



Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

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Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, *“Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”*

A recent study found that 73% of parents would rather their children be kind than do well academically. That same study found that 80% of children believed their parents valued academics over kindness. Interesting to say the least! As parents, we want only what is best for our children and that includes wanting them to be kind. The good news is that kindness can also be learned.

To encourage kindness in our children, here are some simple things you can do at home and we can do at school!

- **Send kind thoughts.**
- **Share stories of kindness.**
- **Smile more often**
- **Practice random acts of kindness.**
- **Volunteer for the good of others.**

Please carefully review this week’s newsletter for many reminders and updates. As always, we thank you for entrusting your children to us and for the sacrifices you make each day to send your children to Catholic school! Let us begin this school year the same way we begin every day with our students, grounded in the mission of Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School: *“The Mission of St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School is to form Catholic leaders through academic excellence, personal discipline, and Christian service.”*

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

Director of Lunch Monitors

We are seeking a permanent director of of our lunch monitors. The director will be responsible for supervising lunch monitors and directing them to specific duties. Work is performed with consultation from the principal and under the direction of the principal. This is a Monday through Friday position from 11:30am to 1pm. The director must be in compliance with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements and have all background checks, and the documentations must be on file. If you are interested in this position, please contact Ms. Clark.

Lunch Monitors- HELP NEEDED

Lunch monitors are needed on a permanent basis. Each monitor will be assigned a specific duty in supervising our students at lunch and recess. This duty is from 11:45AM to 1:00PM each full school day. If you are able to give your time, please email Mrs. Guarino. 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.

Bussing Information

Most recent bus information has been posted in MSP. If you can not access this site or have questions, please contact Mrs. Young.

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.

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 and Movie Night

Our Parent Association will hold their annual “Welcome Back Ice Cream Social and Movie Night” 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 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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