



# **Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School**

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## **Principal's Newsletter**

**August 10, 2017**

### **Dear Parents,**

As we embark on a new school year, we are once again looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can reach their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. With that in mind, you are invited to be an active participant at SKD School. Research on schools clearly demonstrates that parent participation in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success for their child.

As you begin to prepare for the new year, here are some tips that will guide and support your child's learning and help him/her succeed in school:

- Ensure that your child attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns
- Ask your child about school and encourage them to talk about their day
- Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school
- Read with your child every night
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is prepared for school each day
- Help your child with his/her homework every night
- Teach your child to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

May you and your family enjoy these final weeks of summer, and I ask that you pray for our entire school faculty and staff as we prepare for another successful year in Catholic education and dedicate ourselves to the mission of Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School.

God's blessings,

Ms. Clark

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**9/6:** Opening Day for Grades 5-8; Pre-K and Kindergarten BTSN 7pm

**9/7:** Opening Day for Grades 1-4; Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientation

**9/8:** Full Day Grades 1-8; Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientation/ Opening Mass 9am

**9/11** Pre-K and Kindergarten Begins. CARES Open

**9/13:** Back to School Night Grades 1-4 at 7pm

**9/14:** Back to School Night Grades 5-8 at 7pm

**9/21:** Ice Cream Social 6:30-8pm

## **Welcome, Mrs. Quaranto!**

I am very happy to welcome Mrs. Lisa Quaranto to our SKD faculty. Mrs. Quaranto will teach music and direct our school choir. Please join me in offering Mrs. Quaranto a warm welcome to our SKD family!

## **Lunch Monitors- HELP NEEDED**

Lunch monitors are needed on a permanent basis. Each monitor will be assigned to a homeroom to supervise the students at lunch and recess. This duty is from 11:55AM to 1:00PM each full school day. If you are able to give your time, please see the Lunch Monitor Form posted on our website, complete it, and return it to school during the first week. Lunch monitors must be in compliance with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements and have all background checks, and the documentations must be on file. Please check the school website for a list of these requirements.

## **School Supplies**

Your children do not have to bring all of the required supplies to school on the first day. The teachers will be flexible in giving time the first week to bring in supplies a little at a time.

## **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. 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.

## **Bussing Information**

Bussing Information has not been made available as of this time. When received, bussing pick-up information will be posted on our school website and on MSP.

### **Attendance**

School Hours are from 8:15am to 2:45PM. Please call the school office and leave your child's name and room number on the attendance line if your child is going to be absent for the day. If the absence is not reported to the office by 9am, a phone call will be made to confirm an absence.

### **Late Arrivals**

After 8:15am, your child is considered late. Parent and child must report to the school office and sign a late arrival form. The child will then receive a late slip to give to his/her homeroom teacher. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. This teaches our students respect and courtesy along with an understanding of the importance of being on time. When a child is late, it disrupts the morning routines of the classroom and often the child becomes overwhelmed.

### **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.

### **Lunch**

This can be located in the Student Life section of the website. Monthly lunch orders and any correspondence from Mrs. Berk, our cafeteria coordinator, can also be found in this section. If your child should forget his/her lunch, you can place his/her lunch in the Late Lunch Bin in the school lobby. Please instruct your child to check this bin if he/she should forget his/her lunch.

### **Back to School Nights**

We request that at least **one parent of every child** be present for this important meeting. Children are not to be present for this meeting.

### **Band Parent Meeting**

Parents who are interested in the band program are invited to attend a Parent Meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 6pm in the Cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents about our excellent Band Program and answer any questions about instruments, lessons, and band. This meeting is for the parents of all students in all grade levels.

## **Ice Cream Social**

Our Parent Association will hold their annual “Welcome Back Ice Cream Social” on Thursday, September 21st from 6:30-8pm in the cafeteria. Please join us for a cold treat and reconnect with old and new friends!

## **Important Papers**

Even though we are paperless, some documents are required to be sent home. Your child will be coming home with some important information during the first week of school. These documents must be completed and returned to school with your child. This will include: Student Emergency Information Form, Medical Forms, Handbook Agreement, Technology User Agreement and Pledge, and Milk and Pretzel orders. Please be sure to check your child’s folder for this information.

## **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.***