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September 2018 Newsletter

Vision Statement
Forming young Disciples

EARLY RELEASE

We have Early Release Friday, September 7, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER/ STAFF

Please welcome Ms. Renata Leach (3rd) and Mrs. Katrina Wilson (K Aide) to our staff. We are blessed to have them join our Sacred Heart family.

CLASS PARTIES

There are some spots left open for class parties. If you did not get to sign up to bring goodies at Open House, you still have a chance! Please contact your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher to see what is needed for parties.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Please make sure that your immunizations are up to date and that you have submitted the immunization record to our office. If your child is non-compliant for any immunization you will be notified. Please make arrangements to follow up as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

Beginning Wednesday, September 5th at 4:45 P.M. all students in ASC will be taken to the gym because CCD classes will start at 5:00 P.M. and we think it will be less traffic concerns if you pick up your child(ren) from the gym. The glass doors will be the only doors that will be open. You may park under the awning by the glass doors for ease of access.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The Fayetteville K of C are selling VISA card raffle tickets to support Catholic education at Sacred Heart School. Reminder: There are tuition prizes for the 3 highest sellers and tickets are due in the office by Wednesday, October 24th by 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in tickets please come by the school office or contact a school parent to purchase some!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you need uniforms, don't forget that DRESS FOR SUCCESS on the square handles our uniforms from French Toast. We also have some gently worn uniform shirts/short/pants in the office for sale at \$3.00 each. Thanks to all who donated and purchased.

LIFETOUCH SCHOOL PICTURES

Student picture day is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 28, 2018. Look for more information to come.

SACRED HEART CHURCH BULLETINS

Extra Sacred Heart Church Bulletins are available in the school office for your convenience.

EIM

EIM Policy Compliance Requirements: All paid positions (substitutes) and school volunteers MUST complete the application for Ministry (which permits the background check) and attend an EIM workshop. Please be aware that if you are not EIM compliant, you will not be able to participate or volunteer in school activities with the children. More information on EIM can be found on the Diocese's website, www.austindiocese.org. As of August 1, 2016, The Diocese of Austin will begin using a new education program for the EIM workshop, which will replace the current Basic/Refresher workshop format. This program is a 2 hour course and will be issued for a period of 3 years.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

All Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Austin will administer student achievement tests during the period of September 17 through October 5 in Grades 1 - 6. As much as possible, please try not to make any appointments during the morning on these dates. More information as to specific dates and times of testing by grade level will be sent to you at a later time.

LIBRARY MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

A complete list of donations is posted in the hallway. Sacred Heart wishes to thank all who support the Library with donations and memorials. What a wonderful way to carry on the memory of a loved one than through a book memorial or donation to the Sacred Heart Library. Please contact the Office or Library for more information.

TUITION/LUNCH PAYMENTS

All tuition/lunch/afterschool care fees are paid through the FACTS Tuition Management System. If you need assistance, please contact Tiffany Janda at 968-3223.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember students are required to bring a note of explanation for each absence. These notes are to be dated and signed by the parent(s)/guardians(s) and presented to the office. Until a note is obtained, the absence will be treated as an unexcused absence. Absences are either "excused" or "unexcused." For "UNEXCUSED" absences, the teacher and/or principal will have the option of allowing the work missed to be completed or letting the absence result in a grade of 0(zero) in the class(es) missed.

APPOINTMENTS

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please give the office prior notice so that the release slip will be ready for your signature and your child will be ready when you arrive to pick them up. Students may not leave the campus without parent/guardian supervision during school hours.

LUNCH MENUS

In an effort to save paper/money, we ask that if you want a hardcopy of the menu, please print it from the website. Call the office if you have questions.

SPIRIT DAY FRIDAY

Wear your Spirit Day T-shirt on Fridays with your jeans. If you did not purchase a shirt, we do have some in the office for \$10.00. Please remember it is not mandatory to purchase this t-shirt, you may wear your uniform shirt with jeans.

FREE DRESS

We will continue to allow free dress on progress report and report card days. Please be advised that this is a privilege and not a right, so we ask that you monitor your child's attire so that it is within the dress code guidelines.

THANK YOU

- The Sacred Heart graduating classes of 2018 for donating the mural of the school logo as you walk in the front door.

STOP!T

Because the safety of the child(ren) in our schools is one of our highest priorities, giving students a voice to express concerns in their school community is very important. To ensure that every child has that opportunity to communicate, Bishop Vásquez has purchased the STOPit program to be piloted in all of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Austin. STOPit, the leading technology platform for schools that deters and controls harmful or inappropriate conduct empowers students with an easy app to safely and anonymously report anything of concern to school officials – from cyber bullying to threats of violence or self-harm. STOPit enables students to stand up for themselves and others while giving our schools officials the insight they need to keep students safe.

STOPit will also help us go beyond reacting to bullying as students can submit anonymous reports containing text, photos, or video. Administrators are then able to manage incidents in a back end management system, and instead start deterring it. As young people continue to engage more with technology every day, we are taking a proactive step to empower our students to become "Upstanders" in our community in the way that they feel most comfortable. We believe our adoption of STOP!t is an important step in our continued effort to provide a positive school climate for teachers and students.

Learn more about STOP!T at:

<http://stopitsolutions.com/stopit-solutions-education>

Report an incident that happened at school at:

https://appweb.stopitsolutions.com/login/LetsGoSHCS/public_device/

The reporting link is on our webpage under important link then click on newsletters. It is labeled Stopit Reporting.