



SHS Library



Welcome to Library for the 2019/2020 school year. A warm welcome to new students, and welcome back to returning students. With a school theme that reminds students that they truly are **GOD'S MASTERPIECE**, I savor the opportunity to reinforce this truth through the pages of children's literature.

By way of introduction, my name is Mrs. Chris Moore. My husband, Mike, and I have been proud Sacred Heart Parish members for 38 years. Up until the 2010 school year, we were also very proud to hold the title of the "oldest family in Sacred Heart School" having had one or more of our six children enrolled every year since 1987. As our children have now long ago graduated, we have sadly relinquished that cherished title, however, we've not yet officially left as this is now my 12th year as librarian in this wonderful school, and I am once again accompanied by another treasured grandchild now attending. I share this with you only to assure from personal experience as a longtime parent, that SHS has had a profound impact on our lives!

Because childhood is so impressionable and formative, and yet so brief, a child has less time for the mediocre. My goal is to put into their hands books worthy of them, even if that means limiting their choices "somewhat" so as not to betray the rich inheritance of children's literature. Children will be taught literary standards which should underlie all good book selections, whether they are books of historical fiction or fairy tales. Critical thinking skills to "judge a good book, NOT just by its cover" will be introduced.

Fortunately, that goal of putting worthy books into students' hands has been greatly realized thanks to proceeds from PTO donations, as well as our yearly BOOK FAIR. Our SHS Library now has in their possession, a copy of every single Caldecott Gold Book ever published, from the very first awarded back in 1938 up until last year's brand new 2019 Gold Medal Winner. This is quite a unique accomplishment.

Strategies of learning include weekly book checkout, storytelling, dramatic play, puppets, flannel boards, as well as participation in bookmark contests, discussions of various authors and illustrators, and exposure to a variety of reading genres from fiction to non-fiction. Care and use of library materials will be modeled, as well as knowledge of many library skills. Please visit our [LIBRARY WEBSITE](#) in the [GREEN ENVELOPE](#) to click on links for info on [GRADING POLICIES](#) as well as info regarding our "[BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB](#)."

Finally, because we are a Catholic School Library, Bible stories, religious biographies, and stories on the lives of the saints, will be included during Library Period. It is my firm belief that Sacred Heart School will continue to challenge your children to live up to their full potential, each being confident of truly being **GOD'S MASTERPIECE!**

**"LET OUR FAITH BE NOT JUST A BOOK ON THE SHELF,
BUT THE VERY BOOKCASE ITSELF!
EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON IT!"**