

# The Eagle's Nest



Educating Mind + Heart + Spirit

January 12, 2026



It's time for Steps for Students  
and our BIG Raffle!!



1st prize

2026 Star EV Lifted Golf Cart.



**E-Rate Forms Due Back on Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

E-Rate Forms were sent home with the youngest student in each family Monday, 1/12/26.

## Important Dates:

**Tuesday, 1/13**  
NWEA Testing

**Wednesday, 1/14**  
PTO Meeting 8:15AM  
Please Join Us!

**Thursday, 1/15**  
Science Fair

**Sunday, 1/18**  
Mother / Son at  
Main Event

**Monday, 1/19**  
Student Holiday

**Wednesday, 1/21**  
Teacher for the Day  
(Gala Auction Winners)

**Thursday, 1/22**  
Light of Faith Awards  
© Morning Assembly

**Sunday, 1/25 - 1/31**  
Catholic Schools Week  
Book Fair Open

**Tuesday, 1/27**  
Donuts with Dads

**Friday, 1/30**  
Grandparents Day  
(Mass & Brunch)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

# SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED



WE INVITE SCIENTISTS,  
ENGINEERS, HEALTHCARE  
PROFESSIONALS,  
RESEARCHERS, AND  
STEM EDUCATORS TO  
VOLUNTEER AS JUDGES  
FOR OUR UPCOMING  
SCIENCE FAIR.

## JANUARY 15

AS A JUDGE, YOU WILL:

- EVALUATE STUDENT SCIENCE PROJECTS
- ASK THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS
- ENCOURAGE CURIOSITY AND SCIENTIFIC THINKING
- HELP STUDENTS GAIN CONFIDENCE IN THEIR WORK

NO PRIOR JUDGING EXPERIENCE  
REQUIRED—JUST ENTHUSIASM FOR  
SCIENCE AND LEARNING!

**SIGN UP TO JUDGE TODAY**  
**[AFREUND@SHCSTX.ORG](mailto:AFREUND@SHCSTX.ORG)**



Educating Mind † Heart † Spirit



## Sacred Heart Mother & Son Bowling 2026

**Date of Event:** Sunday, January 18, 2026

**Location:** Main Event in the Woodlands

**Time:** 2-4 PM \*\* The event runs from 2:00–4:00 PM, and guests may arrive at any time during that time and enjoy one hour of bowling.\*\*

**Price:** \$20 per participant (example \$40 for a mom and son), price includes: 1 hour of unlimited bowling (including bowling shoes), 2 slices of pizza and drink, Access Card to play in the arcade area after bowling

**Additional Information:** Please send in your RSVP by Thursday, January 15, 2026.

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Please return this form and money to your child's homeroom teacher by

**Thursday January 15, 2026.**

*Child (ren) Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Grade (s):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Homeroom Teacher (s)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mom's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amount Enclosed:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature to Bill by Facts:* \_\_\_\_\_



Dear SHCS Families,

Welcome to the 2026 Steps for Students FUNdraiser and our SHCS RAFFLE!! The students have enjoyed our raffle being part of Steps and the prize levels, so we will continue to incorporate our main Raffle with Steps for Students and our local Color Fun Run at Sacred Heart!

Enclosed are your family's 2026 RAFFLE TICKETS. Our primary goal is to achieve 100% family participation! We are truly appreciative of your family's support, and we ask that you sell 10 raffle books as a family. If each family sells 10 raffle books, we will meet our fundraising goal and continue to make our SHCS classrooms and campus thrive!

