# he Eagle's Nest



October 3, 2025



## Oktoberfest is Here!! (6)











We have a few \$500 Booth Sponsorships still available!



#### **Important Dates:**

Friday 10/10 and Monday, 10/13 School Fall Holiday NO SCHOOL

Thursday, 10/16 End of 1st Quarter

Tuesday, 10/21 Report Cards Emailed

Saturday, 10/18 Oktoberfest Festival



#### **FAMILY FUN**

Children's Festival! Saturday, October 18th! 11am-4pm

Join us for Games, Food, Prizes, Music & More! SACRED HEART SCHOOL 615 McDade St OKTOBERFEST!

Thursday, 10/23 Light of Faith Awards at Morning Assembly

Monday - Thursday 10/23-10/31 Sacred Heart Red Ribbon

Please Sign Up to Work Oktoberfest Festival: Click Here

As for me and my household, we

will serve the

Lord.

– Joshua 24:15



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## THE **POWER** OF **FAMILY PRAYER**

There is great power in prayer. Scripture gives us many examples of this: when the faithful gather to pray, the sick are healed, demons are cast out, and the dead are raised to life. Prayer is far more than spoken recitation or uplifting thoughts. As St. James reminds us, "the fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful" (James 5:16).

Even modern research affirms this power, as with studies that show how multiple brain regions activate when Carmelite nuns recall mystical experiences (Beauregard & Paquette, 2006). Prayer is not just communication with God—it is the very means by which we are united to Him. The late Fr. Patrick Peyton, founder of Family Theater Productions, famously said, "A family that prays together, stays together." The enemy of our souls desires nothing more than to divide our families, just as he did with the first family in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3).

Yet the family is the domestic church—the place where children first learn to pray, persevere in faith, and belong to the wider Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2685). If we truly want our households to remain faithful to God, then family prayer must be a priority.

#### THE STRUGGLE WITH SCREENS AND FAMILY TIME

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

St. Thérèse of Lisieux described prayer as "a surge of the heart, a simple look turned toward heaven." As Christians, even boredom can become an invitation to prayer, a moment to unite our hearts with Christ. Yet all too often, instead of lifting our eyes to God, we reach for the phones in our pockets. Instead of showing our children how to pray, we allow ourselves to be pulled away from family life. Many of us cherish childhood memories of faith, friendship, and family

rituals—getting ready for church, celebrating holidays, or simple traditions passed down through generations. Today, digital devices have replaced many traditional experiences of childhood, and children caught in the glow of a screens fail to learn fundamental skills. If we want our households to remain strong in faith and values, we must practice vigilance and intentionality—not only in how we use technology, but in how we model faith and love for God. As Proverbs 4:23 exhorts us: "With all vigilance guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life." Distractions, social media, and harmful content can subtly infiltrate our homes and undermine our faith. But by working together as families, we can resist manipulative technology and create routines that nourish both our faith and our domestic lives.

Prioritize Family and values. Delay Social Media. **Delay Smartphones. Phone Free School Day.** 



#### CREATING THE ROUTINE OF FAMILY PRAYER



The first step in establishing family prayer is to gather together and discuss when and how you will pray as a household. Christ counsels planning with care: "Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?" (Luke 14:28). To model this care and build a foundation, begin with simple practices such as praying before meals and bedtime.

The second step is to create a sacred space. We naturally display what we value—art, report cards, family photos—for all to see. In the same way, setting aside a small space for prayer shows our children and visitors that our faith is central. This can be as simple as an end table with a Bible, a crucifix, and a candle.

When deciding what to pray, it is better to do one devotion faithfully than to attempt many sporadically. Here are some suggestions to guide your family:

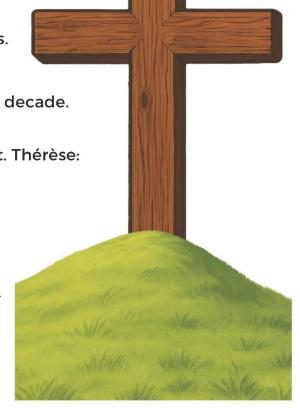
- Read a passage from Scripture and share your reflections.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- · Light an Advent wreath and reflect on Christ's birth.
- Pray the Rosary as a family, with each member leading a decade.
- · Take a family prayer walk.

