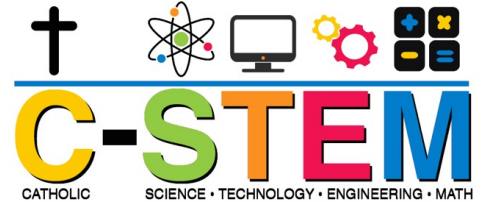




**Sacred Heart
Catholic School**



New Family Packet Sacred Heart Catholic School

**On behalf of the SHCS community, I would like to welcome you to our school. I am hopeful that this packet will help answer some of the questions you have before the school year starts in September.
--Karen Bursey, Principal**

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Mission Statement: Sacred Heart Catholic School is committed to instilling high moral standards rooted in Catholic teachings. We are dedicated to educating the whole child through an integrated C-STEM curriculum. In collaboration with our families, parish, and local community, we maximize individual potential to ensure students are prepared to meet the challenges in the world as disciples of Jesus.

Welcome to Sacred Heart!

We are so glad that you have chosen Sacred Heart for your child's education. We both remember the day our first child started at Sacred Heart. We made the choice to send our children to a school that is academically challenging, but more importantly, one that is able to integrate Christ-centered values in the daily life of students, as well as teach and promote the Catholic faith. We have found that our community not only embraces our children, but our entire family.

Our staff is the best. They are there to learn about your child's particular strengths and challenges academically and to guide them to excel. They will also focus on the development of each child as a whole person. Every day that we are in the school volunteering, we see how the teachers exemplify the Christ-centered values that they teach. They understand the importance of kindness, patience, love, compassion and relationships in their teaching. They develop a personal relationship with each child to help him/her become an integral part of the Sacred Heart community.

We encourage you to jump in and get involved within the school community. It is the way that we learned more about the school and stayed connected with everything that is happening in the school environment. There are MANY different activities and events going on within Sacred Heart that all need parent support or guidance. We know with busy work schedules this may be hard during the day, but there are a wide variety of options. Some of these include: joining our Parent Teacher Committee, working at Friday Fish Frys during lent, helping at the Fall Fun Fest, chaperoning a field trip, or serving doughnuts on Sunday morning. You will see these requests come through email or on our online volunteer registration. We enjoy volunteering to help our school and community be the best it can be.

We are excited for another school year to begin. If you ever have any questions feel free to email or call us: Kate McNeil 612-597-3019 keh4mn@aol.com and Monica Thibault 612-419-3291 monicathibault@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Kate McNeil and Monica Thibault

Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Co-Chairs

*“Let all that you do be done in Love”
1 Corinthians 16:14*

Letter from Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) at Sacred Heart Catholic School:

Who we are:

We are parents of children who attend Sacred Heart. Some of our children have been in school here for 7+ years and some of us have children in Kindergarten. We come together to plan important fundraisers, activities, and special events for our teachers and students and we all agree that keeping faith and fun at the forefront of all activities is what is most important!

President- Wendy Krause
Treasurer- Kindiss Stiller
Secretary- Lisa Condoluci
Teacher Representative- Kris Murphy

We need you:

We need more voices and ideas on our team! We know that there are so many fresh ideas out there. Why not earn some volunteer hours and put your cleverness to work! Join us at meetings or send us email ideas.

Commitment:

We meet the *first Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30*, location will be announced in the RAM newsletter. We all have busy lives, so we are sensitive of time and follow an agenda. No need to be present at every meeting, just let us know you want to join us. We will follow up with email/notes to keep you posted on future happenings.

Glimpse of Events we help to plan:

- Marathon
- Fall Conferences/Spring Conferences
- Santa’s Workshop
- Catholic Schools Week - Teacher’s Breakfast and Student Treat
- Teacher Appreciation
- Teacher/Staff End of Year Party
- Various community events

Throughout the year, we also work to support children and families in the community that are less fortunate than us. We work with our church to ask parishioners for donations that are needed for local shelters.

