



Sacred Heart Academy's Weekly

NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

September 10-28
SCANTRON
Assessment

September 15
Parish Picnic

September 19
Middle School
Team Building
Day—Camp
Highroads,
New Uniform
Sale—Flynn &
O'Hara—
2:30pm—
4:30pm, Curbside
Cuisine

September 20
Confirmation
Parents Meet-
ing—8th gr.—
Muldowney
Hall—6:30pm

September 21
11:45am Dismissal—Teacher in Service



Did you know?

PowerSchool

Kindly sign in to your PowerSchool accounts, through your Parent Portal, and update/verify all the information that is already there as well as fill in any informational fields that are empty. Please do this immediately.

VIRTUS SEMINAR

As a part of the diocesan's Child Protection Program, new volunteers to the Academy must attend a Virtus seminar. A seminar is scheduled here on Sunday, October 21 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. You must register on the website: virtus.org in order to attend. Space is limited and it is open to anyone in the Arlington Diocese.

MILK PROGRAM

If you would like your child to receive milk at snack/lunchtime, it is not too late to order. Fill out the Milk Order Form, located on the Academy website, and return it to the office with the \$60 payment.

NURSE'S NOTES

Just a reminder that students are **NEVER** to carry any medication with them at school. This includes over the counter medications, such as Ty-

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your feedback. We love hearing your suggestions that will help us serve you better. Mrs. Wiley, a parent of three Academy students, suggested that we try our new morning drop-off procedure due to traffic backup on Amherst Street. Thank you! It seems to be working very well. After informal surveys, we learned that some parents prefer communication via direct emails, which prompted our weekly/mid-weekly emails with bulleted points. If you have positive suggestions that will aid us in continuing to improve our school, please share them. We appreciate hearing from you.

Sign-Up Genius invitations went home to families with opportunities to volunteer. Volunteers are immediately needed for Parish Picnic, Trunk-or-Treat, Harvest Hoedown, Monday Morning Family Folder Volunteers, Friday Folder Volunteers, and Lunch Monitors. If you can help, please sign up on Sign-Up Genius or call the office.

As we get into the swing of the new school year, please note a few important changes and reminders:

- ◆ Please remember to put the exit time on the sign-out sheet for Bridges. Not doing so will result in billing to your account until 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ There is a two-week limit on billing disputes for Bridges. Charges older than two weeks will not be considered.
- ◆ The first Wednesday of each month the office will close at 3:30 p.m. or at the end of dismissal for an all-hands staff meeting.
- ◆ If you need to pick up your child early for an appointment, you must check out by 2:55 p.m.
- ◆ As an increased security measure, the main office doors will be locked during dismissal, between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., or until all students have been dismissed.
- ◆ Please drop your children off at one of the approved drop-off areas. The Pre-K students and siblings are to be dropped off in the circle in front of the school. K - 8 students are to be dropped off in the back where pickup

is. This is for traffic flow and timely drop off. Any parent who parks in a parking space must accompany the child to the door. Students should not be walking up the sidewalk unaccompanied.

- ◆ To protect instructional time, items brought to school will only be delivered at lunch/recess breaks.
- ◆ Our new procedures will be added to the 2018-2019 handbook. Please familiarize yourself with the procedures listed above and our new drop-off procedure.

Beginning of the school-year forms were due today. If you still haven't input your information into PowerSchool or returned the Parent/Student Handbook Page, Photo, Press, Audio, And Electronic Media Release for Minors, Emergency/Illness Information, and the Child Registration Form VA (state's required form), please do so as soon as possible. Forms may be found on the website. *New this year: There is no Technology Usage Agreement Form. The Technology Policy is detailed in the handbook, so signing the handbook page covers technology use.

Middle School students and parents will sign off on the 1:1 Chromebook Policy when they are oriented on Chromebook use. This is a separate form that will be sent home and available on the website next week.

Upcoming Events, please mark your calendars:

Scantron Testing - 9/11/2018 - Students in grades 3 - 8 will begin taking standardized assessments.

Parish Picnic - 9/15/2018 - Bring your entire family to the Parish Picnic!

New Uniform Sale - 9/19/2018 - Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company will be onsite from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. to sell uniforms.

Curbside Cuisine - 9/19/2018 - Enjoy dinner prepared by Chef Erin! Get your orders in soon.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us. They are truly a blessing!

Ad Jesum Per Mariam,
Susan P. Netko

lenol, Neosporin, cough drops etc. If you would like these types of items available to your child, you must bring them to the clinic with the completed medicine form. If it is a prescription, we need the medicine in the original container with the doctor's orders and the diocesan medical form. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Petrella in the Clinic.

UNIFORMS/PERSONAL ITEMS

Please remember to label with your child's name **ALL** personal items, such as lunchboxes, backpacks, uniform and personal clothing items. Without labelling, lost items can not be returned to their rightful owners.

PE SCHEDULE

There was a mistake in last week's newsletter with regards to the Seventh Grade PE schedule. The correct days for Seventh Grade PE are Monday and Friday.

NEW VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK

Please note that the Academy will pay for **ONE** background check per family. If more than one person from the family wishes at the school to volunteer the cost is \$35 for the diocese and state to run the background check.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lunchroom Volunteers—volunteers are needed daily in the lunchroom to help with various tasks i.e. help opening milk containers and lunchbox items, etc. Time commitment is 11:30am—12:30pm. Contact the Academy office 662-7177.

Monday Envelopes—collect and sort items returned in the family envelopes and deliver to the office. Time commitment—45 minutes after drop off on Mondays or the first day of the school week. Contact the Academy office at 662-7177.

Parish Picnic—many volunteers are needed to help out at the parish Picnic on Saturday, September 15. Tasks are set up, traffic control, taking care of the food tables and clean up. If interested, please contact Chris Ricketts at 1-540-808-2736 x 3 or by email at crickets@sacredheartva.org. It promises to be great fun!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If any volunteer opportunities are of interest to you and will involve being with children, you must be Virtus compliant per the Diocese. To be compliant, you must attend a Virtus seminar and fill out all the required background check paperwork. Once all the paperwork has cleared and attendance to a seminar is confirmed, your volunteer service that includes being with children will be approved.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



The Academy is again participating in General Mills “Box Tops for Education” program. So, if you collected labels over the summer, please turn them in in an envelope with your child’s name and grade on the envelope. In your family envelope this week is a collection sheet that you can use for your Box Tops labels, You can find the labels on hundreds of General Mills products, so be on the lookout. Each label is worth \$.10 and it adds up quickly. The goal this year is \$2500!

MARTINS A+ REWARDS PROGRAM

Please remember to sign up your Martins Bonuscard in the “Martins A+ Rewards” program. The Academy has participated in this program for many years and has earned over \$20,000 which is used in our Tuition Angels program. The registration process is easy, just follow the steps found on the Martins A+ Rewards website. Once you’re registered, every time you use your Bonuscard at Martins between September 7, 2018 and March 16, 2019, you earn cash for the Academy. This program does **NOT** take away any of the gas or grocery points you earn. This is a very easy way to support the Academy. Invite family and friends to join the program. Thank you!



At a recent school assembly, presentations were made by students, parents and staff, about various charities that they would like to be sponsored by the Academy on our monthly Buck a-Jean Days. Students will vote and results will be announced next week.

We pray. ❤️ We study. ❤️ We serve.

