

SUMMER NEWS AT SHSF

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GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL

The first official day of school for Sacred Heart St. Francis students will be Wednesday, August 29. All the school supplies your child will need for the new school year are on page three of this newsletter. School Lunches and the after school program will not begin until the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 4. Please plan accordingly. Detailed information regarding the start of school will be included in next month's BACK TO SCHOOL newsletter. Parent/Student



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 at 6 PM

Handbooks will be available on-line soon. Please read them over carefully with your child as there will be a few new changes. In each handbook and online, there will be a form that requires your signature.

These forms must be returned the first week of school. A few hard copies will be available at the Open House if you would like one. Please let us know ahead of time so we can have a copy for you.

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Mission Statement

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel
Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Adam Funck
Isaac Frey
Evan Frey
Jackson Frey
Cora Sokolowski
Spencer Zabriskie
Noah Moore
Otter Godfrey

Gwenyth Coulter
Parker Hayden
Kairi Favreau
Artemesia Halkias
Bronson Dorman
Adrianna Dupuis-Russell
Haiden Weaver
Fenix Griffith

Arihanna Stoetzel
Erin McGean
Sheila Burgess
Storm White
Wyatt Walker
Sadie Hoag
Willow Gulley
Zayden Stoetzel

STAFF NEWS—WELCOME NEW TEACHERS

We are pleased to welcome several new teachers to our school.

Miss Jessica LaPorte will be teaching second grade next year. Jessica has been teaching for a number of years including positions in schools in Ethiopia, South Korea, and Bolivia. Most recently she taught at Grace Christian School here in Bennington. She is passionate about fostering a love of learning for her students. We welcome Miss LaPorte to our school.



Concordia University in Curriculum and Instruction with a minor in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Kristi enjoys working with children of many age groups and in different classroom settings. Welcome Mrs. Steere to our school community.

There will be one other new faculty member in our middle school to be announced soon.

Mrs. Kristi Knapp Steere will be joining our middle school team. Kristi comes to us after teaching in the public school system. A resident of Arlington, she recently completed a Masters of Education program from

GOD... GUIDE US AS WE LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER!

**BACK to SCHOOL
Open House
FRIDAY, August 24
from 5:00 PM—6:00 PM
Please Join Us!**

UNIFORMS: ORDER EARLY

If you haven't received your order from Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company yet, they can be contacted toll free at 1-800-441-4122 or on-line at www.flynnohara.com. If you know you are going to need something for the fall term, now is the time to order. Orders may also be placed on-line if you should so desire from any of the suppliers, Flynn and O'Hara, J.C. Penney, and Landsend. It is best to order early in order to have your items before the start of school. School ties for the boys may be

purchased in the school office after the start of school.

Warm weather uniforms may be worn for the entire month of September. These include the embroidered green polo shirts (only available from Flynn and O'Hara) and the uniform shorts for both boys and girls. Girls may also wear their khaki skorts. Plain crew socks are required.

We still have a few school uniforms that families have given us. You are welcome to any of them. Please call the school if you are interested.

BOOK FEES FOR 2018-2019

Next year's Book/Consumable/Technology fees may be paid anytime from now until the start of school on August 29. (You can even pay a little at a time between now and then. Any family withdrawing their children after July 1, will be billed for the book fee regardless of whether or not their children will be attending our school.

Preschool	\$55	Grade 2	\$115	Grade 5	\$135
Kindergarten	\$75	Grade 3	\$115	Grade 6	\$135
Grade 1	\$115	Grade 4	\$115	Grade 7	\$135
				Grade 8	\$135

FALL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

PRESCHOOL

1 large container of disinfecting wipes; 1 pkg. of baby wipes; 2 pkgs. of 5 oz. paper cups; 1 pkg. 5oz. paper cups; 1 large box of tissues; 2 large rolls of paper towels; 1 pkg. of Crayola thick markers and 1 pkg. of Crayola thin markers; 1 pkg. of low odor dry erase markers; 1 crib size sheet and small blanket in a 12 quart clear plastic box with lid; 1 complete set of extra clothes in a 6 quart clear plastic box with lid.