Keep an eye on weekly updates under “PTC News” in the RAM newsletter.
Our email: ptc@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org.

Please reach out to any one of us and we will be happy to answer questions or help you find the answers! We are all parents in this together.

Sincerely,
The PTC

Common Questions and Answers for New Parents from Other Parents

Please note, these answers are from current parents to new parents. Please refer to the Student Handbook, classroom teacher, Ms. Burse, or the newsletter that is published on Mondays.

- 1. How do I leave a message for a student during the school day?** Parents may call the school office (763-537-1329) and leave a message with the office staff. Your message will then be delivered to your child when appropriate.
- 2. How does the lunch process work?** Our hot lunch program is catered by Taher Catering. Online lunch ordering is available at: <https://sacredheart.boonli.com>
Orders must be placed one week in advance from the date requested. Our hot lunch price for the 2018-2019 school year is \$3.25 per lunch. Milk is available for ordering and is .55. If your child qualifies for Free or Reduced Price Lunch Benefits, please obtain an application from our school website under "Registration" paperwork, or contact our school office at 763-537-1329 for more information.
- 3. What do I do if my child is sick?** If your child is ill and cannot attend school, including fever or vomiting in the last 24 hours, parents should call or email the school office (sbowback@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org), as early as possible on the day your child is absent.
- 4. Where do I find the Parent/Student Handbook?** Our handbook is located under the Admissions and Registration Forms tab.
- 5. How many uniforms should I buy?** The number of uniforms you purchase depends on a number of factors. The younger children tend to be harder on their clothes (boys especially). The girls have the option of wearing pants, a jumper, or skort. We recommend the red logo shirt vs. the white logo shirt for easier cleaning. The banded bottom logo shirt is recommended (mostly for the younger students) so students do not have to tuck in their shirt. We suggest 2 polar tec pullovers or sweatshirts for the colder months.
- 6. Where do I buy uniforms?** Uniform logo items may be purchased through Donald's Uniform and may be ordered online at Donaldsuniform.com. If the school code, SacredHeartSTS, is used, the order will be shipped to the school at no cost. See the school website for more information.

7. **How do the Drop-off and Pick-up Car Lines work?** Safety is a priority at SHCS. Please follow the procedures listed below:

Arrival and Dismissal for Preschool: Parents, please enter door #8 located behind the school and check your child in and out their classroom. Check in/out clipboards are located in the classroom.

8. **What is the Marathon?** This fundraiser is the only mandatory fundraiser for SHCS and its success is a tremendous example of how SHCS families and staff pull together to accomplish our goals. The Marathon is also a celebration and a chance for people to come together. We have fun walking running or biking and a picnic to celebrate. All funds remain here at Sacred Heart and they are used to offset the rising costs of providing a quality education. So if you are asked, "Where does the money go?" ***It truly goes to support every part of our mission.***
9. **What is the Gala?** You won't want to miss this! The Gala is an annual event that our church and school community gather together to celebrate our school, reflect on our successes and renew our commitment to Catholic education. The night starts with a happy hour, then on to an entertaining evening full of fun. Dinner, Drinks, Silent and Live Auctions; all benefitting the school.
10. **How often and when do the children go to Mass?** The students attend and assist with Mass every Friday at 8:00 a.m. In addition, there will be Holy Day Masses, Stations of the Cross and prayer services throughout the year. Remember, students are required to wear the SHCS uniform shirt.
11. **How do I find answers?** Your first resource should be the Parent/Student Handbook. If you have any additional questions, you can call the school office, your child's teacher, or Ms. Bursey. Please do not hesitate to call us.
12. **How do I volunteer?** You will have ample opportunities to volunteer. One of the hallmark Catholic School traditions is that of sharing your time, talent, and treasure within your child's school community/family. Sacred Heart Catholic School vision and future rests in a very active and engaged school community There are many ways to give of your time, talent, and treasure. Volunteer opportunities are posted on the sign-up tab at the bottom of our home page. Opportunities will be poste each month on SignUp, in our newsletter and through the classroom teachers. We encourage all families to volunteer at least 20 hours per family.

