

November 1, 2020



The mission of Sacred Heart School is to promote life-long learning and Christ centered values in a Catholic setting.

Homework

There's no need to battle with your child over homework. Far too many parents feel that it's their job to make their kids do all of their work. As a result, they find themselves in un-winnable power-struggles with their kids. Even sadder, their children begin to see learning as frustrating and bad thing.

Give yourself a break! Listed below are some guidelines for upping the odds that your child will view you as a homework ally...rather than an educational enemy:

Help only when your child truly wants it.

Help only as long as you are enjoying the process. As soon as anger and frustration enters the equation, you run the risk of having your child associate learning with these uncomfortable emotions.

Avoid creating unhealthy dependency. Tell your child, "I'm going to let you work on your own most of the time so that you will know that you can learn even when I am not sitting next to you."

Help only as long as your child is working harder than you are.

Remember that it is far better for a child to get a poor homework grade than to believe that it's their parent's responsibility to force them to do their work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 Daylight Savings Ends
November 3 Election Day
November 4 8:30 a.m. Mass-3rd/4th Grade
November 10 P/T Conferences 3:30-7p.m.
November 11 8:30 a.m. Mass-3rd/4th Grade
November 12 P/T Conferences 3:30-7p.m.
November 17 8:30 a.m. Mass-3rd/4th Grade
November 26-27 No School-Thanksgiving
December 2 8:30 a.m. Mass-2nd, 3rd, 4th Gr.
December 4 No School-Staff Day
December 9 8:30 a.m. Mass-2nd, 3rd, 4th Gr.
December 16 8:30 a.m. Mass-2nd, 3rd, 4th Gr.

**December 19-January 3, No School
CHRISTMAS BREAK!**

Please remember to send students every-day with a mask, coat, snow pants, boots, mittens, and hat. We will play outside daily if the temp and/or windchill is above zero.

A Message from the Principal

Virtues in Practice were specifically created for use in Catholic elementary schools, by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, in Nashville, Tennessee. However, the program may easily be used by parish religious education programs, homeschooling families and by other Catholic groups for education purposes.

Virtues in Practice are structured so that the entire school community studies the same virtue each month during the course of a regular school year of September through May. The curriculum spirals, and every three years the same virtues are repeated with greater depth, and new saints are introduced as models of those virtues. The program includes a cycle of a Year of Faith, Year of Hope, and Year of Charity.

Sacred Heart School completed the Year of Faith and began the Year of Hope. In September we learned about the Virtue of Hope. Hope is trusting in God's loving plan. The saints who model this virtue are Saint Joseph (K-2) and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (3-4). In October the children will learn about the Virtue of Studiousness. Studiousness is seeking knowledge to grow closer to the Truth or God. The saints who model this virtue are Saint Albert the Great (K-2) and Saint Thomas Aquinas (3-4). For more information on this program feel free to visit the following website www.nashvilledominican.org or contact LeAnn Dahle, 835-2780.

Yours in Christ,
LeAnn Dahle

SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of severe winter weather, we follow the directions given by Waseca Public Schools. **School Messenger** will be utilized this year for school closures, late starts and early dismissals due to inclement weather. We have programmed the two numbers provided on your emergency form to receive these notifications. The School Reach Instant Message Program will also be used for reminders regarding upcoming school and parish events. Please notify the school office 835-2780 or email LeAnn Dahle at dahle@sacredheartschoolwaseca.com if you need your number or any additional numbers added. Thank you!

SACRED HEART COVID GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES

Parent/Guardian Expectations

Conduct student COVID wellness check, including temperature, prior to reporting to school.

Student with a temperature over 100 F must stay home.

Student must be fever-free without the use of medications (Advil, Tylenol) for 72 hours before returning to school.

Students must arrive to school wearing a mask as mandated by the state of Minnesota.

Daily provide your students with a filled non-glass water bottle as water fountains will not be available for use. Water bottles will be sent home daily to be sanitized, filled and returned the next day for use at school.

Entrance into the school building will be limited to staff and students to ensure the health and safety of all. Contact the school office 507-835-2780 if you need assistance. We will meet you at door 5N.

Follow postage signage on all entrance doors.

Complete the required waiver prior to the first day of school. Students without a waiver will not be allowed to start school.

Parents/guardians will not be permitted to join students for lunch.

Support the school by reminding your child to follow physical distancing recommendations.

Make sure you are receiving emails and School Messenger calls. Read all communication from the school and teachers.

Complete the emergency contact sheet found in your parent folder.

Student Expectation

Students will wear a face mask/covering as mandated by the state.

Students will bring a water each day in a non-glass bottle as water fountains will not be available for use.

Students will be reminded to follow physical distancing throughout most of the day.

Students will be asked to wash hands and use sanitizer numerous times throughout the day.

Students will be reminded to follow guidelines and signage throughout the building.

Students will follow teacher directions for bathroom, hallway, and locker use.

Students are asked not to share supplies with other students. If a supply is shared, then it will be cleaned.

Students may be asked to help clean their desk and/or common areas in their classroom.

Students will eat lunch at staggered time, numbers will be limited, and students will need to sit at designated spots.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DILIGENCE!
WE ARE OPEN BECAUSE EVERYONE IS DOING THEIR PART TO
KEEP OTHERS SAFE AND HEALTHY!**