KINDERGARTEN

8 boxes (8 count regular size) Crayola crayons; 3 large glue sticks; 1 box (12ct) Ticonderoga beginner pencils, 3 reams of copy paper; 3 rolls of paper towels; 3 large boxes of tissues; 1 package of highlighters; hand sanitizer; 2 large containers of disinfecting wipes; 1 package of low odor dry erase markers; 1 set of headphones for Technology.

FIRST GRADE

Please label supplies with student's name—4 large glue sticks; 1 large eraser; 1pkg. eraser caps; 1 box (24ct) Crayola crayons (not the twist type); 1 pencil sharpener w/shaving cap cover; 2 highlighters; 4 low odor DRY erase markers; 1 sock or mitten for wiping dry erase boards; 1 pencil box; 1 –1 subject notebook; 1 Mead PRIMARY JOURNAL Grade K-2 found at Staples or Walmart; 5 plastic pocket folders labeled: RED for Social Studies, BLUE for Science, YELLOW for Writing, GREEN for Homework, ORANGE for Math; 1 re-usable water bottle; These items do not need to be labeled: 1 large box of tissues; 2 large rolls of paper towels; 2 reams of copy paper; 24 yellow #2 pencils sharpened; 1 large container of sanitizing wipes

SECOND GRADE

Make sure ALL of the following supplies are labeled with your child's name and are ready to use: 2 large erasers (not pencil toppers); 1 box 24 count Crayola crayons (not twist up); 5 pocket folders in the following colors: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, and Blue; 1 plastic folder with fasteners; 1 K-2 Primary Journal found at Wal-Mart or Staples Additional supplies: Do Not label these items: 24 yellow #2 pencils sharpened; 12 pack of colored pencils sharpened; 3 highlighters any color; 2 large glue sticks; 3 packaged of white 100 ct. lined 3X5 index cards; 3 low-odor black dry erase markers; 2 reams of copy paper; 2 large boxes of tissues; 1 large roll of paper towels; 1 container of sanitizing wipes; 1 bottle of hand sanitizer. Bring ALL items to the second grade classroom no later than the first day of school. Feel free to drop them off during Open House.

THIRD GRADE

1 Ziploc gallon bag w/ student's name on it; 10/20 #2 sharpened pencils; 10/20 eraser caps or 1 large eraser; 1 box 24 count Crayola crayons (not twist up kind); 1 pkg. of 12 count Crayola colored pencils; 7 pocket folders (bottom pocket style) in the following colors: red, orange, yellow, purple, green, blue, and 1 of choice; 1 1 inch 3 ring binder (soft

cover if possible) for Spanish; 1 yellow highlighter- 1 highlighter any other color; 4 low odor dry erase markers (any colors except neon or tropical); 8 large glue sticks; 1 pencil box 8 X 5 (larger does not fit in the desk); 2 Jumbo size Book Sox fabric book covers; 1 pkg. multiplication flash cards; 1 tri-fold presentation board 32 inches high; 2 pkgs. 2 inch letters—any color (not 4 inch); 1 large white poster board (approx. 28 X 22 inches); 1 medium size binder clip; 1 container of sanitizing wipes; 2 rolls paper towel; 2 boxes of tissues; 1 ream of white copy paper; 1 cream cheese or small butter container with lid empty and cleaned.



Shop Early for the best buys!

FOURTH GRADE

2 one-subject notebooks (for Writing and Math Journals); 7 pocket folders (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, and one of any choice); 1 homework folder (any color, design of choice); * 1 box 24 ct.