Whatever your family chooses, remember the words of St. Thérèse: "What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love."

### **LET US PRAY**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and **lead us not into temptation**, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.



Smart Families is partnered with your church and/or school to educate, encourage and empower your community about the importance of delaying smartphones.

To learn more, visit <u>www.smart-families.org</u>

**Sources:** Beauregard M., & Paquette V. (2006). Neural correlates of a mystical experience in Carmelite nuns. Neuroscience Letters, 405, 186-190.



Sacred Heart Catholic School's 42nd Annual



Saturday, October 18th

# Oktoberfest

# Fun for the Whole Family

- SHOPPING Vendor Market Crafts, Food, Decor, Jewelry and more!
- Games, Prizes, Face Painting
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Bounce Houses, Pumpkin Patch
- Cake Walk and Sweet Treats

SHOPPING 11am -4pm | Tons of Food and FUN!



Family Festival 11am - 4pm





LIVE MUSIC & Entertainment

SHCS Campus: 615 McDade Street in Conroe

For More Information, please contact the school at 936.756.3848 or Mrs. Istre at bistre@shcstx.org







# OKTOBERFEST NEWS Oktoberfest is October 18th!

Order you Festival GAME TICKETS today... form below.

Sign Up to work a Booth at Oktoberfest:

Sacred Heart Catholic School: Oktoberfest Booths

Get Your Volunteer Hours in and have a Blast!

Complete your Oktoberfest Calendar Raffle and your students earn a Papa John's Pizza and Ice Cream Party at Lunch. Drawing will be Live at Oktoberfest 4pm.

THANK YOU for helping us make Oktoberfest a success!





10 CHANCES to WIN! Top Prize: \$2,000

Sacred Heart Catholic Schools Sacred Heart Catholic School 615 McDade St. Conroe, TX 77301		ÇK	( A DA	TE		
PRIZES  10 WINNERS TOTAL  1st: \$2,000.00 VISA GC		To	don	ate	/	
2nd: \$1,000.00 VISA GC  3rd - 5th: \$500.00 VISA GC  6th - 10th: \$250.00 VISA GC  Return By Wednesday		apple		2	3	4
HOW IT WORKS: Raffle Ticket = \$1 each	5	6	7 8	9	10	11
1.Pick a date you would like to Sponsor. 2. Pay that amount! EXAMPLE:	12	13	14 15 CALENDAR DUE	16	17	18 RAFFLE DRAWING
The 15th= \$15 AND 15 Raffle Entries YOU CAN PICK MORE THAN ONE DAY!	19	20	21 22	23	24	25
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Thank you for your support!



# Family Festival Tickets for 10/18/25 OKTOBERFEST TICKET PRE-SALE!!

- Now is the time to get your order in for the pre-sale Oktoberfest GAME tickets.
- Game Tickets are used for ALL games and concessions including festival food, drinks, BEER & WINE and the coffee/cake/cookie booth at Oktoberfest.
- Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each. However, if you order early, you receive 10 free tickets for every \$20 spent.
  - \$20 PRE-ORDER = 30 tickets
     \$20 DAY of OKTOBERFEST = 20 tickets
- The pre-order is only good in increments of \$20 and is **due no later than THURSDAY 10/16 AT 3PM**.
- Please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and send it, with payment or choose FACTs, in an envelope (Attn: Brandi Williams) to the front office.
- You can pick up your tickets at the TICKET BOOTH, **starting at 10:50 am** on OKTOBERFEST day, Saturday, October 18, 2025.

