



# Starting A New Year



THE SCHOOL OF

# Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

The first official day of school for Sacred Heart St. Francis students will be Wednesday, August 30. 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 5. Please plan accordingly.

## Open House and Picnic

As a part of our community's First Day Celebration we will be hosting our annual Open House on Monday, August 28, from 5 PM—6 PM. All of our families

Detailed information regarding the start of school will be included in next month's BACK TO SCHOOL newsletter. Parent/ Student Handbooks will be available online 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.

Our Summer Hours are from 8:30 AM until 1 PM.  
The office will be closed from July 25 through August 8.

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. (A Picnic RSVP

is attached.) 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.

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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.

## Order Your Uniforms Now!

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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](http://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. 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. We still have a few school uniforms that families have given us. You are welcome to any of them. Our storage space is limited. Please call the school if you are interested.

## Staff News—Welcome, Mr. Bersaw!

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We are pleased to welcome Mr. Matthew Bersaw as our new Kindergarten teacher. As many of you know, Mrs. Becker will be moving over to preschool next year, so we had to find someone to fill this position.



Mr. Bersaw comes to us after teaching for the past three years at Christ the King School in Rutland. Recently married, he and his wife, now live in Bennington. While at CKS, Mr. Bersaw coordinated the after school

program, was the yearbook editor, chaired the NEASC Accreditation self-study, was the Student Council advisor and organized a school wide Dr. Seuss celebration. Having a strong background in education, Mr. Bersaw enjoys working with all children helping them to learn and grow.

## We Can't Wait to Meet Our New Students

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Maxx Coulter  
Leah Dame  
Ella Hayden  
Noah Lauzon

Ryan Trimble  
Emma Lackey  
Jack Chambers  
John Chambers

Mimi Rivers  
Samantha Warner  
Eric White  
Harper Wright  
Tucker Wright  
Dante Babcock

Addyson Brosnan  
Riley Favreau  
Emily-Rose Martin  
Steve McCay  
Paislee Potvin  
James Sauer

Ian Johnson  
Adelene Harrington  
Phineas Inman  
Isabella Harrington  
Karsen Webb  
Madelyn Harrington

# School Supply List for 2017-2018

## PRE-SCHOOL

1 large container of disinfecting wipes; 1 large pkg. of plastic spoons; 1 large pkg. of napkins; 1 pkg. of 3oz. paper cups; 1 pkg. 5oz. paper cups; 1 large box of tissues; 2 large rolls of paper towels; 1 pkg. baby wipes; 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; 1 package of 12 count colored pencils; 2 large glue sticks; Ticonderoga beginner pencils, 2 reams of copy paper; 2 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 composition 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; 1 set of headphones for Technology.

## SECOND GRADE

Make sure ALL of the following supplies are labeled with your child's name and are ready to use: 8 Ticonderoga pencils sharpened; 2 large erasers (not pencil toppers); 1 box 24 count Crayola crayons (not twist up); 7 pocket folders in the following colors: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green,

Blue, Purple, and your child's choice; 1 K-2 Primary Journal found at Wal-Mart or Staples Additional supplies: Do Not label these items: 12 pack of colored pencils sharpened; 3 highlighters any color; 4 large glue sticks; 3 packaged of white 100 ct. lined 3X5 index cards; 4 low-odor black dry erase markers; 1 ream 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 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 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 (Yankee Dollar); 2 pkgs. 2 inch letters—any color (Yankee Dollar); 1 large white poster board (approx. 28 X 22 inches); 1 medium size binder clip; 1 container of sanitizing wipes; 1 roll paper towel; 2 boxes of tissues; 1 ream of white copy paper; 1 cream cheese or small butter container with lid empty and cleaned; 1 one inch 3 ring binder, soft cover for Spanish; 1 inexpensive calculator; 1 set of headphones for Technology.

## 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; 1 pencil sharpener; 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; 1 pkg. of WHITE construction paper for projects; 1 set of headphones for Technology. \*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.(1 for each binder) 8-subject index dividers; 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); 5 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!); 4 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 set of headphones for Technology. Please NO trapper keepers.

*Get your supplies now while the stores have their sales!*

## From the Principal....

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Don't let vacation from school be a vacation from learning! Instead, let this summer be a time for your family to enjoy together the beauty of our world as it is found in art and music, and grow in an understanding of the earth and its people through experiences which may not have been available during the school year.

“Take time to smell the flowers” is a phrase that indicates our need to appreciate and be aware of the beauty around us. Visits to art museums and attendance at concerts or musicals can enhance an appreciation of the fine arts. So, too, can books with collections of world famous paintings and recordings of music from other times and countries. If these can be a part of your family activities this summer, you will surely be enriching your child's life.

Since our country is one of varied ethnic communities, it is important for children to realize a global view of society. The arts, including music, drama, and dance can provide powerful experiences through which they can gain knowledge of other cultures. Ethnic festivals, performances, restaurants, and art museums can provide your family with experiences that are both pleasurable and educational.

To understand and appreciate God's world and His people, we need to open our hearts to the beauty and diversity that come to us through the fine arts.

## Book Fees due by August 30, 2017

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Book fees may be paid anytime from now until the start of school on August 30. (You can even pay a little at a time between now and then if that helps.) 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.

<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>\$130</b>



We are always seeking new students. If you know of any family who may be interested in enrolling their children, please let us know or have them give us a call. Word of mouth is a great marketing tool. Maintaining our enrollment is crucial to our existence. Please help your school community.