

SACRED HEART NEWS

2017 - 2017

A WELCOME TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Home and School Association welcomes you to the 2016-2017 school year. You are considered the cornerstone of our school family and we are convinced that you have made a wise choice in sending your child to Sacred Heart Catholic School. We look forward to working with you and your child this year and we offer the following information intended to assist you during your first few weeks of school.

SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION

School begins on Tuesday, September 6th with a half day – buses provided. Students line up by grade in the school parking lot (weather permitting). The morning bell rings at 8:00 A.M. Students arriving after the 8:00 A.M. bell are considered late unless they use the school bus for transportation. Dismissal for students is at 2:49 P.M. The students will be dismissed in the following order of lines: bus, walkers, car riders.

Bus transportation is provided for students who are eligible according to the Township guidelines.

All Pre-K students are welcomed on Monday, September 12, 2016. Dismissal will be at 11:15 A.M. for half day session and 2:40 P.M. for full day session.

In the event of a student's illness or any other serious condition, parents are requested to contact the school office to report the child's absence that day. This should be done before 8:30 A.M.

The **CARES** after school program will begin on Wednesday, September 6th. N.B. CARES does not begin until 2:45 and is not available this first day for half day Kindergarteners. Application packets have been sent home. CARES is supervised Mrs. Melissa McCormick and Mrs. Kristine Donaher who can be contacted at 610-446-9198.

LUNCH TIME

Students bring their lunch to school every day. The following items are available each day for purchase:

Milk	\$0.55	Juice	\$0.55	Snacks	\$0.60
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Special Lunches will be available on Fridays starting October 6th. Prices for these lunches range from \$3.50 to \$5.50.

MISCELLANEOUS

Weekly communications from school will be emailed each Wednesday via MSP Communications. It is important that we have a current email address for parents. Requests to update your email will be sent home on the first day.

Stationery supplies are sold every Wednesday morning. Grades 1-8 received their stationery supply list and classroom directives at the end of the school

year. Stationery supplies will be sold Tuesday August 29th and Wednesday August 30th. Please see the enclosed flyer. A kindergarten information letter listing supplies has been mailed.

Gym uniforms are to be worn on the student's assigned day for gym. Uniforms can be purchased through Flynn and O'Hara (610) 259-3115. This year we have switched the colors on the sweat pants and the sweat shirts. The pants are now maroon with a gray logo and the sweat shirts are now gray with a maroon logo. WE WILL TAKE ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW UNIFORM. The Thrift Shop will also be selling new gym sweat shirts and sweat pants at a discount since they are last year's colors.

The Thrift Shop which has gently-used uniforms will be open:

- ⇒ August 29th 9 – 11 AM & 6 – 7:30 PM (concurrent with Stationary Sale)
- ⇒ August 30th 9 – 11 AM & 6 – 7:30 PM (concurrent with Stationary Sale)

Soft pretzels are available during the morning recess for \$0.40 and must be ordered for the week the Friday before.

Books may be donated to the library in memory of a loved one.

New volunteers are always welcome for all school programs! Our school is enriched by your presence. Please contact the school office if interested. We are looking for assistance with lunch recess and after school clubs, including: Robotics, Future City Engineering, Drama Club, and Service Club.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

In the morning, cars are restricted from entering the school parking lot when the children are lining up. On inclement weather days, all cars enter and exit using the gates located on West Chester Pike. At dismissal, cars enter from the West Chester Pike and exit the Manoa Road gates. No cars are permitted to exit until all lines have been dismissed. LEFT TURNS ONTO MANOA ROAD ARE RESTRICTED. After an extensive review of our traffic procedures, it was determined that right turns only will allow for an efficient, timely, and more importantly, safer dismissal. If you need to leave prior to the lines being dismissed, please park on Wilson Avenue or Shelbourne Road. Parking in front of the school is reserved for the school buses. Please see enclosed diagrams for additional details.

SCRIP/FUN MONEY

You can obtain credit towards your child's Sacred Heart tuition by participating in our Scrip and Fun Money programs. Participation in these programs benefits both the parent and the school. Certificates from stores such as Giant, Acme, Kohl's, Dunkin' Donuts, CVS, Regal, AMC, and J.C. Penny are just a few stores available.

N.B. Giant cards can be used to purchase gas and Kohl's cards can be used to pay your Kohl's bill.

See info letters enclosed in this mailing. Certificates are sold on Sundays in the Parish.

Business Center after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 A.M. Masses.