The 2026 raffle prize list is AMAZING, and they can be found on each ticket stub. Ticket prices are \$15 each or a book of 5 tickets for \$40. **There are outside sales scheduled at our Sacred Heart Masses to give everyone the opportunity to increase their sales. A Sign-Up Genius will be emailed to sign up for Mass Raffle Sales.**

### **2026 INCENTIVES FOR SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS**

The 2026 Sacred Heart Custom Steps for Students T-Shirt is earned at Level 2 on the Steps Incentives. Once your child earns their T-shirt, they may wear it every Thursday with jeans or uniform bottoms until our **Color Run on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>!**

### **STUDENT INCENTIVES**

Please refer to our *Steps for Students Color Run Incentives Sheet* for details. Incentive levels include fun items such as bag tags and keychains, as well as exciting experiences like Shout-Out Yard Signs for the Color Run racecourse, Whataburger lunch at school, a movie theater field trip, and an Astros game with Chico! At each level, students also earn bags of color for the SHCS Color Run on **February 26, 2026.**

### **CLASS INCENTIVES**

**CLASS GOAL:** Classes who reach 100% student registration by registering online for Steps for Students will **EARN** a Pizza Party! **TOP SELLING** class awards (*max. 1 per class*) will also be awarded as listed below.

#### **Top Overall Class PK - 8<sup>th</sup>**

WINS a Chick-fil-A lunch with extra recess & a Bag of Color for the Color Run per student.

**Top Lower Class:** PK – 3<sup>rd</sup> WINS an Ice Cream at lunch & a Bag of Color for the Color Run per student.

**Top Upper Class:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> WINS an Ice Cream at lunch & a Bag of Color for the Color Run per student.

### **OUTSIDE MASS SALES – See Sign-up Genius!**

You can return raffle ticket stubs with money into the office daily. Be sure to have sellers name written so you can receive credit. If someone is paying by check, please have them make it out to Sacred Heart Catholic School with Raffle written in note section.

**SH Color Run & Raffle Drawing: Thursday, February 26, 2026**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND HARD WORK!!!**

# STEPS FOR STUDENTS 5K RUN/WALK



RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL



REGISTER for Steps AND Color Run: [Sacred Heart Catholic School - Conroe - Steps for Students 5K](#)

Share your Online Page with Family and Friends to support your Run! Have FUN!!

## LEVEL 1



PER CHILD



REGISTER for Steps for Students Online.

Choose your PRIZE from the Table 1 and Earn your Sunglasses for the Color Run!

PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!

## LEVEL 2

PER FAMILY



Sell 5 Books of Raffle Tickets

Choose a PRIZE from Table 1 and Earn your SHCS CUSTOM T-SHIRT (to wear EVERY THURSDAY Until the Color Run)

PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!



## Color Fun Run at School!

February 26th

## LEVEL 3

PER FAMILY



Sell 10 Books of Raffle Tickets Choose your PRIZE From Table 2. (Includes level 1&2)

PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!

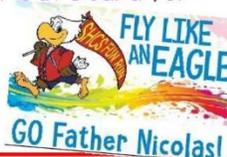
## LEVEL 4

PER FAMILY

Sell 20 Books of Raffle Tickets

Choose a PRIZE from Table 2 and each student earns a Race Shout Out Board for the Color Run Race Day! (Includes level 1,2&3)

PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!



FUN Prizes and Bags of Color at each level!

Sacred Heart CONROE Walk and Color Run: Thursday, February 26th

Houston Steps 4 Students Run (Sacred Heart will have a Tent): Sat. 2/14/26

## LEVEL 5

PER FAMILY



Sell 25 Books of Raffle Tickets Choose your PRIZE from Table 3. Wear any SHCS T-Shirt with Jeans/Uniform Bottoms every Thursday until the end of the school year! (Includes level 1,2,3&4)

PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!

## LEVEL 6

PER FAMILY



Sell 30 Books of Raffle Tickets Choose your PRIZE from

Table 4. Also, Earn an entry into a drawing for 1 student free registration for 2026-27 school year! (Includes level 1,2,3,4&5) PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!



## LEVEL 7



Sell 40 Books of Raffle

Tickets Students earn a Field Trip during school including lunch and a Movie at The Grand theater.

(Includes level 1,2,3,4,5&6) PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!



## LEVEL 8

PER FAMILY



Sell 50 Books of Raffle

Tickets Students earn a Field Trip with Chico to an ASTROS Home Game at Minute Maid Park! (1 parent ticket included with each family)

PLUS: 1 BAG of COLOR for the COLOR RUN!



