



# Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

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## Principal's Newsletter

*October 19, 2017*

**Dear Parents,**

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other. Above all, clothe yourself with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:12-14)

Sometimes we need to take a small step back from all the busyness in which we are involved and from harsh thoughts and hasty judgments of others. Let Jesus clothe us with His love and grant us the grace to be truly kind and caring to all!

On behalf of Monsignor Marine and Father Mike, I am very happy to announce that Mr. Daniel Clifton has been appointed as our new Advancement Director for Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School. Mr. Clifton has a strong appreciation for Catholic education and has worked for a number of years in the development and marketing fields. We are excited to begin working with Mr. Clifton in the overall planning, coordination, and evaluation of enrollment, development, and communications so that SKD can continue to achieve its mission to the fullest. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Clifton to our SKD family!

Please carefully review this week's newsletter for the many reminders and updates. As always, we thank you for your commitment to our school and its mission! Let us make a special effort to be more aware of God's presence in our daily lives and pray for the grace to follow Him more closely. As we journey together, let us pray for one another!

God's blessings,  
Ms. Clark

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**10/20:** NO SCHOOL

**10/27:** Jean Day / Community Homeroom

**10/28-10/29:** New Playground Installation- **DATE CHANGE**

**10/30:** **Winter Uniform Begins**

**10/31:** PreK and K Halloween Parade / Saint Parade

**11/1:** Mass 9am

**11/2:** Ribbon Cutting for New Playground / Book Fair Begins

**11/3:** Mass 9am

**11/5:** Fall Open House 12-2pm

**11/8:** Fall Open House 6-8pm

**11/9:** 11:45am Dismissal / Parent-Teacher Conferences

**11/10:** **NO SCHOOL** / Parent-Teacher Conferences

## **New Playground Installation**

Please see the attached flyer! We need your help! Thank you for all of your support!

## **LATE ARRIVALS**

Our school day begins with community prayer at **8:15am**. **Our morning drop off line opens at 7:40am and remains open until 8:13am. At 8:13am**, cones are placed at the beginning of the drop off. If the cones are present when you arrive with your child, you must park your car, and walk your child into school. You will need to sign-in your child at the school office. Your child will then receive a late pass to enter class. You are not permitted to just drop your child off at that point. **You must accompany your child to the school office.**

## **Student Safety First**

Please enter the morning drop-off car line with caution. The morning drop off is an express line; parents may not stop and get out of their cars. **Students must exit from the PASSENGER SIDE only once stopped at the curb. Children should not wait to exit the car.** Students **MUST be ready** to exit the car once pulling into the car line drop-off in order to eliminate back-up traffic. **DO NOT DRIVE OUT OF THE CAR LINE. PLEASE WAIT FOR THE LINE TO MOVE SLOWLY TO EXIT.** If you need to bring your child into the school building, you **MUST** park your car and enter through the main school entrance. You must report to the office.

## **Healthy Hands, Healthy Heart**

Fall is here, and with the cool breeze comes the unfortunate cold and flu! **If your child is sick, please keep him or her home.** Please remind your child to always remember to wash his or her hands. Studies have proven that hand washing (next to the flu shot) is the BEST way to avoid colds and flu. A healthy diet and sleep also keep your immune system going, so be sure that your child gets plenty of rest!

## **THANK YOU**

God is good! We are truly blessed and grateful to so many people who help SKD School achieve its mission. Thank you to Mr. Patterson, Mr. Wetherhold, our Parent Association, all volunteers, golfers, and donors! Our annual Golf Outing was a huge success!

## **Fall Open House**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Open House(s)! Pay us a visit after mass on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2pm or on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. All are invited to attend, and we hope to see you there!

## **Winter Uniform**

Students must begin wearing their winter school uniform on October 30<sup>th</sup>. As always, a neat appearance demonstrates respect for others and fosters an individual's sense of self-respect and pride. The SKD winter uniform requirements can be found in our Family Handbook on our school website.

## **Lost and Found**

PLEASE remember to label all student items with their names: lunch boxes, coats, sweat shirts, and sweaters. Items are always being found, and labeling will help find its rightful owner! Thank you in advance for your help! If your child is missing something, please have him or her check our Lost and Found box located in the school lobby.

## **Announcements / News for the Principal's Newsletter**

Do have a special accomplishment or achievement to share? Please let us know the great things that are happening for our school students / families. We would like to include this in our weekly newsletter. We are proud of our SKD School Community. If you have information that you would like to be included in our weekly newsletter, please send your information to Ms. Clark no later than Tuesday to be included Thursday's newsletter.

## **Early Dismissal**

If your child must leave school before the end of the school day, an early dismissal form must be completed and sent to the homeroom teacher in the morning. Parents are to come to the school office to pick up their child for dismissal.

## **Monthly Prayer List**

Prayer requests will be mentioned and remembered each day by our students during community prayer. Please let the school office know of any special intentions that you may have.

## **Health and Wellness Policy**

In accordance with the Archdiocese Wellness Policy, the Council Rock School District, and our school health committee, **no food/candy treats will be allowed at school for birthday celebrations.**

## **Like us on Facebook**

Along with visiting our website, additional ways to stay informed about the many exciting happenings at SKD School is to like us on Facebook at St. Katharine Drexel Regional Catholic School. Tell your friends to like us too.

## **Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels**

Please remember that SKD School participates in the Box Tops for Education Program and the Campbell Soup Labels. Look for the Box Tops logo on various products. Clip off the Box Top and save them for our school. Each Box Top is worth .10 that begins to add up rather quickly. The school has the potential to raise \$5000.00.

## **Smile.Amazon.com**

When shopping online, please use the above site. Select SKD and a portion of the sale will go to our school.

## **Giant's A+ Program**

Please go online to [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) and register your Giant card designating SKD School ID #23572 as the recipient of your rewards. Please tell your family and friends to help us out too.

***The Mission of St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School is to form Catholic leaders through academic excellence, personal discipline, and Christian service.***