

February 1, 2021



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

A Message from the Principal

Good communication with children in our care is vital if we are to be successful as parents and as teachers. That being true, we must recognize that communication involves more than just words, and even words are subject to differing interpretations. Silence itself can be a form of communication.

What is actually said may not convey what was really meant; and what the listener hears, or thinks he hears, may not be what was really said. Add the fact that words are colored by the speaker's tone and inflection, and are reinforced (or even contradicted) by body language. The result may very well be misunderstanding.

"How did you do at school today?" can seem accusatory, or it can sound like an automatic comment requiring little response. Instead, make your questions specific enough to show genuine interest and elicit more comment from your child. "Tell me about your day." "How did you feel about that?" "How can I help?"

Communication is talking, listening, attempting to understand, and seeing things from the other's view-point in total honesty and openness. It can be either verbal or nonverbal. It can lift the spirit of another, or it can be devastating.

Perhaps we all need to think about our interactions with children and each other and let communication become an enriching and healing factor in our lives.

LeAnn M. Dahle

Important Information

REPORT CARDS...The elementary report card is used to communicate with families with regard to student progress toward standard learning expectations for each grade level. The report card is intended to inform families about students' learning successes, areas of need, and continued opportunities for growth. It's just one of the many ways we communicate with you about your child/ren's performance and progress. We have created new report cards last year to reflect these standard learning expectations for students at each grade level. Report cards were mailed on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Please contact classroom teachers and/or LeAnn Dahle, at 835-2780 if you have any questions. We would encourage and appreciate your feedback as this will be our first go around with the new format. We thank you for your ongoing support and feedback!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES...Conferences will be held on March 29 and 30, 3:30-7:00 p.m. You will find a letter with your time attached to the newsletters this month. Please contact the office if you need this changed.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN...In order for your child to start kindergarten in Minnesota, you are required to provide your school with your child's Early Childhood Screening Summary, Birth Certificate, and an Immunization Record. Earlier is better! If your child is 3, 4 or 5 years old and has not been checked for health and developmental status, please contact ECFE to schedule an appointment 835-2222.

DRESS RECIPE FOR MINNESOTA...1 pair boots, 1 pair mittens, 1 warm jacket, 1 hat, and 1 pair snow pants, 1 good breakfast-Mix together and apply on child with love before starting out for school or play. Children have been coming to school without appropriate winter clothing. Please make sure your child is dressed for our Minnesota winters. We will go outside for recess daily if the temperature/wind-chill is above zero degrees. Keep in mind that snow pants and boots not only keep children dry when there is snow, but also warm when there is no snow and when walking to the lunchroom each day. If your child needs warm clothing, please notify LeAnn Dahle (835-2780).

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK...Continue to follow the COVID guidelines before sending children to school. Be sure to call the clinic if your child has a cough that is getting worse, has difficulty breathing, is getting sicker, has a persistent fever, has a headache or neck pain, is irritable and not consolable, or if you have any questions about your child's health. **Do not send your child to school until they are fever free without the use of acetaminophen.**

SACRED HEART PARENT CHECKLIST

My child arrives at school on time. **A reminder that school begins at 8:00 a.m. repeated tardiness is a truancy issue.**

My child eats breakfast every morning before school.

I check my child's backpack each day.

My child is in school each day unless sick.

I check my child's homework.

My child reads 15 minutes 5 nights a week.

I make education a priority in my household.

Catholic Schools Week

January 31-February 1, 2021

Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts on the last Sunday in January and runs all week. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2020 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, and activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Sacred Heart School and Children's House Montessori will celebrate activities January 31-February 5, 2021.

Upcoming Events

Jan 31-Feb 5	Catholic Schools Week
February 3	4th Grade Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
February 10	3rd Grade Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
February 15	No School President's Day
February 17	2nd Grade Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
February 25	4th Grade Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
March 1	No School-Staff Day
March 3	3rd Grade Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
March 10	2nd Grade Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
March 12	No School-Staff Day