



Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

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Principal's Newsletter ***September 7, 2017***

Dear Parents,

It was so nice to welcome all the children back to our SKD family this week along with seeing their smiling faces. There has been much excitement around our school this week, and the students are getting right back into the swing of their school routine.

The SKD Value for the month of September is "Faith." The students will have the opportunity to be selected for the "Catholic Leader Award." The students will also receive special recognition for their random acts of kindness. We ask for your help in teaching your children to always be kind to others and to treat others as they would like others to treat them.

As always, we expect our students to look and act their very best each day. Please make certain that your child is in compliance with the school uniform regulations. Clean uniforms with regulation socks and shoes are a definite must! This includes regular uniforms as well as gym uniforms. Thank you for your support in keeping with the uniform regulations.

Please be sure to review the **revised** Family Handbook which will be posted on our school website on Friday. Two important new sections have been added- our Bullying Policy and our Homeroom Parent Policy. Please discuss the school policies with your child(ren). If you have a question about a particular policy or procedure, please contact me personally. Every student will receive the Parent-Student Handbook Agreement. This paper must be signed by the students and parents and returned to your homeroom teacher no later than Friday, September 15th.

Please carefully review this week's newsletter for the many reminders and updates. We thank you for entrusting your children to us and for the sacrifices you make each day to send your child(ren) to Catholic school! Let us walk by faith this school year!

God's blessings,
Ms. Clark

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

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

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. 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.

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 Media Center. 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.

The Mission of St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School is to form Catholic leaders through academic excellence, personal discipline, and Christian service.