All monetary donations will be counted toward each family total in increments of \$40 = 1 raffle book



**“Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.”**  
**Catholic Schools Week 2026**  
**Sacred Heart Catholic School**  
**January 25, 2026 – January 30, 2026**



*My hope is in you. Psalm 39:7*

**Sunday, January 25th**

**We come together as one body in Christ to worship with our parish family.**

**Attire: Mass Uniform**

- 10:00 a.m. Mass

**H – Holy Spirit**

**Monday, January 26th**

**We gather to pray for our country.**

**Attire: Uniform shirt with jeans**

- Pray the Patriotic Living Rosary as a school community

**O – Obedient**

**Tuesday, January 27th**

**We are called to serve in our community as Jesus called us to do.**

**Attire: Spirit Shirt with jeans**

- Works of Mercy Day
- Special treat provided to the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Birthday Bags
- Opening Day for Book Fair
- Donuts with Dads

**P – Prayer**

**Wednesday, January 28th**

**We are called to pray for God's purpose for our lives and vocation**

**Attire: A Religious t-shirt with jeans** Pray for those who have answered God's call to serve Him in the religious and consecrated life.

- Spiritual Bouquets for our seminarians

**E – Evangelize**

**Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**We love to create more memories with our teachers, staff, students, and volunteers**

- **Attire: Dress in your PJs.** Teacher Olympics and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs Teachers Volleyball Game
- Book Fair open until 4:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 30th**

**We treasure our Sacred Heart family.**

**Attire: Mass uniform**

- Book Fair
- Grandparent's Mass and Reception -This is a normal Mass with the addition of the Chimes Elective playing a meditation song after Communion. It will be organized chaos since the students are allowed and encouraged to sit with their grandparents. Teachers need to be mindful of those without grandparents and plan to sit with them. After Mass, grandparents and students will walk back to school together for pictures, brunch, and book fair shopping. Students without grandparents return to their classrooms. Donuts or some type of treat will be delivered to them in their classrooms.
- Special Notes written by students to their families and teachers
- STREAM project



YOU'RE INVITED TO SHCS  
SACRED HEART  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



▶ **Donuts**  
**With Dad** ▶

▶ **Tuesday, January 27th** ◀

▶ **8:00-10:00 AM** ▶

▶ **Donuts and refreshments will be provided!**

▶ **Sacred Heart Gymnasium** ▶

▶ Please RSVP, [tallen@shcstx.org](mailto:tallen@shcstx.org) / 936.756.3848





**HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!**

**Please Join Us for our Annual Grandparents Day Celebration**

**Friday, January 30, 2026**

**8:00AM – 10:30AM**

Sacred Heart Catholic School

615 McDade Street

Conroe, Texas 77301

Seating will begin in the Church at 8:00 a.m. and your grandchildren will join you and sit with you for Mass. Please join us for a reception in the school Gymnasium and visit the Sacred Heart Book Fair in the Library.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 26, 2026, to [tallen@shcstx.org](mailto:tallen@shcstx.org)/936.756.3848



**BOOK  
FAIR**

**JANUARY 26 - 30TH**



# "BUY THE BOOK" BOOK FAIR

**WHEN:**

**JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 30**

**WHERE:**

**SACRED HEART LIBRARY**

**SHOPPING HOURS:**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**TUES., WED. & THURS.**

( student shopping times  
during library time

**DONUTS WITH DAD:**

**Tuesday, Jan. 27th  
8:15-9:00 a.m.**

**DADS:** Be sure to check in with the Front Office  
to visit the Book Fair after Donuts!

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

**SPECIAL SHOPPING EVENT**

**AFTER MASS ON JAN. 30**

**9:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR NEW LIBRARY BOOKS!**

**CASH, CREDIT CARD,**

**OR "BUY THE BOOK" GIFT CARDS**

**To Purchase "Buy the Book" Gift Cards**

visit the store at  
25162 Grogans Park Dr.  
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

or

**purchase eGift Cards at**

<https://squareup.com/gift/ACK1XWPGQ4J9H/order>

**Book Fair  
Selection  
will include:  
New Books  
Used Books  
Gift Items**

**Tax Rate:  
8.25%**

**Purchase  
eGift Cards  
for students  
and/or  
teachers**



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 YEARBOOK SALE

Our online store is live and ready to take your order for the 2025-2026 SHCS Yearbook. Please keep in mind that our school yearbook delivery is during the summer.