	FAMILY LAST NAME:			
CHILD's FIRST	`NAME:	PHONE #:		
AMOUNT TO BILL or ENCLOSED: \$				
Bill my FA	CTS account - Signatu	re:		
	For Office Use Only: Da	te Received:		
	FACTS Cash	Check #		



Tickets: \$1.00 each (\$20 = 20 Tickets)

GAME BOOTHS	Tickets	CONCESSIONS	Tickets
Can Can	1	Soda	2
<b>Bounce Ball</b>	1	Powerade	2
Chair Chute	1	Water	2
Football Throw	1	Chips/Cheez Its	1
Pumpkin Punch	1	<b>Cotton Candy</b>	2
Go Fishing	1	S S4: I	-
<b>Treasure Chest</b>	1	Sausage on a Stick	5
Kiddie Corner	1	Pork on a Stick	6
Kiddie Striker	1	Boba Tea Drinks	6
High Striker (adults)	2	Tacos / Fajitas (2)	6
Faux Pumpkin Painting	2	Turkey Legs	10
<b>Connect Four Game</b>	2	Pizza (In the Gym)	2
SHCS Jailhouse	2	Fruit Drinks	2
Cake Walk	2	Sno Cones	2
Candy/Soda Walk	2	Corn on the Cob	3
Toy Walk	2	Hot Dogs	3
Plant Walk	2	Fruit Cups	4
Crazy Hat Walk	2	Frito/ Hot Cheetos Pie	4
Face Painting	2	BEER	5
Crazy Hair Color	2	WINE	5
Giant Slide	2		3
Moon Walk w/ Double Slid	e 2	95 CP)	
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		Small/Medium Pumpkin	4
		Large Pumpkin	6



### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We couldn't make Oktoberfest happen without you!

Chuck and Shari Meloy THE ZABIK FAMILY Buzz and Kaye Meyer
Albert and Diane Madeley



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## **Donations Needed**



Cakes, Cupcakes, Cookies, and other sweet treats. Homemade or purchased with love.



## When/Where to Donate

Friday, Oct 17: At School Sat. Oct. 18: At the Cake Walk booth



## Why donate?

You'll help your school's fundraiser, and your child will earn a Jersey Day!

THANK YOU!- Oktoberfest Team



We are collecting

Mini Soda Bottles to help make the Soda Walk a success!

Please bring all Soda Donations to the Advancement Office Your child will earn a Jersey Day for the donation

(Please write your child's name on a sticky note when turning in the Soda)





Children's Festival - October 18, 2025 Games, Prizes, and Family Fun!

Hearts of Gold Gala: November 8, 2025 Dinner, Dancing, Auction and Live Band



☐ Underwrite Sponsorship - \$5,000

(Includes Dinner Table for 8 at the 2025 Hearts of Gold Gala Evening. Includes Specialized Individual Thank You Banner as well as Company Logo on Event Banner at the Children's Festival and all Print & Digital Media & 4 Oktoberfest T-shirts)

★Children's Festival ★Gala Entertainment
★Live & Silent Auction

□ Diamond - \$2,500

(Includes Entry & Dinner Table for 8 to the 2025 Hearts of Gold Gala. Also includes Company Logo on Event Banner for BOTH events, all Digital Media, and 2 Oktoberfest T-shirts)

□ Platinum - \$1,500

(Includes Company Logo on Event Banner at Children's Festival and all Digital Media, and 2 Oktoberfest T-shirts)

☐ Gold - \$1,000

(Includes Company Logo on Gold Banner displayed at Children's Festival)

☐ Silver/Booth - \$500

Sponsor a Booth - All sponsor signs will be displayed at the Children's Festival Booth's and included on a Silver Sponsor Banner.

#### Contact Information

Name (as you wish to be re	ecognized in print)	Website (if applicable)	
Contact Name	Phone	Email	
Address		State Zip	_

Please email/complete online or mail forms and sponsorship to: Sacred Heart Catholic School Attn: Mrs. Beth Istre - bistre@shcstx.org / 615 McDade Street Conroe, TX 77301 For questions: Please contact Beth Istre at bistre@shcstx.org or 936.756.3848











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To Complete Sponsor/Donation Information Online: Please visit www.shcstx.com/oktoberfest

# HEARTS GOLD CHURCH & SCHOOL GALA

#### Saturday, November 8, 2025 | 5:30 PM | The Springs Stonebrook Hall

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of Dinner, Dancing, FUN, and ENTERTAINMENT! Come celebrate with us and enjoy the Live and Silent Auction, OPEN BAR (Beer, Wine, Full Bar) ... AND Live Dueling Pianos with Drummer while supporting Sacred Heart Catholic School.

