

We hope you are enjoying a relaxing and healthy summer. We are very busy getting ready for an exciting school year and can't wait to have the building full of eager students. WE ARE EXPECTING THAT MANY OF OUR CLASSROOMS WILL BE FULL FOR OUR 65TH SCHOOL YEAR! As you read through the Newsletter, you will discover some exciting changes this year. Along with all the blessings our size brings, we also share some challenges. For our students, one of our strategies is to "divide and conquer" so that we continue to create the feel of a small school. The challenge also extends to parents. How do you get to know other parents? I can guess that you already know the answer—volunteer!

You will be invited to participate in many different activities, and I encourage you to jump in. The school's Street Dance and parish Chicken Dinner on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8 are two great ones, and they both require a lot of volunteers. To sign up, please go to www.sacredheartschool.us and click the link for SignUp Genius. It is very easy! We hope to see you there!

CARDINALS ROCK! (*Respect Others with Christian Kindness*) is our theme for the 2018-2019 school year. The first day of school will be Wednesday, July 25. School hours are 7:45 am to 2:45 pm. Students may enter the building as early as 7:00 am. Students arriving to homeroom after 7:45 am will need to stop in the school office and receive a tardy slip. We will follow a regular schedule for grades K-8 on the first day and students in grades K-8 should be in school uniform.

You are welcome to join us for the Opening Liturgy which will be at 8:30 am on Friday, July 27. **THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS TO SIT WITH THEIR CHILD'S CLASS DURING MASS.**

PARENTS of NEW STUDENTS to Sacred Heart Catholic and all Preschool and Kindergarten students are asked to attend "**Sacred Heart Catholic 101**", an introduction to your partnership with Sacred Heart Catholic. This meeting will be on Monday, July 16 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria, and is an important step in preparing to get the most from your child's Sacred Heart Catholic education. During the second half of the meeting, Preschool and Kindergarten parents will meet with their child's teacher in their classroom. Parents of new students in grades 1-8 will stay in the cafeteria and meet with Mr. Barlag. The school, including the office, will be closed from Wednesday, July 18 through Friday, July 20 for our school staff's in-services. Regular office hours, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, will resume on Monday, July 23.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is Monday, July 23 at 6:00 pm. Our fantastic PSTS has several exciting things planned for this evening. School supplies can also be dropped off in your child's classroom at this time, this way supplies will be in the classrooms ready for the first day of school. If you feel the need to drop off supplies other than on Back To School Night, the classrooms will be open during the days on Monday and Tuesday before the first day of school. Please keep in mind that teachers will be very

busy with meetings and getting classrooms ready, so they will not be available for student conferences during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

FIRST DAY REMINDERS: Car riders may be dropped off along the sidewalk on Martha Ave. In the morning, please pull up as far as you can toward the end of the sidewalk. For your safety and for the safety of all children: **Let your child exit the car on the passenger side only.**

Morning Drop Off: Please DO NOT pass a stopped car, and only let the children exit on the passenger side of the door. Do not park on the opposite side of Martha Ave or in front of the school building. If you are walking your child into school, please park your car in marked spaces in the front church parking lot and carefully walk your child on the church sidewalk.

Afternoon Pick Up: Afternoon pickup is at 2:45 pm, please park your car in the marked column, and walk to the teachers along the back of the school to pick up your children. **ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE CAR RIDERS WILL WAIT WITH THEIR TEACHER FOR THEIR PARENTS.** If you have little ones in your car, feel free to have your school age children request a Sacred Heart Catholic teacher/staff member walk them to your car. Students who cannot be picked up by 3:00 pm on a regular basis will need to register for our After-School program. For more information, please see our webpage or contact Mrs. Linda Meachum in the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: In our 65th year, Sacred Heart Catholic has a renewed emphasis on our school uniform. (See our school's uniform policy on the school's website) If your child has out grown his or her school uniform, RiverCity Workwear will be the sole provider of our school uniform. Parents can order online by clicking on the RiverCity Workwear link on our website. If you go directly to rivercityworkwear.com, you are required to have a password. The password for Sacred Heart Catholic is SacredHeart18. As a reminder, we are in year two of the transitioning to our new logo school shirt. By 2020 all students will be required to wear a school shirt with the Sacred Heart Catholic crest.

