issues, such as bias, stereotyping, etc.

The study found the following priority concerns: students tease and make fun of others' appearance; students separate themselves from others; socio-economic status limits student participation; and athletes are treated with greater respect.

### What now?

Since the study, a number of steps have been taken to improve diversity, including: an in-service for faculty to deal with diversity issues; meeting with members of SHA's Diversity Team who brainstormed suggestions on the priority concerns; identifying ways to communicate the needs for a diverse community to our campus families; and researching programs and approaches to building a bully-free, inclusive school climate are being researched.

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Kimberly Caruso, chair of the SHA English department, was awarded a \$900 grant from National City through the **Fund for the Arts**. The grant will be used to offer a Shakespeare workshop to the junior English classes to accompany their study of *The Tempest*.

Sacred Heart Academy seniors Victoria Greenstone and Elizabeth Otting have been named Semifinalists in the 2009 **National Merit Scholarship Program**. Michelle Kelly, Rima Patel, Katie Scheid, Loah Stevens, J. Mari Lynn Thompson and Madeline Wright were named Commended Students.



*Loah Stevens, Rima Patel, Elizabeth Otting, Madeline Wright, J. Marie Lynn Thompson, Michelle Kelly, Victoria Greenstone and Katie Scheid*

SHA captured two state championships: its third consecutive in field hockey and its second straight soccer!

The SHMS boys Level 5/6 cross country team is **City Champion**, setting a city meet record with 15 points! William Mulloy (1st), Zach Carrico (2nd), Cole Buese (5th) and Trent Schulten (7th), led the team to victory.

The SHMS Level 5/6 volleyball team is the CSAA Division A **League Champions**.

The SHMS Level 7/8 Quick Recall Team completed their season undefeated and are **League Champions!** Tournament play is underway. The Level 6 team also made it to the tournament round.

The Level 7/8 field hockey team captured the **Acorn City Tournament championship**. The Acorn City League includes public, private and Catholic middle schools. The team finished the season with an impressive 10-0-1 record. The team is coached by Dana Craig and Stacey Rice.

The SHMS language arts department was awarded a grant from National City through the **Fund for the Arts** for \$1,000. The grant will enable Actors Theater to send published playwrights to SHMS to teach Level 7 and 8 students playwriting skills.

Sixty percent of the Level 7 students are eligible to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). These students scored at the **95th percentile or higher** on their standardized achievement tests!

Sacred Heart Preschool is offering a **new enrichment program** to Montessori 4-year-olds and kindergarten students and to Progressive pre-kindergarten students that will develop early literacy, artistic expression and scientific thinking. The students will also have the opportunity to perform community service and explore cultural diversity.

Sacred Heart School for the Arts was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the **Community Foundation of Louisville** for the school's proposed Improv for Education Program that involves using drama improvisation in working with at-risk middle and high school students.

Robert Greene, chair of the SHSA drama department, will appear in **Actors Theatre's** December production of *A Raisin in the Sun*.

Austin Clark, director of vocal music at SHSA, received a rave review for his season-opening **Bourbon Baroque** concert. Rachel Blanton is a performing member of the period instrument ensemble.

SHSA drama faculty member Kristi Papailler received enthusiastic reviews from the Courier-Journal for her starring performance in *Stop Kiss* at the **Bunbury Theater**.

SHSA's principal violin teacher, Rachel Blanton, and her Irish band, My Darling Asleep, have released a CD.

SHSA students Isaac Kresse and Clare Kresse will appear in **Actors Theatre's** production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Nicholas Perry and Daniel Varghese, violin students of Rachel Blanton, auditioned successfully for the **Louisville Youth Orchestra**.



*2008 Middle School Acorn League Champions. From left (front row): Lydia Payton, Jenny Nobles, Katrina Bajorinas, Natalie Clements, Katarina Armstrong, Christine Mindardi, Brooke Evans, Peyton Dickinson, Sarah Schank; (back row): Coach Dana Craig, Erin Keifer, Gabrielle Miller, Mary Grace Gormley, Summer Stevens, Hannah Osbourne, Jessica Schmidt, Hayden Wearren, Katherine English, Dr. Mary Beth Bowling (principal), Kennedy Jackson, Coach Stacey Rice. Not pictured: Maria Lenhardt.*



## SHMS: Students Helping Many Succeed

Stewardship and service to others is a year-round focus at Sacred Heart Model School. Parents felt that the students were missing something from the giving experiences they participated in, however, and wanted to take stewardship to a deeper level.

Patterned after the St. Patrick's Step-by-Step Student Stewardship Program developed by Susan Reuter, **Students Helping Many Succeed (SHMS)** was created. The parent-driven program researched community needs and identified organizations that were age appropriate as well as feasible partnering organizations:

- Level K: Homeless – St. Vincent DePaul
- Level 1: Recycling – Waste Management
- Level 2: Hunger – “Blessings in a Backpack”
- Level 3: Elderly – Ursuline Sisters
- Level 4: Special Needs – Churchill Park School
- Level 5: Sickness – Gilda's House
- Level 6: Children and Youth – Brooklawn
- Level 7: Refugees – Catholic Charities
- Level 8: Literacy – Field Elementary School

“Throughout our son's and daughter's years at Sacred Heart Model School this will allow them to learn about many areas of community need. We hope this will lead them to find their own passion in serving others,” said Diane Skaggs. “And as parents, we hope to gain insight into the many areas of need in our community and become active participants in stewardship service ourselves.”

