



Parents/Guardians,

I want to take this time to welcome our new parents/guardians and welcome back all of our returning parents/guardians. I am looking forward to an exciting year with the students as we continue to overcome the effects of the pandemic. I hope all of you and your students are as excited as the staff and I are here at Sacred Heart Catholic School, for the school year to start. As you know the first day of school for students is **Monday August 30**. As a reminder, students who would normally be taking the bus will need to be brought to and picked up from school on Monday the 30 and Tuesday the 31, because the buses will not start running until September 1.

I wanted to send a message to share information about some of the projects that took place over the summer as well as discuss some procedures as we start the year.

It has been a busy summer getting a number of different large projects completed around the school. Those projects included putting new flooring in two classrooms as we have done in past summers. We had all of the lighting converted over to more energy efficient and cost effective lighting. It was awesome to see just how much brighter this new system makes the school. The lights also have a motion sensor so that the lights turn off when they are not in use, but also come on as you enter the room. If it would be too bright there is a dimmer switch. We also had the hallways painted red, white and black to represent our school colors. This has brightened up the hallways, and has given the school a fresh look. Finally, we had the school office carpeted, painted, and a new desk for Mrs. Meisner. This gives us a fresh look, but also a much more professional look. There were a variety of smaller projects that were worked on also.

We would recommend visiting the school on **Thursday, August 26 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm** for the **Meet & Greet**- back to school event, not only to see your teacher/s, but also to see all of the summer projects that were done this year.

We are again excited that we can meet face to face this school year, but we do have some guidelines that we will be following. These come from the Diocese of Green Bay and have been reviewed by the Sacred Heart Catholic School Board. I have attached a copy of an abbreviated version of those guidelines for you to review. The big one is the use of masks. We will leave that up to the parents/guardians to decide. **We will not require them to be worn**, but we will not prevent anyone from wearing one either. There is one caveat from the Diocese, and that is if 10% of the student body is testing positive for COVID 19 we will require masks until we are back to zero.

We will continue with many of the other safety measures that we had last school with handwashing at least three times a day, we will have the commercial air purifiers running in each classroom

throughout the day, rooms will be cleaned nightly and twice a week will receive a deep clean and sanitizing mist. All other pertinent information can be found on the attached document. As a reminder we need to continue to be flexible with all of these guidelines as they could change at a moment's notice if conditions change.

Our **drop off and pick up** will be similar to last year. We will be asking that you drop your son/daughter off at either door number 2 (red awning) or door number 1 (carport). You can begin dropping students off at 7:30am. Last year, students stayed on the playground until 7:55am before entering the building, but this year we are going to allow the students to enter and go straight down to the cafeteria for breakfast instead of having it served in the classrooms. I am asking that you do not escort your child to the cafeteria. We will have staff supervising students going to breakfast, and they will see that your child gets there safely. Students will be picked up by their teacher at 7:55am in the cafeteria and school will begin at 8:00am. I am asking that all students be here by 7:45am if they are planning on eating breakfast otherwise no later than 8:00am or they will be marked tardy. Breakfast and lunch are once again **free** to all students.

Our pick up will run as it did last year. We will have the gates up in the parking lot for parents/guardians to wait for their child/ren. We will again be asking that you **enter the parking lot off of Main Street and exit onto Sawyer Street**. We need to keep the traffic moving so we do not get backed up on Main Street, so I am asking that as soon as you have your child/ren safely in your vehicle, to please exit the parking lot. We will begin to bring the **younger students out at 3:00pm** and the **older students will be dismissed at 3:10pm**. The younger students will be Preschool to second grade. The older students will be grades 3-8. I am requesting that all students be picked up no later than 3:30pm unless they are participating in any after school events.

Again I want to welcome everyone as we begin a brand new school year. We are looking for a great year of learning, faith and fun. Your child's teacher will be providing additional information on the first day of school, so please look for that information to come home. If you have any questions pertaining to this letter or other school related questions please contact either Mrs. Meisner or myself. Thank you for entrusting your son/daughter with us and may God Bless each of you.

**Mr. Cumberland**

*School Principal*