13. **May I visit?** YES! Guests may eat lunch with students any day. Don't forget to sign in at the school office.

14. **Where should I enter the school during the school day?** If you are volunteering your time, dropping something off or visiting during the school day, please park behind the school and enter door 8. We require you to check in or drop off any items for your student in the school office. We will deliver items to your student for you.

TOP 10 Tips for New Parents

1. Read the Monday newsletter; it is emailed every Monday morning. This is your best source of information.
2. Attend Curriculum Night in September: Sept. 13 K-4 and Sept. 20 gr. 5-8. This is a parents only event with an emphasis on curriculum and new happenings this school year.
3. Attend conferences with your child's teachers. They are on Oct 15 or 25 and again, March 21.
4. Volunteer for something. There is an activity for everyone and a chance for everyone to get involved.
5. Come to the Annual Gala. This is SHCS' largest fundraiser of the year We have other fundraisers such as Marathon, Christmas wreaths and a raffle, but the Gala is our top event. It's a fun time and worth attending. The Gala is on February 8, 2019.
6. Attend school Masses. These are typically on Friday at 8:00 a.m. The kids love to see you and it is so much fun to see the little ones shine with confidence as they take on leadership roles!
7. Join us for our Marathon on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Sanborn Park. This is a great family event.
8. Order spirit wear from Educational Outfitters in St. Louis Park. Our items are listed on their website under our school name.

The Year at a Glance

What will happen and what you can plan for...

August

August 29, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Back to School Night - come in to see the classroom, meet the teacher, bring in school supplies, visit the used uniform sale, etc. and meet new friends!

August 29 – Back to School Picnic at Sanborn Park. Bring dinner for your family. Our PTC Committee will supply dessert. Begins at 6:15 pm.

August 30 - 6:00 p.m. – Virtus session offered at SHCS. All registrations for Virtus must be done online at www.virtusonline.org

September

September 13 – SHCS Curriculum Night for Pre-K through 4th Grade and September 20, for grades 5 - 8. Parents will meet with classroom teachers to learn about curriculum , classroom expectations and procedures.

September 13 – School Picture Day by Clix. Students may be out of uniform for this day.

October

October 6 – School Marathon – Sanborn Park – This is a wonderful school community event. Each student is required to bring in \$150 for Marathon.

October 15 – 25 – Teacher Conferences- Meet with teachers. Sign-ups will be sent out 1-2 weeks prior for Pre-K – 5th Grade. Middle school is drop in.

October 18 – 19 – MEA NO SCHOOL.

November

November 6 –No School. Staff Development Day.

November 21-23 – Thanksgiving Break. No school. Happy Thanksgiving!

December

December 13 – 14 – Santa’s Workshop sponsored by PTC. Students shop for loved ones.

December 20 – Christmas Concert – Come and listen to our children; PreSchool, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades participate.

December 24 – January 4 – No School. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January

January 7 – School Resumes

January 21-22 – NO School

January 25 – Lunch with a Loved One – Guests may eat lunch with students and shop at our Book Fair.

January 27 – February 2 – Catholic Schools Week – students enjoy a fun-filled week to celebrate our Catholic identity.

February

February 8 – 5th Annual Gala. A great way for parents and friends to socialize.

February 18 – No School – President’s Day

March

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

March 21 - Conferences

March 25-29 – No School – Spring Break

April

April 19 and 22 – No School

May

May 5 – 1st Communion

May 23 – Spring Concert – Come and listen to our children; Kinde, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th Grades participate.

May 27 – No School

May 30 – Track and Field day, K-8

June

June 3 – 8th Grade Graduation

June 5 – 11:00 a.m. – Last day of school. Please note early dismissal time of 11:00 a.m.