After Level 3 learned about the Marian Home and about being an Ursuline Sister, the students also experienced an “Elderly Fair” and wore glasses smeared with petroleum jelly to gain an understanding of what it is like to have blurry vision. The class has now started making monthly visits to the Ursuline Sisters. Jackson Fuchs said, “I've learned that I should help the elderly and be patient because it is hard to do some things that they do.” Gracie Gainer, “I learned that the Sisters spend a lot of time with God.”

Before visiting Churchill Park School, SHMS parent Jamie Ramsay, a physical therapist, answered questions for Level 4 students about what they could expect to see and hear at the school and demonstrated ways to lovingly interact with special



*SHMS Level 3 students give their time to the elderly and visit with the Ursuline Sisters monthly. Shane O'Connor, Michael Hagerty and Anthony Mikos (clockwise, from top) have become fast-friends with Sr. Anthony and enjoy spending time with her.*

needs children. “I never knew that there were kids that can't walk or move very well. It makes me feel good that I can help someone. Now I know that there are people just like us, but with special needs,” said Halley Golliver.

The SHMS stewardship program exemplifies why the school continues to be the *model of excellence*. The program is teaching our students to live each day as good stewards and to serve others, rather than to be served. It is teaching our students from an early age the importance of being passionate and involved in the community. The SHMS faculty, staff, parents and students live the words of St. Angela Merici: *Be an example and a mirror in life for others.*

*I think a lot of us feel that the Holy Spirit is guiding our stewardship program.”*

–Jeanne Hammond, SHMS stewardship committee member

### Please welcome these new faces on campus

- Charles Adcock**, Sacred Heart Model School, Athletic Director
- Virginia Brown**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher Assistant
- Eva Chelf**, Sacred Heart Model School, Teacher
- Diobel Corrales**, Office of Administrative Services, Custodian
- Antoinette Crawford-Willis**, Sacred Heart School for the Arts, Artist in Residence
- Emily Gorman**, Sacred Heart School for the Arts, Teacher
- Jessica Gross**, Sacred Heart Model School, ASC Assistant
- Shelly Hunt**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher
- Erin McNevin**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher
- Jennifer Meirose**, Sacred Heart Academy, Teacher
- Vicki Schopmeyer**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher
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- Lindsey Smith**, Sacred Heart Model School, ASC Director
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- Lauren Stinnett**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher
- Kate Vangeloff**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher
- Dana Wheeler**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher
- Blake Wray**, Sacred Heart Preschool, Teacher Assistant



All productions will be at Sacred Heart School for the Arts, Angela Hall, bldg. 17 on the Ursuline Campus. For tickets, call 502.897.1816.

**Beowulf: User Friendly**

(co-production with Sacred Heart Model School) By Burton Bumgarner. Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado.

After an entire class fails an exam on "Beowulf", their stern teacher tells the class they must act out their own version of the epic poem in order to pass. The result is a hilarious modernized retelling of the tale, complete with reporters, video images and interviews.

Evening Performances  
Feb. 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m.  
\$5 for student/seniors \$8 for adults

**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters**

(Intermediate Drama)  
Based on the book by John Steptoe. Adapted for the stage by Priscilla Wood, OP and Carol Artery, OP

The classic retelling of a traditional Zimbabwean folk tale celebrates goodness, generosity and love. When a great African king desires a wife, only the most beautiful maidens in the land are invited to meet him. Mufaro's two daughters, Manyara, deceitful and selfish, and Nayasha, good and generous, go before the king. Will one of them win the king's heart?

Morning Performance  
Feb. 18 & 19 at 10 a.m. \$4 per seat

Evening Performance  
Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
\$5 for students/seniors \$8 for adults

Matinee Performance  
Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.  
\$5 for students/seniors \$8 for adults



The LYC holiday concert, **A Christmas Festival**, will feature SHSA harpists and Lascito Coro (LYC/SHA alumni choir) as guest artists. The concert will be **December 19 at 7 p.m. at 2nd Presbyterian Church**. For tickets, call 896-5859.

LYC **winter auditions** will be held on **Monday, January 5 from 5 to 8 p.m.** for singers in grades 4 – 12. Singers should be prepared to sing scales, sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" or "The National Anthem," and to clap rhythms. To schedule an audition, call 896-5859. Auditions are held in Angela Hall, bldg. 17.



**This Christmas, give the Gift of the Arts!**

- Beach-themed Winter Arts Sampler Camp (ages 4-8)
- Kindermusik
- Visual Arts
- Drama
- Music
- Dance
- New for adults: Ballroom Dancing!

