



Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

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Principal's Newsletter

September 28, 2017

Dear Parents,

Once again, I thank you for all of your hard work helping us win the playground contest. Discussion, consultation, and planning took place with the members of our school board, our facility committee, and the building and grounds committee of Saint Bede's. After reviewing these proposed plans with members of our Parent Association and Homeroom Parents for their input, I am excited to announce that we will have **three playgrounds** for our children which will open in early November.

1. Our **new playground** that we won through the TerraCycle competition will be constructed and located in our current play area located in front of the kindergarten classrooms. The playground that has been awarded to us is specifically designed for children ages five and up. TerraCycle provides for no alternatives. We are very fortunate that this area already has new safety turf and enough space for our new playground. This playground will be used by students in kindergarten and up.
2. Our **existing playground** located on the field behind the school will be renovated and fixed. The existing safety turf will be removed and replaced with new safety turf for a safe play area for our children. This playground will also be used by our students in kindergarten and up.
3. Our **Pre-K playground** for our three and four years old will be located behind the Pre-K 4 building. This area will be covered with rubber mulch for safe play. The existing play sets on the kindergarten playground and some new additional playground equipment will be added to create an appropriate age level play area for our youngest students.

We will need major parent volunteer assistance with installing our new playground which will take place on the weekend of October 21st. We are counting on our committed parents to help with this project. **If you are able to help, please let me know.** As you know, more hands make light work!

Once again, on behalf of Monsignor Marine, Father Mike, our Board of Directors, the Faculty and Staff, and all of our students at Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School, I thank you for your constant support on all of our endeavors in order to make our school the BEST school in Bucks County.

God's blessings,
Ms. Clark

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

9/29: Yankee Candle Sale begins / Jean Day

10/2: Saint Bede's Forty Hours Begins

10/3: Closing of Forty Hours

10/4: NO SCHOOL

10/5: EITC Bridge Assembly

10/6: Mass 9am / SKD Dance

10/12: School Pictures

10/14: Golf Outing

10/20: NO SCHOOL

Council Rock School District Bussing

We have recently been made aware of additional changes to students' afternoon bus numbers and PM drop-off times. We are in the process of updating this information. Please login to MSP to view these changes. Any parent who is unable to access MSP, please contact the school office on Friday after 9:15am and Mrs. Young will assist you.

Living Our Mission

We are so proud of our students for demonstrating Christian Service by helping those in Houston who were affected by the hurricane. Our students collected a total of \$2252 for the students in Houston to help rebuild their classroom. Many thanks to our Student Leadership Team and NJHS for leading this important service project. Our small acts of service can transform our world!

Saint Bede's Forty Hours

Saint Bede the Venerable Church will hold its annual Forty-Hours Devotion October 1-2-3. On October 3rd, we will have the solemn closing of Forty Hours with a Procession. All students are strongly encouraged to attend the procession. All students are to be in uniform and meet in 6A.

EITC Scholarship Money

We are honored to host the EITC assembly on **Thursday, October 5th at 1:00 PM** in the school gymnasium. Private schools in the Bucks County area who have been awarded EITC tax dollars will thank the companies and our state and district representative who decided to allocate their money to help families in need of tuition assistance. Students in **grades 4th through 8th** will attend this event.

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!

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.

SKD Golf Outing

The SKD Parents Association is once again coordinating the Fourth Annual Saint Katharine Drexel School Golf Outing on Saturday, October 14th. You can either golf in the event, which includes lunch, golf, dinner and prizes, or just attend the evening dinner. See the golfer registration form for details. This is one of our largest fundraisers for the school, so your participation is greatly appreciated. It promises to be a great day for everyone involved and for the school.

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.

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 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.