## RESERVE YOUR TABLE/TICKET TODAY

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□ I would like to Purchase an Event Ticket: \$150.00 each

ONLY 30 table

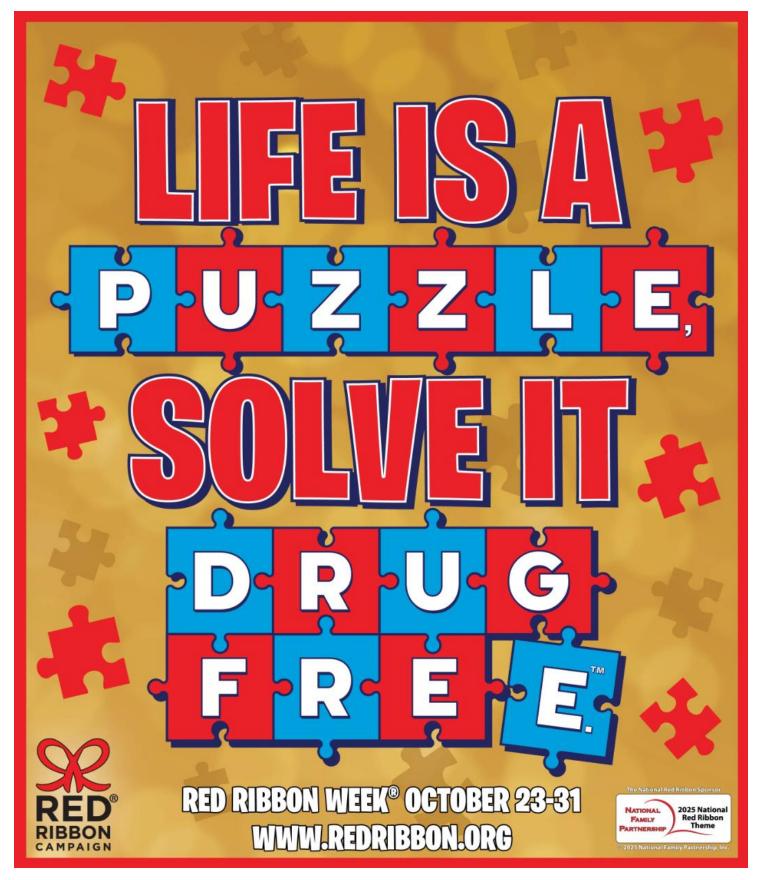
es are available. Checks can be made out to Sacred Heart School.
Family Name
Hearts of Gold Gala Table for 10 (\$1,000.00) Qty:  OPEN BAR INCLUDED: WINE, BEER, FULL BAR
SPONSOR A FACULTY TABLE for 10 (\$1,000.00) Qty:
Individual Ticket (\$150.00 each) Qty:
DINNER OPTION 1: Chicken Cordon Bleu Qty:
DINNER OPTION 2: Herb Crusted Beef Tenderloin Qty:
Bill my FACTS account - Signature:

For Office Use Only: Date Received:

FACTS \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_



Be on the lookout for Red Ribbon Week info to come!



# ENTER THE 2025 NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK® PHOTO CONTEST

Win An iPad & \$1,000 For Your School

# 2 WAYS TO ENTER WAYS TO WIN

#### ENTER

Families may submit a photo of a home decoration

Schools may submit a photo of a school or virtual school decoration

#### WIN

Receive the most votes in your Region for your entry

Receive one of the following Judges Awards:

#### Home Entries

- · Most Creative Home
- · Best Use of Family and Community
- · Best Use of The Theme
- Most Ambitious
- · Most Educational

#### **School Entries**

- Most Creative School
- · Best Use of School and Community
- · Best Use of The Theme
- Most Ambitious
- Most Educational

For more details and a list of terms and conditions, visit www.redribbon.org/contest



### **HOW TO ENTER**

#### Decorate

Decorate your **Home** front door, mailbox or fence with a (double-looped) Red Ribbon and this year's theme: "Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free."

