

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

Our mission: The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales is dedicated to providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values. In an environment that is caring, challenging and respectful, our school strives to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.

Monthly Newsletter of Information

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Open Houses

Please note time change

◆ Middle School Grades 5-8

Tuesday, August 24th, 5:30-6:30pm

◆ Primary Grades Pre-K-4

Wednesday, August 25th, 5:30-6:30pm


Meet the teachers and bring school supplies!

School is starting!

The first day of school for all students will be Thursday, August 26th. The school day will begin at 8:15, with students being considered tardy if they are not in class by 8:20am. **All students and staff will be required to wear face masks throughout the day, while indoors, with the exception of eating snacks or lunch.**

Similar to last year, families will be required to sign a waiver regarding the risks of COVID-19. This must be signed and turned in to school by the first day. The waiver is included with this newsletter. You may print it and bring to the open house. Copies of the waiver will also be available at the Open Houses for families to sign. It may not be done electronically.

Each student's health and safety is our utmost priority and we appreciate each family's support.



The annual Golf Tournament was a huge success once again! Thank you to ALL who made it possible, especially Jason and Chrissy Morrissey. It was a wonderful day had by all and we are blessed by the support of everyone involved.



Welcome to new faculty and staff!

Amy Thivierge—Middle School Language Arts

Jill Rivers—Middle School Physical Education

Leisa Stepp—School Nurse

Robert Gorry—IT and Bookkeeping

Meghan Wade—Pre-K Aide

Julie Monroe—Special Education

Kristen Jeskie—Title I Reading

Drop off & Pick up

We expect all families to self screen at home. Please **do not** send students to school while sick. They should not have a temperature that exceeds 100 degrees. They should also not have a cough, difficulty breathing, sinus congestion or runny nose. If at any point during the day a student starts exhibiting these symptoms, a parents will be asked to pick them up immediately.

Drop off is between 8:00 and 8:15 am. Student instruction begins at 8:20 and students will be marked tardy after this time.

There will be no carline in the mornings. Pre-K families are asked to walk their child into the Pre-K building. Kindergarten families may walk their child in for the first couple of days, then students will be asked to enter the building independently. All other grade levels will be asked to walk in independently. There will be greeters to assist younger students to their classrooms.

In the afternoons, families may park on School Street and walk to get their children **after** 2:40, when students come outside for carline. Walkers will be dismissed first. Then a carline will proceed. Families may start lining up at 2:15pm—**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 cars and people around you.



Keep reading for information regarding before school and after school programs for those who need them! 1

Student Info System:



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 some of their new features. Please create an account, if you have not done so already, to create an account in the Parent Portal by following this link:

[www.https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWebLogin.aspx](https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWebLogin.aspx)

Our District code is SH-VT.

BOOK FEES

PK—\$85

Kindergarten—\$115

1st Grade—\$125

2nd Grade—\$135

3rd Grade—\$135

4th Grade—\$135

5th Grade—\$145

6th Grade—\$145

7th Grade—\$145

8th Grade—\$145

Please pay fees by
September 3rd, 2021

Before & After-school Programs

There will be an option for early drop off for families who must be to work prior to 8:00am. To staff this program, we must charge families for this service. Paperwork and payment **must** be received prior to the student/s utilizing the programs.

Approved families will be able to drop off their children as early as 7:30am. 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.



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 before-school program will not be offered in the case of a delay to the start of the school day.

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.

FALL SOCCER

We are still looking for a middle school Girl's soccer coach. If you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out to the school.

A big THANK YOU to Eric Favreau for volunteering to be the middle school Boy's coach! More details to come.

Uniforms:

We still have many uniforms in storage in many sizes. If anyone is looking for pieces to uniforms, please call the school and check with what we have prior to purchasing new. We are happy to help.

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. 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.

Please review the uniform policy as a family prior to the start of school,



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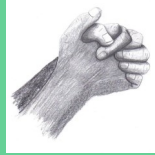
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Pray together!

A PRAYER ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Dear Lord,
Our children are filled with emotions
about their first day of school!
Fill them with peace instead of worry.
Give them courage instead of fear.
Strengthen them with your presence as
they start the new year.
Amen.



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From the Principal

We welcome all of the new families into our community and I look forward to becoming familiar with all the learners and their families as we start the new school year.

Not to say that this year won't have its challenges, it is important that we all continue to be courageous in the face adversity for our learners and live as examples of our Christian values and show compassion, respect and love toward one another and throughout our daily lives. Children are very impressionable and will pick up on the cues of their parents/families. Model prayer. Pray with your child/ren and find time for prayer yourself. It can be a lifechanging and empowering part of your day that fosters your faith and strengthens your relationship with God.

We must pray for the community of this school. That is what makes this school as special as it is, it is what brought me into this position, and it is what makes our school successful. Ongoing communication between the teachers and the families is of the utmost importance to assure each child is having a successful, productive year. Please be sure to share your child's struggles and strengths and always contact the school if you have questions or concerns. We are here for you.

We will continue to get through these unprecedented times together. Remember, God is with us. He is guiding us through this rollercoaster we call life and He sure is making it fun and frightening all at the same time.

May God bless you and your families as we transition into this new school year.