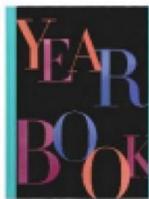
### Sale Dates:

Now-February 1<sup>st</sup> \$35

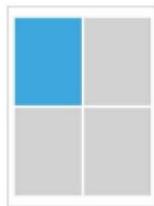
February 2<sup>nd</sup>- May 29<sup>th</sup> \$40

Any questions please send an email to [marilynmitb@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynmitb@hotmail.com) with subject line- Sacred Heart Yearbook.

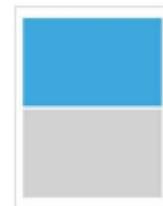
The following items are currently available in our online store:



Yearbook Only Package  
\$33



¼ Page Ad- Create Online  
\$35



½ Page Ad- Create Online  
\$75

***\*\*Purchase a personalized Ad for your student(s). What a special keepsake! Add a personalized message and picture. When purchasing an Ad, at the checkout screen you will be asked to sign in/create your own account. You will need to complete this step so that you will be able to create your Ad after payment.***

**[Scan the QR code or visit the link below to place your orders!](#)**

<https://www.balfour.com/texas/conroe/sacred-heart-catholic-school>



# EDUCATION rooted in FAITH



LEARN MORE: [CHOOSECATHOLICSCHOOLS.ORG/TEFA](https://CHOOSECATHOLICSCHOOLS.ORG/TEFA)

## Applications Open Soon!

Beginning February 4, 2026, parents can submit applications for the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program. Education freedom accounts are designed to open doors, expand opportunities, and give each Texas child the chance to learn in the environment that fits them best.

First awards will be available to participating children for the 2026-27 school year.





## TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

### Introducing Texas Education Freedom Accounts

In 2025, the Texas Legislature passed [Senate Bill 2](#) and provided \$1 billion in funding to create the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program and give parents greater freedom and flexibility in choosing the best educational environment for their children.

The TEFA program, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, is expected to be the largest day-one school choice initiative in the nation. Through this program, parents who choose to enroll their children outside of the public school system – including a private school or homeschool – and are accepted into the program can use their child's TEFA funds to pay for [approved education-related expenses](#) through the program marketplace.

### Eligibility and Participation

To be eligible, the parent must provide proof that the child:

- ✓ Is a citizen or national of the United States or lawfully admitted into the United States.
- ✓ Is eligible to attend a public school or open-enrollment charter school or be eligible to enroll in a public or open-enrollment charter school's pre-K or kindergarten program.
- ✓ Resides in the state of Texas.

If accepted into the program, the child will remain eligible to participate until the child graduates from high school, is no longer eligible to attend a Texas public school, charter school, or pre-K or kindergarten program, enrolls in a Texas public or charter school, or moves out of the state of Texas.

**"For families who are eligible to apply, we strongly encourage you to apply for the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) also.**

Children are eligible to participate if they are U.S. citizens or legal residents and are eligible to attend a Texas school district or open-enrollment charter school or pre-K program, including children of active-duty members of the U.S. armed forces.

Any Texas parent may apply for their child: "Parent" is defined as a Texas resident who is a natural or adoptive parent, managing or possessory conservator, legal guardian, custodian or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a child."

#### Recent updates:

- The Texas Comptroller has announced that the student application period will be FEB. 4, 2026, through MAR. 17, 2026. Families must apply during this timeframe.
- Families will be notified if they are awarded funds beginning the first week of April 2026.
- Families who decline funds will enable families who have been waitlisted to receive funding. Waitlisted families will be notified of funding sometime after April, and may be notified as late as the summer.
- The standard amount of funding awarded per child will be \$10,474.
- The amount awarded for children with disabilities will be stated in their award notification received in April, based on the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) on file with the Texas Education Association (TEA), and completed by their school districts.
- Funds are limited so it is important for parents to apply during the application period.