Decorate your **School** with a (double-looped) Red Ribbon and this year's theme: "Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free."

#### Snap A Photo & Upload

Take a picture of your Red Ribbon decoration (preferably with people in it!) and upload to www.redribbon.org/contest. You must be 18 years old to enter, so parents (or for school entries, school staff or PTA members) must submit the photos.

#### Get Votes!

Ask your friends, family, colleagues and school contacts to vote for your photo on our website.

Entry Period Voting Period Winners Announced Oct. 1 - Nov. 1, 2025

Nov. 2 - Nov. 16, 2025

Dec. 5, 2025











Dear Sacred Heart,

We will once again be participating in Boxes of Joy. Empty boxes will be available for pickup at Morning Assembly and Dismissal the week of October 6, 2025. We will collect the filled boxes at Morning Assembly on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Lafleur with any questions: mlafleur@shcstx.org.

A \$9 donation is required and must be provided for each Box of Joy being sent. Families may submit one envelope with a consolidated donation amount if they are sending multiple Box of Joy gifts or **give online at boxofjoy.org**. \*\* This is the preferred way to give! \*\*





In addition to covering the shipping and handling of your Box of Joy from the Drop-Off Center to the destination country, a portion of this contribution supports the Catholic ministries serving in the child's community, enabling the ministries to have a greater impact on their lives!

Thank you and God bless you!

All donations will be used for the Box of Joy ministry. If more donations are received than needed for the Box of Joy ministry, the excess funds will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

# GIFT IDEAS

#### PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

#### TOY

#### Ball (deflated) with pump\*

Balloons Binoculars Cars or trucks Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

Doll\*

Finger puppets

Handheld toys

Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument

Jump rope Lego building blocks

Mini board games Mini puzzle

Small balls (tennis, etc.)

Small plush animals\*

Slinky

Unopened fast-food toys

Yo-yo

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

#### Coloring book\* Crayons\*

Erasers Flash cards Glue stick (no liquid) Notepads Pencil case

Pencil sharpener Pencils, colored pencils Pens, markers

Safety scissors Small board books Solar calculator

Stickers

#### **CANDY & GUM**

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

#### APPAREL

Bandanas Dresses\*

Flip-flops Hats

Plastic poncho

Socks Shorts

T-shirts\* Underwear

#### NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages Comb or brush

Cup or bottle with lid\*

Hand wipes Lip balm Manicure kit

Nail clippers or emery board

Toothbrush\*

#### ACCESSORIES

Barrettes Bracelets Earrings

Hair bands or headbands\*

Hair ribbons\* Necklace\* Purse or wallet\*

Scarf

Sunglasses\* Watch

#### USEFUL ITEMS

Cross or rosary Compass

Drawstring bag\* Sewing kit

Utensils

\*Highly desired items.

#### PLEASE DO NOT PACK

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Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, soap, perfume, etc.)
Food (anything with an expiration date) or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER\* • Medicine or vitamins
Anything with a battery • Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards



# Building a respect for Life from the ground up

LifeFirst would like to invite you to a one-time special event for an all-time cause - that of protecting and defending innocent life — on Friday, October 10th, from 6:30-8:30pm.

For more information, please visit <a href="www.LifeFirst.org">www.LifeFirst.org</a> and go to "Upcoming Events."

Night to Remember: A Powerful Night of a Music and Purpose

Don't miss this "Carnegie Hall" performance with internationally acclaimed composer and pianist, Eric Genuis.

Eric has performed across the globe, captivating audiences of all sizes with his dynamic artistry and emotionally rich compositions. His concerts are more than music, they're immersive experiences filled with storytelling, humor, and heartfelt connection. Expect to laugh, reflect, and be deeply moved. This is not just a concert. It's a soulful journey you won't want to miss. Visit <a href="https://www.ericgenuis.com">www.ericgenuis.com</a> to read more of his story.

