

Dear Sacred Heart Academy Elementary Families,

Welcome back for the 2021/2022 school year! We are very excited to have everyone back at Sacred Heart Academy.

NEW Family Orientation for all NEW Sacred Heart Families on Wednesday, August 18 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

Fall Open House for ALL Sacred Heart Academy families, Wednesday, August 18 @ 6:30 – 8 p.m. – meet at your child's classroom.

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 22, 2021, from Noon to 2:30 p.m. for parish and school families. Click [here](#) for additional details.

First Day of School - Monday, August 23, 2021 **School Day Times:** 7:40am-2:40pm

Elementary school supply list can be found [here](#).

Elementary dress code sweatshirt can be ordered [here](#).

Safety Protocols

The CDC, along with the Central Michigan Community Health Department, is recommending masks for all unvaccinated individuals. This includes students in Kinder-Prep through 6th grades since they have not reached the age where they are eligible for the Covid vaccine. Although Sacred Heart is not requiring masking, we do recommend following the CDC guidelines.

Sacred Heart will continue to be diligent in other safety protocols as well. We will keep the air circulating and windows open (as weather permits), continue rigorous sanitizing procedures, and help students maintain physical spacing throughout the building. We will also only be allowing staff and students into the building at this time. Parents and other volunteers will not be permitted until further notice. (This includes at drop off time. We will have staff at the main elementary doors to escort students to classrooms as needed. Parents are welcome to walk children to the door, however, they will not be allowed into the building.)

Daily Drop Off and Pick Up

We will be returning to the 'traditional' drop off and pick up routines this year. Students may be dropped off starting at 7am and head to the cafeteria where they will be supervised by Sacred Heart Staff until the first bell rings at 7:30am. Students may be dropped off curbside on Michigan (just outside of the elementary building). Please remember this is a drop off zone only and no parking is allowed in this area. Parents wishing to park and walk students to the door may park in the city lot across the street on Michigan or along the side street. We will have a city crossing guard to help students cross at the intersection of Michigan and Franklins streets.

Elementary dismissal/pick up will resume in the courtyard this year. Kinder-Prep and Kindergarten students will dismiss at 2:35, 1st-6th grade students at 2:40 daily. Teachers will bring student to their designated area in the courtyard (between the elementary and high school buildings). Parents may walk up, and students will 'tag out' with teachers – this is where the teacher spots that the parent and students are together at dismissal. Kinder-Prep parents will meet the teachers by the tree in the courtyard as they will need to sign their child out daily.

Students attending Latchkey after school will be picked up in their classroom by a latchkey staff member (lower elementary) or walk to the cafeteria (upper elementary). If you are interested in latchkey services, please see the information below.

Latchkey Information

Sacred Heart is excited to offer latchkey services after school again this year. Please see and **complete attached registration forms** if you are interested in using latchkey.

Forms should be completed and brought to Open House in order to start the first week of school. Mrs. Binger will again be our Latchkey Director. She will be at Open House to collect forms and make sure your children are ready to participate. (*If you have used latchkey in the past, you **still need to complete the attached form** to re-register for the upcoming school year.*)

We will be using a Google Form sign up system for latchkey this year. A link will be emailed to you weekly and included in the weekly elementary newsletter. Please complete the form by the Friday before the week of service. (Each form will be dated.) This will help with preparation and staffing. If something changes after the Friday deadline, you are still welcome to call the office to see if your child can be added. Once you have signed up for a given day you will be charged unless there is an extenuating circumstance or emergency reason you need to cancel.

Link for August 23-27: [Latchkey Sign Up 8/23](#)

Nut Free Grade Levels

Due to severe nut allergies Kindergarten and 2nd grades will be nut free grade levels. Although students will bring individual (not shared) snacks, the oils and such could pose potential dangers for some of our students. Please be sure that both snacks and lunches are free of nut products. Thank you for your help keeping all our kids safe!

Birthdays (Student Parent Handbook p.19)

On a child's birthday color day clothing may be worn, unless the birthday falls on a Mass or field trip day, in which case the student should arrange another date for the extra color day. They may bring **an individually pre-packaged treat to share with the class.**

In order to avoid disruption or undo hurt feelings, please make use of the above opportunities to celebrate your child's birthday at school. We ask the following:

1. Arrange for flowers, balloons, and other gifts to be delivered to the house. We will not deliver these items to classrooms. It is disruptive to the learning environment, and we have many birthdays to celebrate.
2. Make use of the Renweb directory to send invitations to parties. **Invitations are NOT to be passed out at school by students or parents.** All other invitations should be delivered/mailed outside of school.
3. As we have students with allergies, it is helpful to email the teacher, so they know there is a treat coming. This helps students with allergies to make sure they also have a treat at school. Please do not bring extra decorations (and no latex balloons).
4. We follow national school lunch rules, so we keep pop and fast food out of the cafeteria and stay with healthier options.

