

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL *back to school*

- ✓ **Welcome Back Night** will be on Monday, August 24th. Pre-K through 4th grades will be from 5:00–5:45pm. Grades 5 through 8 will be from 5:45 to 6:30pm with an informational session beginning at 6:00pm.

This is a great time to come meet Mrs. Stratton and Mrs. Leake, see your teachers, check out the improvements of the school building, and drop off all of your supplies. There will also be an informational table in the “Big Room” for any students and/or families who are interested in receiving any sacraments.

- ✓ **The First Day of School** is Wednesday, August 26th. Doors open at 8:00am and the school day starts at 8:15am. Students must be in their classrooms before 8:15am. Entering after 8:15am will be considered tardy



Dismissal

In the afternoons, families may park on School Street and walk to get their children at 2:45pm when students come outside for carline. Families are not permitted to park in the parking lot during dismissal. It is for the carline only. Walkers will be dismissed first. Then carline will proceed. Families may start lining up at 2:30pm—no earlier. If a different family member is picking up a child, please be sure a note is sent in prior. Please be conscious of staff members that may be walking to cars and leaving the parking lot. Also, be aware of carline proceeding and people around you.

Drop Off & Start Time

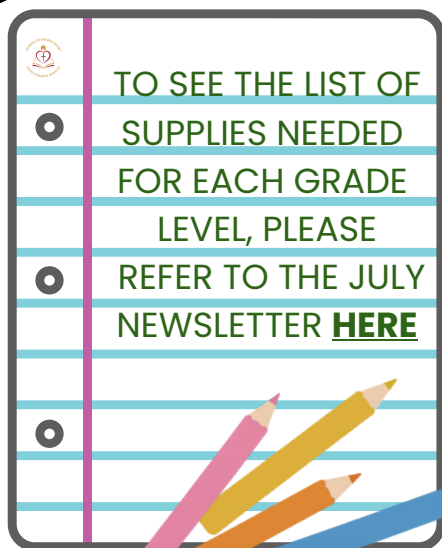
Drop off is between 8:00 and 8:15 am. Morning prayer will begin at 8:15am and students will be marked tardy at this time. All students should arrive as close to 8:00am as possible to get organized for the day prior to Morning Prayer. Being at Morning Prayer is essential as this is not only a beautiful way for us to start our day together, but it is also where important information is shared and announcements are made. There will be no carline in the mornings. **Only staff vehicles should be entering the parking lot before 8:30am.** We ask that families dropping off their students park on the street and utilize the crosswalk. This is for everyone's safety. Please also be aware that parking is only allowed on one side of the street (**NOT the school side**) and please do not park in front of a driveway. Pre-K families are required to walk their child into the Pre-K building. Families are welcome to walk their K-8 child in for the first three days. Students will then be asked to enter the building independently. This helps students gain confidence and independence. If you need to speak with a teacher, please contact them via email and set up a meeting at a time when they're not responsible for students.

Book Fees Due

PRESCHOOL: \$100
KINDERGARTEN: \$150
GRADES 1–5: \$175
GRADES 6–8: \$180



*STUDENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR TEXT BOOKS UNTIL BOOK FEES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED *



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summer Reading Requirement

This is a friendly reminder that all middle schoolers, grades 5-8, will have their summer reading assignments due on the first day of school. Students were given the assignment at the end of last school year and it was also attached to the July Newsletter.

Students are required to read one grade-level/reading-level novel (no graphic novels, please!) and complete activities attached [HERE](#).



FACTS family PORTAL

If you are new to our school or you have not joined already, you are invited to use our school's information management system – FACTS SIS or Renweb. This is a private and secure parent portal that will allow parents to see academic information specific to their children, while protecting their children's information from others.

This is specifically helpful for grades 3 and up to see assignments and grades, etc. We also use their Alert System for school emergencies and weather related delays and closings. We hope to improve our communication with you by using their features. Please create an account if you have not done so already. To create an account in the Parent Portal, click [here](#). Our District code is SH-VT.

Tardies & Absences

It is in our mission to provide excellence in academics and it is important that families have their children to school on time each day in order for that aspect of our mission to be met. It is a partnership. Please be considerate and keep children home in the case of illness but do not allow students to miss for unnecessary reasons. Instruction starts at 8:15am. If students are not in their classrooms by that time, they will be marked tardy. Being present in the morning is important for being organized and starting the day feeling settled, unrushed, and aware of certain expectations. **Routine tardiness is disruptive to both teachers and other students.** Absences will be marked as "excused" or "unexcused". Parents should call the office and communicate an absence by 9:00am. If a parent communicates an absence, we will consider that absence excused. If a parent is reporting that a student is sick for 3 or more days in a row, the school has the right to ask for a doctor's note. After 20 absences, excused or unexcused, a meeting may be called with the family. If a student misses a large number of school days, they may not be promoted to the next grade level.