This year, on days when students in grades 5 through 8 have physical education, they should wear their P.E. uniform to school. Students will stay in their P.E. uniform all day. Long sweats must be worn over P.E. uniform shorts beginning November 1st through April 2nd. (Same as Dress Code/Seasonal Uniform Policy for school uniforms) Sacred Heart Catholic P.E. uniforms can also be purchased through RiverCity Workwear.

Spirit Days will be the first Wednesday of each month. The first Spirit Day is Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Fall Picture Day for K through 8 is Tuesday, July 31. Students should be in their regular school uniform on picture day. A casual dress picture day will be scheduled for later in the school year. Preschool picture day is Thursday, August 2.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM: This school year teachers will be using GOOGLE CLASSROOM to communicate assignments and various events from their classroom. In upcoming weeks, we will be sending a request for you to accept a daily or weekly update from each class that your child is in and we need at least one parent/guardian to accept this invitation. Teachers will add more to this information the first week of school.

MORNING CARE PROGRAM: Morning care will be available from 6:30-7:00 am in the Cafeteria for \$1.00 per child per day. For registration or questions, please contact Mrs. Linda Meachum at 502-389-3242,

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: We are pleased to announce that we are continuing our After-School Program for the 2018-2019 school year. The program runs from 2:45 to 6:00 pm on school days, and costs \$10.00 per child per day. For more information or to register, please contact the school office at 812-283-3123. All families must fill out a NEW registration form prior to participating. Forms can be found on the school website at www.sacredheartschool.us under Forms for Parents, or in the school office.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION: As part of statewide protocol, we would like to advise you of our policies concerning parents in regards to Emergency/Safety Procedures. This is not to alarm you, but to let you know that we are prepared with a plan if the need arises. We also practice these plans without prior notice and need your cooperation. Your child's safety is our TOP priority. The following steps are in place for these emergencies. **CALAMITY DAYS** - You can check the Sacred Heart Catholic website where we will post any change from the calendar as the first item under NEWS. We will also activate our notification system as soon as possible. Please make sure the school office has ALL current addresses and phone numbers on file. **We DO NOT follow Greater Clark's decision to cancel school.** If regular school hours are impacted due to weather conditions, school will either be closed or we will operate on a two hour delay. We will activate our emergency contact system using contact information in Jupiter. This information may also be found on our website, TV, radio, or the TV station's website. Listen or watch for **Sacred Heart Catholic-Jeffersonville**. In the event that there needs to be an early dismissal, the oldest student enrolled in school will call a parent to determine how they will get home. We need to be sure arrangements have been made so no one arrives home unsupervised without the parent's consent. **TORNADO/SEVERE THUNDERSTORM** - If there is a Watch issued for our area, we will dismiss as usual. If there is a Tornado Warning, we will not release students until it is cleared. (We will locate to a designated safe area in the building and no one will be released.) If there is a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, we will use our best judgment to decide if the schedule needs to be interrupted. When possible, we will post emergency and safety action on our website.

LOCKDOWN: A lockdown is necessary if an internal or external threat is present. School is completely secured which means that no one will be allowed in or out, including parents. Signs will be posted on all outside doors, 911 will be called, and the Parish Office will be notified. If the lockdown lasts for more than 30 minutes, information will be posted on the sacredheartschool.us website. **HAZMAT/SHELTER -IN -PLACE -** In the unlikely event of a chemical, biological, nuclear, or explosive threat, HAZMAT/Shelter -in -Place action is taken. The school will be completely sealed from outside pollutants and we will be stocked with a supply of water and food. Signs will be posted on all outer doors and emergency personnel will be contacted. If necessary, we have established relationships with several other schools in the area where we may transport the student