Spring semester begins January 5. Registration is underway. For details, call 897-1816 or e-mail [lslaughter@sacredheartschools.org](mailto:lslaughter@sacredheartschools.org)



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A contribution now will immediately benefit the school of your choice and will demonstrate your recognition of the importance of stewardship. Making a tax-deductible gift before December 31 may also benefit you on your 2008 tax return. Make your gift by sending in the enclosed envelope or by going to [www.sacredheartschools.org](http://www.sacredheartschools.org). Click on Giving at the top of the page to make a secure online gift.

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For SHSA play dates, see page 6

**December**

- 1 SHA – Closed, Raffle Holiday  
SHA – Parent Assoc. Mtg., 7 p.m.
- 2 SHA – Noon Dismissal
- 6 SHA – Mother/Daughter Event, “Nonsense” and social hour, 7 :30 p.m.
- 7 SHSA – SHMS Beginning Band/SHSA Instrumental Ensemble Concert, Recital Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9 SHA – Noon Dismissal  
SHA – Open House, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- 10 SHA – Closed
- 13 SHA – High School Placement Test, 9 a.m.
- 14 SHA – SHA Choral Concert, Ascension Church, 6 p.m.
- 15 SHSA – Dance Dept. “Nutcracker” Party, Recital Hall
- 15-16 SHP-Montessori – Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
- 18 SHA – Noon Dismissal
- 17-18 SHP-Progressive – Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
- 19 LYC – “A Christmas Festival,” 2nd Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.  
SHA, SHSA – Closed  
SHMS – Noon Dismissal
- 22-31 SHA, SHMS, SHP, SHSA – Closed
- 23-31 OAS – Closed
- 29-31 SHSA – Arts Sampler Winter Camp, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**January**

- 2 SHA, SHMS, SHP, SHSA – Closed
- 5 LYC – Auditions, grades 4-12  
SHA, SHMS, SHP, SHSA – Classes Resume
- 10 SHA – High School Placement Make Up Test  
SHMS – Kindergarten Testing
- 19 Martin Luther King Day – Campus Closed
- 27 SHMS – All School Mass, 1:45 p.m.
- 28 SHMS – Open House, 8:15 to 10:45 a.m.
- 30 SHSA – Festival of Stars & Visual Art Exhibit, Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

**February**

- 1 SHMS – Alumni Mass & Brunch, Recital Hall, 11 a.m.
- 2-5 SHMS – Terra Nova Testing
- 13 SHA– Closed, Winter Break  
SHP – Mommy Tea, 9 to 10 a.m.
- 14 SHSA – Sampler Saturday
- 16 President’s Day – SHA, SHMS, SHP, SHSA – Closed
- 17 SHS Inservice – SHA, SHMS, SHP – Closed
- 18 SHA – Booster Club Mtg., 7 p.m.
- 23 SHA – PTS Conferences
- 24 SHA – Late Arrival, 9:30 a.m.

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Kathleen Browning

**Employee of the Quarter: Kathleen Browning, Sacred Heart Model School**

Anyone who has seen the art work of the Sacred Heart Model School students knows the school has a gifted art teacher in Kathleen Browning. Moreover, she is a gifted individual who exemplifies the Ursuline Core Values of community, reverence, leadership and service. Ms. Browning is willing to do extra work to collaborate on cross-curricular projects and campus-wide projects. “Ms. Browning is creative and engaging. She encourages all children to enjoy art regardless of their level of expertise,” said Dr. Mary Beth Bowling, principal of SHMS. “Ms. Browning also teaches visual art at Sacred Heart School for the Arts.

## URSULINEUNITED.

Two *Ursuline United* projects are no longer just a vision. The gym foundation has been laid, and the steel frame is expected to be completed by December. Meanwhile, in the Performing Arts Center, demolition of the interior is complete, the steel structure of the new balcony is erected, the orchestra pit has been poured, and a new stairwell and elevator shaft are under construction. Students eagerly await the opportunity to stretch their talents, whether in the gym or on the stage. The opportunity to perform in a grand Performing Arts Center or to play in a modern gym full of positive energy will undoubtedly boost the confidence and self-esteem of students of all ages and skill level. Families who have generously supported the *Ursuline United* Capital Campaign should feel enormous satisfaction for the

rewarding return they are receiving on their investment– the intrinsic joy of enriching the life of a child. If you have not yet made a gift, it's not too late. The last \$1 million of the \$9.55 million goal is still needed to fund our projects.

To learn more, contact Marsha Pierce at 502.896.8681, ext. 1510 or [mpierce@sacredheartschools.org](mailto:mpierce@sacredheartschools.org).



*As part of the 150th Amazing Journey, the **Ursuline Sisters are building a Habitat for Humanity House**. Construction at 921 S. Shelby Street – close to where the Ursuline Sisters began their ministry at St. Martin's and Ursuline Academy – began in November and is expected to be completed in March. In October, Sacred Heart Preschool – Progressive students William Kenney and Addison Vandermeer (pictured) wrote their names on wall frames that were being constructed at Ursuline Campus. Sacred Heart Academy and Sacred Heart Model School students also took part in the wall building event.*