Welcome back from the SHA Cafeteria

We are excited to welcome our students back in the Elementary Cafeteria (KP- 6th) and Parish Hall (7-12th) for the 2021-2022 school year. Below you will find information on SHA lunch pricing, lunch accounts, pre-ordering lunch, lunch menus, Ala carte information and Free/Reduced lunch application information.

*Lunch pricing

Student lunch	\$3.20
Student lunch extra entrée	\$1.75
Staff/Adult meal	\$4.50

*Student Lunch Accounts (www.sendmoneytoschool.com)

*Any returning SHA student who has a lunch account set up last year will be all set for the upcoming school year. Any funds that were remaining from last school year will transfer over to this new school year. We ask before school begins that you pre-fund your students lunch account and pre-order lunch daily/weekly (daily order cutoff is 8am).

*Any new students to SHA will need their families to set up new lunch accounts. Families will need all student ID#s, however only 1 account is needed per family. You will receive an email this upcoming week with your students ID#, head to www.sendmoneytoschool.com , and follow the steps for set-up, funding, and pre-ordering lunches. We ask before school begins that you pre-fund your students lunch account and pre-order daily/weekly (daily order cutoff is 8am). If you have any questions, please reach out to thaines@sha.net.

*Pre-order for the upcoming week will be available starting on Saturday.

*Pre-Ordering Lunches

We ask that all families with students who will be eating lunch with SHA to pre-order your student meal.

The pre-ordering is located at www.sendmoneytoschool.com . You will see some changes this year in the pre-order food choices, instead of listing the item of the day we will have 4 choices.

- 1)hot lunch choice (please see menu for the daily lunch choice)
- 2)turkey and cheese sub
- 3)peanut butter & jelly sandwich
- 4)grilled chicken salad

*Friday Pizza Day, you will be selecting your students type of pizza

*Monthly Lunch Menus

Monthly lunch menus will be sent out with the weekly newsletters, also there will be menus posted on SHA.net with the updated monthly Lunch Menu.

*Ala Carte Sales (SMART SNACK APPROVED)

Students in grades 3rd -12th will have the opportunity to purchase Ala Carte items during lunch period.

Students in grades 1st & 2nd will have the opportunity to purchase Ala Carte items during lunch period on **Friday only**.

* Please see lunch information at www.sha.net for a list all SMART SNACK APPROVED Ala Carte items and cost. This list will be updated this coming week as our lunch products begin to arrive.

*If you do not want your child to participate in the AlaCarte option please email our Food Service director, Tiffany Haines (thaines@sha.net)

*Free/Reduced Lunch

Applications for free/reduced lunches are available & submitted online at www.lunchapp.com. Also, applications can be picked up in the Elementary or High School Offices.

Home and School Used Uniform Sale

Home and School will sponsor a used uniform sale at the Back to School Open House on Wednesday, August 18th from 5pm-8pm. Please use the cafeteria exterior door from 5p-6:30pm. Parents will not be allowed in the hallways until 6:30pm. Uniform items will be available for \$2 each with the money supporting both Home and School as well as extra Religion and curriculum items needed in the elementary building.

Home and School Association

Click [here](#) to learn more about Sacred Heart's amazing Home and School! If you are interested in joining Home and School please email Ms. George (jgeorge@sha.net).

SHA Online Spirit Store Now Open!

Home & School Association is excited to announce that Logo's Galore has reopened the Online Spirit Store for all of your SHA Spirit Wear needs! NEW items, along with old favorites, may be found [HERE](#). Please note that orders take 2-3 weeks for production, and you will be contacted via email when your order is ready for pick up at Logo's Galore. Only orders placed by September 19th, will be guaranteed in time for Homecoming 2021. Thank you for your continued support and GO IRISH!

Teacher Assignment 2021/2022 School Year

To access your child's teacher for the upcoming school year please log into your RenWeb Family Portal. Once in your Family Portal page pick 'student' on the left hand side. From there you can access your child's name and click on 'schedule'. The schedule page will tell you the homeroom teacher.

Ms. George