



# Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

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## Principal's Newsletter

*September 14, 2017*

**Dear Parents,**

We are honored to have you as a part of our SKD family. I remind you of the importance of open communication with your child's teacher. We all share the same goal- for each child to work to his/her fullest potential and to be successful.

Here are a few tips which can help you assist your child in his/her success:

- Make sure your child **attends school every day** possible. Missed work is generally more of a loss than made-up work is a gain. There is no substitute for attendance.
- Designate a time and place for your child to do homework. If he / she does not have homework, have him / her use the time to read. **Routine is the essence of a child's life.**
- **Teach your child character-** it will improve social and academic skills more than anything else. Some things are simply wrong, and the world your child will grow up in will punish crimes, so give your child a head start.
- Make time every day to **talk with your child about the day's activities.** Let them know you care, and really listen to what they have to say.

Please carefully review this week's newsletter for the many reminders and updates. As always, I appreciate your support and commitment to Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School. May God continue to help us to follow His example of unconditional love!

God's blessings,  
Ms. Clark  
Principal

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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

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

**9/21:** Family Movie Night 7:15pm

**9/29:** Yankee Candle Sale begins

**10/2:** Saint Bede's Forty Hours Begins

**10/3:** Closing of Forty Hours

**10/4:** NO SCHOOL

**10/6:** Mass 9am / SKD Dance

**10/12:** School Pictures

**10/14:** Golf Outing

**10/20:** NO SCHOOL

## **Saint Bede's Forty Hours**

Saint Bede the Venerable Church will hold its annual Forty-Hours Devotion October 1-2-3. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have the solemn closing of Forty Hours with a Procession. All students who belong to Saint Bede's are strongly encouraged to attend the procession. All students are to be in uniform. All students are welcomed to be a part of this special devotion.

## **Ice Cream Social and Movie Night**

In partnership with the Parent Association, we will hold our annual "Welcome Back Ice Cream Social and Movie Night" on Thursday, September 21st from 6:30-9pm outside on the soccer field behind SKD.

Please join us for a cold treat and reconnect with old and new friends! Don't forget to bring chairs and blankets for the movie! In case of rain, the ice cream social will take place in the cafeteria and the movie will be held in the school gymnasium.

## **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 [skdlunchdirector@skdschool.org](mailto:skdlunchdirector@skdschool.org). 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.

## **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. For Pre-kindergarten, after 8:30am, 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.

## **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.***