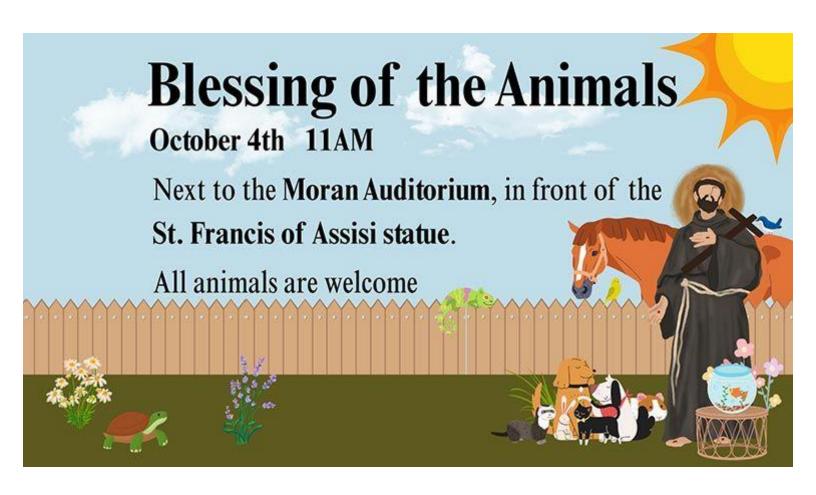
Presented in partnership with **LifeFirst**, this special event is dedicated to defending the dignity of human life—from the youngest among us to the elderly. Admission is free; however, please RSVP as food will be provided. There will be an opportunity to donate towards the ministry of LifeFirst.

Date: Friday, October 10

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Doors open and hors d'oeuvres served at 5:30 PM.

Location: WoodsEdge Church. 25333 Gosling Rd. Spring, TX 77389 Student Building







## 2025-2026 Eagles Open Gym Registration Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Coach Ely & Coach Dan will be hosting an open gym for prospective basketball players for both boys and girls. Dates are 7 October 2025 & 14 October 2025 from 3:30 to 4:45pm. There is **no cost** for Open Gym. However, form must be submitted prior to going to an open gym.

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rent Signature	 Date
All Physcials must be o	completed prior to the start of Open Gym
First Name:	Last Name:
D.O.B:	Gender: Male Female
Street Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number (Home)	(Cell)
E-mail Address:	
Previous Basketball Experience:	
MEDICAL INSI	URANCE & HEALTH INFORMATION
Insurance Company:	
Telephone Number:	Policy Number:
Allergies: Yes / No (Explan):	
Medical Concerns or Other Needs: \	Yes / NO (Explain)
EMERGE	NCY CONTACT INFORMATION
Name:	Relationship:
Telephone Number (Home)	Cell :
Name:	Relationship:
Telephone Number (Home)	Cell :



## 2025-2026 Eagles Basketball Registration

Submit this completed registration form to the school office by Friday, October 17, 2025. Please be reminded that an athletic fee (\$185) per sport is to be paid through FACTS.

Practice will begin Tuesday, October 21, 2025.					
Parent Signature	 Date				
	eted prior to the start of practice.				
First Name:	Last Name:				
D.O.B:	Gender: Male Female				
Street Address:					
City:	Zip Code:				
Telephone Number (Home)	_ (Cell)				
E-mail Address:					
Previous Basketball Experience:					
MEDICAL INSURANCE	& HEALTH INFORMATION				
Insurance Company:					
Telephone Number:	Policy Number:				
Allergies: Yes / No (Explan):					
Medical Concerns or Other Needs: Yes / NO (Explain)					
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION					
Name:	Relationship:				
Name: Telephone Number (Home)	Relationship:				

Cell:

**Telephone Number (Home)** 

# Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring the love and care of Jesus to the poor.



To become a Vincentian follow the QR Code →









# FALL INFO SESSION & SAINT DRESS UP CONTEST

REFRESHMENTS | FELLOWSHIP | FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Join us to learn about an exciting marriage enrichment opportunity and have your kids dress up as their favorite saint for a contest!



RSVP HERE

For questions, contact Isabel Castro at isabelcm1111@gmail.com SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 5:00 - 8:00 PM

SACRED HEART ARCHANGEL HALL

