

SHSF BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

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Back to School!

The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, August 30th. Doors open at 8:00am and the school day starts at 8:15am. Students will be considered tardy if they are not in their classrooms by 8:20am.



WELCOME BACK NIGHT will be on Monday, August 28th from 5-6pm. This is a great time to come 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.



Drop-off and Pick-up

Drop off is between 8:00 and 8:15 am. Student instruction begins at 8:20am and students will be marked tardy after this time. There will be no carline in the mornings. Only staff 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 asked 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. In the afternoons, families may park on School Street and walk to get their children at 2:45pm, when students come outside for carline. Walkers will be dismissed first. Then a 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.

Before and After School Care

Families who need to be at their work prior to 8am 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 afterschool program will run very similar to how it has in the past. Older children will participate in Homework Club, supervised by a teacher from 3- 4pm on Mondays through Thursdays. After 4pm, 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 5:05pm. 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.



Both Before and After School Care will begin on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 30th.

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. Below are a few of the needs we have currently, and need fulfilled as soon as possible. Reach out if you are willing to fulfill one:

- Lunch servers (11:00-12:30pm on any day)
- Crossing Guard (7:55-8:15am)
- Room Parents and Members of the Parent-Teacher Group (PTG)



Room Parents & the Parent-Teacher Group (PTG)

This year, we are starting a Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) to help families be more involved in community events and fundraising. This will take some of the responsibility off of "Room Parents".

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 in a school. This group 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 (days and times TBD) and committees will be formed to facilitate the planning of schoolwide community events and fundraisers.

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.

Tardies and Absences

It is in our mission to provide excellence in academics and it is important that families have their children to school on time and as often as possible 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 8:20am. 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.



Fall Sports Opportunities for 7th/8th Graders



Unfortunately we do not have enough interest to have a girls or boys soccer team this year. Students can participate in sports in their local public school if they wish. Mt. Anthony Middle School offers cross-country running, football, and soccer for any student. Click [here](#) for sign-up/tryout information.



Handbook Update

The handbook was updated over the summer. There is no longer separate handbooks for Parent/Students, Wellness, and Family Service and Commitment. It is now one comprehensive document. It is incredibly important that families read through the handbook prior so they are aware of the expectations of students and families that are part of our school. Families must sign the Parent/Student Handbook Agreement at the start of each school year. The handbook and agreement form can be found [here](#). An agreement form will also be sent home to families in their "first day paperwork".



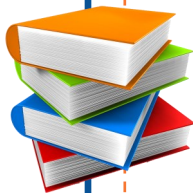
If you are new to our school or you have not joined already, you are invited to use our school's information management system – FACTS SIS or Renweb. This is a private and secure parent portal that will allow parents to see academic information specific to their children, while protecting their children's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

BOOK FEES

Book fees need to be paid **ASAP**. Text books will not be distributed to students until their fees have been paid.

Preschool:	\$90
Kindergarten:	\$110
First Grade:	\$120
Second Grade:	\$130
Third Grade:	\$140
Fourth Grade:	\$140
Fifth Grade:	\$150
Sixth Grade:	\$160
Seventh Grade:	\$160
Eighth Grade:	\$160



Welcome

new students and staff!

Emma Allen
Ryan Craft
Caspian Rosevear
Ava Liguori
Raegan McKenna
Adelaide Remington-Smith
Harper LaCasse
Ainsley Subik
Isla Ware
Mattysyn Coyne
Timothy Bersaw
Eleanor Moses
Brody Watson
Deklan Maynard
Eammon Gardner-Janeski

Ms. Emalyn Remington

We are so blessed to have you as a part of our school family!

From the Principal:

I hope all families were blessed with time together this summer and are approaching the new school year with excitement.

As always, our staff worked tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare for the students return. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for everything they do to support our students and make our building ready for another successful year. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

I thank God each and every day for the opportunity to be a part of something so wonderful. I encourage you to thank Him for the blessings He brings into your life and to pray for another memorable and successful school year. See you at Welcome Back Night!

 Mrs. McKenna