



Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

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Principal's Newsletter

November 2, 2017

Dear Parents,

Our mission at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School is to form Catholic leaders through academic excellence, personal discipline, and Christian service. Our school is an extension of the parish communities where our students are taught to carry out the mission of their own parish and of the universal church in order to grow into Catholic leaders. Saint Katharine Drexel imparts the knowledge of our Catholic faith and the responsibility of giving witness to our beliefs in all that we do.

Family and school represent the primary environments in which our young children grow and develop, and at Saint Katharine Drexel, we value your parental involvement. The foundation for good parent-teacher relationships includes frequent and open communication, mutual respect, and a clear understanding of what is best for each individual child.

We will host our Fall Open House this weekend. I invite and encourage you to come and visit our school during on Sunday from 12-2pm or visit us on Wednesday evening between 6-8pm.

Thank you for the sacrifices you make and for your constant support for Catholic education and the mission of Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School. Let us ask God for the strength and courage to live our Catholic faith and to carry Christ's mission into the lives of our children- creating Catholic leaders and ultimately equipping saints!

God's blessings,
Ms. Clark

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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
- 11/16:** Veteran's Day Celebration
- 11/17:** Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast / Jean Day
- 11/22:** **11:45am Dismissal**
- 11/23:** **NO SCHOOL**, Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/24:** **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/26:** Lunch with Santa
- 11/27:** **NO SCHOOL**

Re-Registration

Re-registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. Each youngest and only child has received a letter explaining the process along with the Re-Registration form. **Register before Thanksgiving** and it is only **\$50** per family AND your family will be entered in a drawing to win VIP seats for Carol Night and the Passion Play!

We Salute Our Veterans

Please join us for our **annual Veterans Day Celebration** when we will honor those who have served our country and fought for our freedom! If you have a relative who is veteran and he/she would be able to join us, please call the office. **Our celebration will begin at 10am on Thursday, November 16th.**

Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels

A message from our Labels Education Coordinator:

As you may know St. Katharine Drexel has long since participated in the Campbells Soup Labels for Education program. Sadly, however, it was announced last year they are winding this program down and it will eventually be phased out in May of 2018. January 2, 2018 is the final date I can submit UPCs into our school's bank account with Labels for Education.

All UPCs with the Labels for Education logo must be mailed & postmarked by 1/2/18 for acceptance; therefore, I would like all Campbells Labels to be returned to me for counting prior to **December 15th**. This can be done via the front office. The entire soup label is not necessary although you may send it in any way you like as long as they UPC is present. Dress Down Day slips from the office will continue be issued for every 100 submitted through mid December.

Thank you! We appreciate your efforts with this one last collection!
Karen Ferrante

Please note: This does not affect the Box Tops program! Box Tops and Campbells Labels for Education are entirely separate entities and Box Tops will continue to be accepted on regular basis.

Financial Aid

Please know that no parent who sincerely desires a Catholic education for their child at Saint Katharine Drexel School will be denied registration because of true financial hardships. Each parish will address this concern on a case by case basis for their parishioners. Any additional financial aid scholarship, in addition to the parishes' subsidy, will be predetermined, and awarded by the parish, prior to the start of the academic year. Families who believe they are eligible and in need of this aid are asked to contact their local parish office and request a financial aid packet which will include the request for all pertinent financial information.

Winter Uniforms

All students are expected to be in their winter uniforms. 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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to welcoming our parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences which will be held next week on Thursday, November 9th and Friday, November 10th.

School Safety and Security

The safety of our students is our top priority. Our school handbook states:

No visitor or volunteer may go directly to any area of the school without first signing in at the office. Each person will receive a visitor's badge and will be directed to the appropriate area when permitted. For the safety of the children, visitors and volunteers are not permitted to go to a classroom to visit, confer with a teacher without an appointment, or visit any child in class, at lunch, or in the schoolyard. If parents wish to arrange a conference with a teacher or the principal, they should call the school office or make a request in writing. It would be helpful if the nature of the concern was stated prior to the conference. No meetings are permitted without an appointment.

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!

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.

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 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.

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