#2 pencils; 1 pkg. of pencil top erasers; 1 pair of scissors; 1 zippered pencil pouch; * 3 glue sticks; 2 or 3 red pens (for correcting); 1 box 24ct Crayola crayons; 1 pkg. thin markers or colored pencils (your choice); *3 highlighters any color; 2 low odor dry erase markers (any color); 4 Jumbo Size book covers (Book Sox) We may need more depending on new books ordered; 2 pkgs. 3X5 index cards (lined); 1 roll of paper towels; 2 large boxes of tissues; 1 reams copy paper; 2 containers of anti-bacterial wipes; *Will need to be replenished during the year as needed. Note: An assignment notebook (planner) will be provided. This is a part of your book fee. If you find a tri-fold board at the Dollar Store while you are doing your back to school shopping, it would be a good idea to pick one up for any project we might do during the year.

FIFTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

6 (1 inch) ring binders; 10 #2 pencils; 6 pkgs. 8-subject index dividers.(1 for each binder); 1 pkg. of thin sharpie markers (black or colored); 1 pkg. Crayola wide or thin tip markers; 1 3-ring zippered pencil pouch; 3 highlighters (different colors); 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 2 pkgs. notebook filler paper; 2 pkgs. index cards 4 X 6 (1 ruled and 1 plain); 4 hard covered composition books; pencil cap erasers; 3 low odor dry erase markers; a Texas Instrument 30-X A calculator (\$10 at Wal-Mart)-If you already have one, please be sure it still works!; 2 glue sticks; one plastic heavy duty folder for homework; 2 rolls of paper towels; 2 large boxes of tissues; 1 ream of white copy paper; 2 containers of sanitizing wipes; 1 hand sanitizing pump bottle. Please NO trapper keepers.



**SHSF Family Picnic
Friday, August 24,
starting at
6 PM. (Right at school!)
Please Join Us!**

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OPEN HOUSE AND PICNIC

As a part of our community's First Day Celebration we will be hosting our annual Open House on Friday, August 24, from 5 PM–6 PM. All of our families are invited to tour the school and meet the staff.

Following the Open House, our SHSF Family Pot Luck Picnic will take place on the school grounds. The eighth grade parents will be hosting this event for us. We are anticipating great weather and a large number of families attending. We hope you can join us. In the event of rain, we will only have the Open House.

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

When those lazy summer days come to an end, and the structured days of school begin slowly creeping up, heading back to school can often cause anxiety and nervousness in children. The following are tips for you that may help your children prepare for getting back into the swing of things and make the transition from summer time to school time go more smoothly.

* Because the first week of school can have a key impact on your child's success during the rest of the school year, you can **start an organized schedule one week before the first day of school**. You should try having your children in bed at the regular school year bedtime, and have them come home from playing outside at an earlier time. You can set the alarm clock for them to adjust to rising at an earlier hour.

* To get your children in the school mode, you can **visit the library and choose a few books** with them.

* During the last week of summer vacation, you should try to **limit the amount of time your children play video games or watch television**. On school days, these can be a big distraction in the morning and cause both you and children to be late!

* You can **take your children shopping for school supplies**, and let them choose at least one or two of their own supplies.

* **Labeling school supplies** with your child's name on it reassures them

that if they lose something, it will be found. It also avoids confusion with other students who may have similar looking supplies. You may want to label sweaters and fleece too.

* **Keep calm**. You should try to hide your own anxiousness about your children going back to school. When they notice you are calm, they have a tendency of remaining calm as well.

* Because breakfast can often be the cause of chaos in the morning, you should try to **buy healthy breakfast foods** that your children enjoy to avoid arguing with them about what to eat.

* **Have your children pack their backpacks the evening before the first day of school** to avoid scurrying around the house looking for scattered school supplies, books, etc.

* **Have a checklist near your child's backpack** to avoid forgetting anything at school. Forgetting a lunch, book, homework, etc., can be devastating especially for small children!

* You should **make sure your children's school uniforms are clean and ironed** the night before.

* **Talk to your children about what they are most excited about and what they are worried about**. Remember to keep them thinking positively and motivated by words of encouragement and love.



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER! WE WILL SEE YOU SOON!