DOORS OPEN at 8:00am





Volunteer Opportunities:

Each family is expected to support and participate in the fund-raising activities of the parish/school. This means each family shares in the responsibility of educating our children and show, by example, the importance and value of service. As stated in tuition contracts, the amount of service a family gives to our school will be assessed when considering tuition assistance in the future— families need to give back to the community in order to be considered for tuition assistance.

Lunch Servers

We are currently seeking volunteers to help serve lunch to our kiddos on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Lunch service starts at 11:00am and ends at 12:30am. If you or another family member is willing and/or able to help serve lunch on one of these days, please reach out to Kristi Segura in the office!

Room Parents & Members of the PTG



What are "Room Parents"?: "Room Parents" are a group of 2-3 parents in each grade level who organize: 1.) classroom holiday celebrations (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day), 2.) healthy snacks for standardized testing, 3.) baskets for certain fundraisers, and 4.) end-of-year teacher gifts. Room Parent sign ups are organized with the classroom teacher at "Welcome Back Night" each year.

Room parents will communicate with all the parents of the class and the homeroom teacher to accomplish the items listed above throughout the school year. Room parents can change from year-to-year.

What is the "Parent-Teacher Group (PTG)?: The Parent-Teacher Group is a group of parents, teachers and staff that is intended to facilitate parental participation and will be responsible for the organization of community events and fundraisers, along with working to bring new experiences to the students at the school.

There will be monthly PTG meetings and committees will be formed to facilitate the planning of schoolwide community events and fundraisers. We will be doing a special fundraiser, specifically for the PTG, for funds for the necessities for the above events. The more our families and staff work together, the easier it is for us to live our mission of providing a valuable and faith-filled education and fulfill the calling that Christ has asked of us.

Uniforms

Please note that all green polos, short and long-sleeved, must be purchased from the uniform supplier as they **must** have the school logo embroidered. Skirts for the middle school girls may not be rolled at the waist and must be a decent length. **Skirts must fall below mid-thigh.** This length rule is also applicable for any clothing worn on a "no-uniform" day. Please address this at home. Please also remember that socks must be white, black, or navy blue crew socks. "No show" socks are not allowed. Girls may wear knee socks with skirts/jumpers.



Before & After School Care

Families who need to be at their work prior to 8:00am have the opportunity to drop off their students as early as 7:30am. To staff this program, we must charge families for this service. Emergency contact information and payment must be received prior to the student/s utilizing the programs. The cost is \$3/day or \$15/week. Families will also need to provide a letter from their employer stating the necessity that their employee be at work by 8:00am. Children will not be able to be dropped off until the letter and payment have been received. We must be sure families realize that this is a service for working families who require this service as there is limited staff, therefore there are limited spots. If your family was approved for this service last year, you do not need to provide documentation again unless you have changed employers. Before School Care will not be offered in the case of a delay to the start of the school day.

The After School Care program will run very similar to how it has in the past. Older children will participate in Homework Club on Mondays through Thursdays. After 4:00pm, students will join the younger group until they are picked up by their family. The cost will remain at \$5 for the first hour, until 4:00pm, and \$10 for the entire duration of the program, until 5:00pm. Families MUST pick up their child on time. The after-school program is not offered on early release days.

Again, all paperwork and payment must be received prior to the student attending the before and afterschool programs. Be on the lookout for afterschool enrichment programs that will be offered throughout the school year. Forms will be available at Welcome Back Night to sign up. Both Before and After School Care will begin on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 26th.

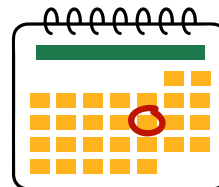


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We are so glad to have you in our community!

DON'T FORGET

THESE IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER



Monday, August 24th--

Welcome Back Night
5:00pm - PK-4th Grades
5:45pm- 5th-8th Grades

Wednesday, August 26th--

First Day of School!

Friday, August 28th--

Mass with the Bishop 9:00am at Church

Monday, September 7th--

Labor Day
NO SCHOOL

From Mrs. McKenna

I hope that our families have enjoyed a summer filled with rest, laughter, and time together, and that you are beginning this new school year with excitement and anticipation. There is always something special about the start of a new school year—the building comes alive again, familiar faces return, and we are reminded of the wonderful community we are blessed to be a part of.

Our dedicated staff has been working throughout the summer to prepare our classrooms, our building, and, most importantly, our hearts for the year ahead. I am incredibly grateful for all they do each day to nurture, encourage, and support our students.

At the School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, we are more than a school—we are a family united by faith, love, and a commitment to helping each child grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally. I thank God every day for the privilege of serving this incredible community and for the opportunity to work alongside such caring families and staff.

As we begin another school year, I am filled with hope and excitement for all that God has in store for us. May this year be one of growth, joy, learning, and countless blessings. I look forward to working together as a school family to make it a wonderful year for our students.

Welcome back, Saints! I can't wait to see you all at Welcome Back Night!

