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"Learning, leading, and achieving with Jesus in our Hearts"

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Dear Sacred Heart Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Sacred Heart School! Our pastor, Fr. Eric, school faculty, staff and I look forward to a great year working with you. We can still thank God for the many blessings he has given us and we will continue to persevere. We extend a warm welcome to new families joining our school community this school year. The teachers, staff and I are thrilled you have joined our school community and can't wait to get to know your children. The SHS and parish community offer their friendship to all of you. I am proud of the remarkably strong Christian values and family traditions shared here at Sacred Heart.

I am confident that working in partnership with Fr. Eric, our excellent faculty and staff, our dedicated parents and school family we will have an extraordinary 2021-2022 school year, despite some of the restrictions that continue this school year. We will take things one-step-at-a-time always ensuring the health and safety of our children, families, and staff. The Sacred Heart school community had a successful school year for 2020-21 and we are all determined to continue successfully educating our students emotionally, socially and academically while keeping us all safe.

We have been quite busy this summer preparing for the upcoming school year. We will continue with the many safety and health guidelines which will be implemented and adhered to in our school as outlined in the documentation sent from the Archdiocese and emailed to parents on August 12th. You can view the document at the following link: www.catholicschoolsny.org/opening2021. Importantly, all students will be in their own classrooms, wearing masks and no remote or hybrid learning.

First, we would like to share some "school news and changes" from the last time we were in school. Mrs. Andrea Murphy will be teaching kindergarten this year bidding farewell to her PKFA classroom. Mrs. Murphy is very knowledgeable in early childhood development and will expertly transition the children into kindergarten. The middle school classrooms on the second floor have been newly painted (grades 4-8) for a fresh and bright environment for the students. There have also been minor replacements and additions to our 3K and PKFA classrooms, such as whiteboards, new blinds and sinks in the classrooms and bathrooms. The classrooms in the PKFA building were also freshly painted. We are anticipating the implementation of the DOE Child Nutrition Program for all students. More details will follow as the program specifications become confirmed. Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms. There is no sharing of lunch, snacks or drinks.

Attached you will find the September calendar along with pertinent information regarding the first few days of school. Please carefully read the "Morning & Dismissal" procedures for all grades, including "Stop and Drop" for grades K-8, attached for your reference. "STOP and DROP" will begin on September 8th for grades 1-8 and kindergarten may begin on September 13th. Temperatures will be taken

in the morning by the Health and Safety Aides, but please remember to complete the Health and Screening Checklist as we did last year.

3K and PKFA students will be receiving a welcome letter from their assigned classroom teachers. Please remember to check your email.

Please review and read all attachments as there is other pertinent information regarding the start of the school year. A tentative school year calendar can be found on our website, as well, as the September calendar. Please review the attached "STOP and DROP" procedure with diagram. There is also a summary of information of the first few days of school attached to this email for your convenience. Also, attached is the Income Survey that needs to be filled out and returned to school on the first day. This is important as it generates funding for the school. All required documents may be printed from our website and must be returned to school. The documents can be found under the TAB "Current Families" in Parent Resources. Please note documents being updated every day and be sure to only use the 2021-22 documents.

Together with our dedicated faculty and staff, I eagerly look forward to the first day of school and to working in an active partnership with you to provide an outstanding learning community for our school children. May the Lord's blessing and peace be with you as you safely enjoy the rest of the summer days that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

Celeste J. Catalano

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