



September 1, 2021

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

Dear Parents and Friends,

“Welcome Back”! I’m excited for the start of this new school year and look forward to seeing all of you soon! I would like to remind you of a few key items so that we can have a spiritually rewarding and smooth school year.

Parent Handbooks...Please take time to read/review prior to the start of the school year. The handbook and all newsletters may be accessed on our school website www.sacredheartschoolwaseca.com.

School starts at 8:00 A.M. and dismisses at 2:45 P.M. Student arrival time is 7:50 a.m. Upon arrival students enter the building and go directly to classrooms. Children should not arrive at school before this time unless enrolled in the **SHARP** program. **Students arriving in the classroom after 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy.** Dismissal of Students will be at 2:45 p.m. daily.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ON THE PLAYGROUND 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. This is for the safety of all children. Please drop off all students at the U-Drive location on the north side of the Parish Center. All students, kindergarten through fourth grade, must be picked up at this same location at dismissal time. **Please refer to the parking letter and map included in your parent folder.**

We are happy to inform you that Sacred Heart School and Children’s House Montessori have been approved to offer FREE meals to all our children through the Minnesota Department of Education. The school will offer daily lunches at no cost to our Sacred Heart School and Children’s House Montessori families on the days school is in session. This program will run for the entire school year. We are grateful and excited for this opportunity. If you have any questions please contact the school office, 507-835-2780 or email Carly Broughten at broughten@sacredheartschoolwaseca.com.

Sacred Heart School will continue to follow the wellness policy. This policy is required by the government as part of our federally funded lunch program. **Out of concern for students with life-threatening allergies and for the overall wellness of all students, we ask that parents refrain from bringing in snacks and birthday treats.** Sacred Heart School will provide a daily snack for all students at approximately 9:00 a.m. The snacks provided will follow the Wellness Policy and will meet the guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Food and Nutrition Department. Individual teachers will decide on age-appropriate ways to recognize and celebrate birthdays within the classroom. June, July, and August birthdays will be celebrated in the half-birthday month. This is not meant to inhibit the fellowship of joyful birthday celebrations, but to recognize the importance of the teacher’s instructional time and to respect our children with health issues.

If you are planning a birthday party, slumber party, etc. for your child/ren, we ask that you make these arrangements outside of school. When invitations are passed around school, or the group is picked up at 2:45 p.m. and you are one of the children not invited, there can be hurt feelings. Because of our small classes, we have approximately 8 to 10 girls or boys in each class, so it is obvious if you have been excluded.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE complete and sign all necessary forms enclosed in your packet and return them to Sacred Heart School by **Friday, September 10, 2021**. The textbooks and health services forms need to be completed and returned so that we can receive reimbursements from the public school for these materials and services. We want you to check “I do...” because it indicates to the public school that we do want to receive the reimbursements. We need a textbooks and health services form from **each** child attending Sacred Heart School.

A reminder that as members of our parish community supporting the mission to provide a faith-based education to all children in our parish, you are asked to contribute \$1,500.00 envelope support to the parish. It is a privilege that the parish supports the school and only right that we all do our part. It does cost the parish approximately \$4,200.00 per pupil attending Sacred Heart.

All students riding the bus should do so starting the first day of school. This will get them use to their routine. Please contact Palmer (833-4438) or Lenz (835-5104) Bus Company if you have questions or concerns about your child/ren’s busing.

Picture Day for all students will be Thursday, September 30, 2021. Information will be sent later. Retakes will be Wednesday, November 3, 2021, following Mass.

Sacred Heart School will designate Fridays as ***Spirit Day*** for this school year. Our goal is to build a stronger sense of school community and pride. On Fridays we would like the staff and students to wear Sacred Heart shirts, or the colors red and white. Shirts have been ordered for kindergarten students and any other students who are new this year at no charge.

Email and the School Website have become vital in updating parents about school events. If you are not receiving school email updates or have changed your email address, please contact LeAnn Dahle at dahle@sacredheartschoolwaseca.com. We will be happy to add you to our parent contact list. The school website is www.sacredheartschoolwaseca.com. Communicating via the website, Facebook, and email could be a potential timesaver for our school.

Sacred Heart School utilizes an instant phone parent contact program called ***School Messenger***. Your home number and cell numbers will be used from the **Emergency Information** form found in your family folder as primary call numbers. ***School Messenger*** will be used to communicate school closings and upcoming events. To receive phone and text messages **please make sure you “opt in”** when you receive the first message.

The **School Calendar** included in your parent folder, is the official updated calendar for the school year.

We will participate in Mass every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. with the parish community. We invite you to join us at Liturgy on Wednesday mornings. Please view the weekly parish bulletin, the school website, and monthly parent letters for information regarding our Liturgy celebrations throughout the school year.

Yours in Christ,

LeAnn M. Dahle
Principal