

# SHSF BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

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## Welcome Back!

**Welcome Back Night** will be on Monday, August 26th from 5:00-6:00pm. 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.

**The First Day of School** is Wednesday, August 28th. 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.

## Fall Sports Opportunities for 7th/8th Graders

Unfortunately we will not 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.



# WELCOME

## NEW STAFF

We are so excited to announce the new members of our staff family.

In third grade, we feel blessed to have Ms. Julie Saie coming to us from St. Stanislaus Kostka in Adams, MA.

Working with Mrs. Paquin in our combined first and second grade classroom, we are excited that Mrs. Jillian Weaver has agreed to join us and share her expertise as a teacher's aide.

Joining Mrs. Becker in the preschool, Mrs. Erin Lyon will be blessing our preschoolers with her love and compassion.

Mrs. Samantha Lauzon will be joining us as more than just a school parent but as a Health and Middle School Physical Education teacher as well!

Teaching our Middle School Journalism elective, I'm excited that Mrs. Laura Krause will be sharing her expertise as an English teacher with us!

## NEW STUDENTS

Mario Canalini  
Wrenlynn Cardinal  
Iris Cooper  
Malorie Cutler  
Anthony DeLeon  
Grayson Gerity  
Emma Gormley  
Brinleigh Hall  
Ella Kennedy  
Finnien Kalinowski  
William Lacross  
Joshua Lanfair  
Barron Lauzon  
Giavanna Marchegiani  
Dahlia Mullins  
Alexia Myers  
Everly Rose  
Logan Russell  
Lily Shepley  
Isabella Spence  
Owen Tremblay  
Lyla Willey  
Kashdon Holley-Woodward

We feel so blessed to have you all joining our school family!



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.

# Drop-off, Start Time & Pick Up Updates

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 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.

## 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 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.



## Uniform Clarifications

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. This will be the last year the older green polos that simply have "Sacred Heart" embroidered will be allowed.

Skirts for the middle school girls may **not** be rolled at the waist and **must** be a decent length. Skirts should fall **below mid-thigh**. This length rule is also applicable for any clothing worn on a "no-uniform" day. Last year, skirt and short lengths were an ongoing issue. 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.



## BOOK FEES

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

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| Preschool:     | \$100 |
| Kindergarten:  | \$120 |
| First Grade:   | \$130 |
| Second Grade:  | \$140 |
| Third Grade:   | \$140 |
| Fourth Grade:  | \$150 |
| Fifth Grade:   | \$150 |
| Sixth Grade:   | \$160 |
| Seventh Grade: | \$160 |
| Eighth Grade:  | \$160 |

## Middle School Homeroom Assignments

5th Grade:  
Ms. Adams

6th Grade:  
Ms. Remington

7th Grade:  
Mr. Adams

8th Grade:  
Mrs. Steere

# Volunteer Opportunities: Room Parents & Members of the PTG

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.

## 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 (second Tuesday of every month) 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.

The first PTG meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00pm in the “Big Room” at the school.

## Before and 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 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 3:00-4:00pm 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 5:05pm. 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 28th.**

## 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, harder even as I asked them to change classrooms. 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 am looking forward to a wonderful school year as a team dedicated to our students’ successes.

See you at Welcome Back Night!

