

Sacred Heart School

October 15th, 2021

The Four Pillars of Virtue

Sacred Heart is a virtue based school. We teach virtue as child development, as discipline and as classroom management. All virtue is based in love and in the basic belief that God is love and God desires for each of us to have eternal life in the kingdom of Heaven. So what does that teaching of virtue look like? Each morning, we gather as a school to pray together and to find strength and courage to conquer each day. The students are reminded how much God loves each one of them and because of that love, they are capable of great love for themselves and for each other. This love, makes virtue much easier.

As we move through the year, the students learn to speak the language of virtue.

1803- Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."62

A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself." The Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church divides virtue into 4 pillars which make a lot of sense to the human brain. We are spending time this week introducing each pillar to the students and they are already comprehending the importance of each pillar.

Prudence (right thinking)- Learning to control your own mind and thoughts. Common sense. We show the students the importance of taking a moment to think about something. "Would you like to think about that?"

Temperance (telling the truth)- What did you and God decide really happened? Life is messy and we can easily get caught up in our own narrative to protect ourselves from facing reality. But when we talk to God about our mistake or hurt, we can find the truth easily and live in that truth. This is always followed by mercy and love.

Fortitude (finish what you have started) There is no doubt that in order to practice virtue, each of us will need courage. Fortitude is the strength that God will give to us when we cannot see how a perceived mess will all work out. But God can see. When we learn to put our faith in God, in all things, courage will follow.

Justice (we are equal) God loves you! He made you to be a special gift, with special super powers, that only belong to you. But, He also made the person next to you with the equal gifts and super powers. We respect our gifts from God AND we equally respect the gifts and super powers of others.

As you know, there are many virtues to develop in each pillar. We learn about, practice, and develop virtue all year long. Our mission is to imprint virtue on our students so that they will never doubt the divine greatness that makes them special and to share this greatness with everyone.

God Bless,

Anne Atkin, principal

Fortitude

Prudence

Temperance

Justice

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 21st– 3:00-6:00

October 22nd– 12:30-3:00

We Are Excited to Talk to You!

We will meet in person this year and would like to keep each conference to no more than 15 minutes to share progress in the classroom, meeting the mission of the school and NWEA test results.

Call or email Stacy Parker to set up your appointment to talk to your child(ren)s teacher.

sparker@sacredheartudson.org

Or call the school @448-6405



Logan Tzdora	1st	Oct. 3rd
Jaysę McMillan	1st	Oct. 30th

A Huge Thank You to Ben Fountain and the Hudson Fire Department!

We really enjoyed learning about fire safety and how the equipment on the fire truck can be used to put out a fire. And save lives.

Upcoming Events.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 21st– 3:00-6:00

Oct. 22nd– 12:30-3:00

Oct. 22nd– 1/2 Day of School. Dismissal at 11:50. No Beyond the Bell.

Oct. 23rd– Trunk or Treat. Church Parking Lot. 6:00-7:30.

Oct. 29th– 1/2 Day of School. Halloween Parties in the classrooms. Dismissal at 11:50. No Beyond the Bell.