Scrip/Fun Money Sales:

- > Tuesdays -- 9:30 - 11:00 in school for walk-in orders; orders sent into school/back orders can be picked up in office as well
- > Thursdays -- NO walk-ins, but orders sent into the office will be filled and ready for pick up by 1:00
- > Sundays -- sold in parish center

Sacred Heart School participates in the following programs:

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

A+ SCHOOL REWARDS GIANT STORES ~ ID# 03864

NEW PARENTS

All new families to Sacred Heart School are invited to a "Welcome" social on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 PM in the Faculty Room on the 3rd floor. This is a half hour before our Back-to-School presentation in the gym and classrooms.

UNIFORMS

Note bene: Girls in grades 6 to 8 ONLY are allowed to wear the Sperry Dockside boat shoes. Shoes should be tan or brown with no designs on the sides. Also, middle school girls can wear a white or maroon banded knit shirt with the school logo. All boys can now wear the maroon golf shirt as part of the summer uniform. N.B. Kindergarten boys must wear the gray trousers in the colder weather.

DRESS CODE FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

BOYS

- Gray dress trousers worn properly with belt at waist level (no casual styles)
- Brown or black belt (not optional)
- Regulation tie
 - ... Plaid for grades K-6 ... Striped for grades 7-8
- Shirts
 - ... White or maroon knit with school logo from opening of school to October 31
 - ... and from April 15 to close of school (Optional)
 - ... White button down from November 1 to April 14
 - ... Tucked in at all times
 - ... KINDERGARTEN – white or maroon knit shirt with school logo all

year

- Shoes
 - ... BUCS – tan, brown, or black with non-scuff sole.
 - Grades 6-8 have the option of wearing Sperry Dockside
 - Not permitted: boots, sneakers, athletic shoes

- Sweater/Vest
 - ... Prescott Red v-neck pullover sweater or v-neck pullover sweater vest

GIRLS ~ Grades K-5

- Tartan plaid jumper, knee- high length
- White perma blouse with Peter Pan collar
- Prescott Red v-neck pullover sweater or cardigan
- Prescott Red knee socks or black tights
- BUCS shoes – tan, brown, or black with non-scuff sole
- Not permitted: Docksidies, boots, sneakers, athletic shoes, dress pumps, clogs, or buckled shoes

Girls - Grades 6-8

- Tartan plaid kilt, knee-high length
- Shirts
 - ... Maroon or white knit banded shirt with school logo from opening of school to October 31 and from April 15th to close of school (Optional).
 - ... White oxford button down blouse from November 1 to April 14
 - ⇒ Tucked in at all times
- Sweater/Vest
 - ... Prescott Red v-neck pullover sweater or v-neck pullover sweater vest
- Prescott Red knee socks or black tights
- Shoes
 - ... BUCS – tan, brown, or black with non-scuff sole.
 - ... Docksidies - tan or brown only.
- Not permitted: boots, sneakers, athletic shoes, dress pumps, clogs, buckled shoes

ALL GRADES – OPTIONAL SPRING/FALL UNIFORM

- Khaki shorts PURCHASED FROM FLYNN & O'HARA
- Black or brown belt
- White or maroon tucked in knit shirt with logo
- White, plain quarter crew socks - no logos on socks please!
- BUCS – tan, brown, or black with non-scuff sole

This uniform may be worn from opening of school to October 31st and from April 15th to closing of school.

DAILY SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR THE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS

Manoa Road gates may not be used as an entrance

MORNING DROP-OFF ON CLEAR DAY REMINDERS

1. Refrain from entering the school parking lot.
2. Keep the gates on Manoa Road clear of all traffic.
3. Refrain from dropping off children in front of the school gates.

MORNING DROP-OFF ON INCLEMENT DAY REMINDERS

1. Enter schoolyard via the 1st gate on West Chester Pike (next to Dunkin Donuts).
2. Form a single line to drop off children at door of school.
3. Exit via the 2nd gate on West Chester Pike.
4. Refrain from exiting via the Manoa Road gate.

DISMISSAL

1. Enter schoolyard via the 1st gate on West Chester Pike (next to Dunkin' Donuts).
2. Form 3 lines facing Manoa Road.
3. Refrain from parking in a parking spot.
4. Remain in lines until all children have been properly dismissed.
5. Exit onto Manoa Road via a RIGHT TURN ONLY.
6. Park on Wilson Avenue or Shelbourne Road if you need to leave prior to the lines being dismissed. Only school buses may park in front of school.

We ask that these guidelines be followed by all who bring children to and from school.

Please remember to pass on these procedures to whoever will be responsible for your children (grandparents, babysitters, etc.). Our main concern is the safety of all children: walking, in cars, or taking the bus. Thank you for your cooperation in this important endeavor.

Mrs. Celie Magee and the Home & School Association