

## Welcome to our 100<sup>th</sup> Year!



Welcome back to a new school year! We had a great prayer service and open house last week. It was good to see all the kids and parents excited for a new school year. We also had about 400 people attend our school picnic this past Sunday. Thanks to the Knights and the Athletic Department for donating their time and food. Our 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Committee did a great job in organizing the event, and a good time was had by all who attended.

Our first day is now behind us and we are back in the swing of things. We were all amazed and shocked during our all-school assembly this morning when we had a surprise visitor show up on a motorcycle. Who on earth would interrupt my important speech to the students on the first day of school? It was none other than Father Dave! What a way to make an entrance! Father Dave welcomed us all back to school and gave us a blessing to start the year.

As we go through this 100<sup>th</sup> year of our school, I will share some interesting facts with you from time to time. For example, have you ever wondered why the parish preschool is called Sacred Heart Preschool? Actually, even our K-8 school wasn't always called St. Columbkille School. Even though we were the school for St. Columbkille Parish, we started in 1916 as Sacred Heart Academy in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Whom our priest at that time, Father Hoheisel, had a special devotion. Our preschool adopted the name Sacred Heart Preschool to continue our history and tradition of honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our K-8 school did not become St. Columbkille School until 1978 when we changed our name to establish a closer identity with the parish.

In His service,

Jim Makey  
Principal