



Dear Parents,

June 22, 2023

First, I want to thank all of you who helped make the recent school bazaar a success. The bazaar is crucial to meeting our annual budget, especially this year as we face the challenges that will come with implementing LEARNS. As soon as the final numbers are available, we will share them with you.

The school year often sneaks up on us, so there are several items we wanted to pass along now, as they may be helpful in preparing for next school year.

- ***If your child meets the criteria for an EFA account, please complete the application asap. If your child received a SUCCEED award last year and has renewed for this school year, you also need to set up an EFA account asap.*** EFA accounts for 23-24 must be set up by **August 1, 2023.** More info on the back of this letter.
- Dress Code - The 2023-2024 student handbook will be published on our website soon with all dress code policy details. A few minor changes to note for any parents who start shopping early: in keeping with the rest of the policy, accessories such as bows, visible socks, and leggings under skirts/dresses must also be solid uniform colors only.
- Summer reading lists and school supply lists have been published on the school website.
- The full school calendar is included with this letter. All dates are tentative and subject to change but we hope this will allow you to plan ahead for important school events. For your convenience, you can also download all calendar events into your phone (see back).
- Next school year our campus will be nut free. More information will be shared in August.
- In May, the school board voted to increase the support hour fee from \$10/hour to \$20/hour for any of the 33 hours not completed.

I want to assure you that we are closely following the developments with the LEARNS act and how it will affect our school and our families. Some of you may have received notifications from ACE regarding your tuition assistance. We will be in contact with each of you as we work through our tuition and fee schedule for 2023-2024. As always, we remain committed to maintaining affordable tuition for our families.

Finally, if you have not already, I highly encourage you to sign up for our weekly parent email as it will be our primary source of communication as we get closer to and throughout the school year. Information about this and other resources may be found with this letter.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or the school if you have any questions or we can be of any assistance. We hope you are enjoying your summer break, and we look forward to seeing our students at our back-to-school **Open House on August 10th at 6pm in the Church.**

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Pope Benedict the 16th said, “A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.”

Our Catholic school has a long-standing tradition of quality, Catholic education. I am excited to share with you today that Catholic education is soon going to be accessible for all families. We have been blessed to have some of you as a part of our school family and welcome those new to our school.

Recently, the state of Arkansas passed a bill called The LEARNS Act that allows families to choose the best school for their children regardless of income. Families can apply for an Education Freedom Account (EFA) to be used for tuition and fees up to \$6,600 per student.

For the 2023-2024 school year the following students are eligible to apply:

- Students enrolling in kindergarten for the first time
- Students with a disability identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Students considered homeless under McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Foster children or former foster children
- Students currently participating in the Succeed Scholarship Program
- Children of active-duty military personnel (Title 10 or 32)
- Students who were enrolled in the previous school year in a (1) Public school that has a rating of “F” or (2) Public school district classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive Support

Families who had a child on a Succeed Scholarship last school year should also create an EFA account.

The deadline to set apply for EFA is August 1, 2023.

If your child is eligible to apply for an Education Freedom Account, the application is available at the following website: efas.ade.arkansas.gov/Account/Login



If you have any questions, please email akoonce@sacredheartmorrilton.org.



2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 7-10	Teacher In-Service
August 10	Open House, Church, 6pm
August 14	First Day of School
August 15	Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) - All School Mass
August 23	Athletics Parent Meeting, 6pm
September 1	Student Council Retreat
September 4	Labor Day - No school
September 11	Spirit Monday
September 13	Beta Club Inductions (after Mass)
September 15	Hamburger Sale
Sept 18 - Oct. 6	MAP testing
September 29	Professional Day - No school
October 4	School Pictures
October 5	Oktoberfest - Beer, Brats, & Bid
October 6	Oktoberfest
October 9	Spirit Monday
October 11	PSAT (10th/11th grades) tentatively; Action Services Fishing Derby (Key Club)
October 13	End of Quarter 1; Flu Clinic, Red/White Game & Dance
October 19	High School Follies; Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30 dismissal)
October 20	Fall Break - No school
November 1	All Saints Day - All School Mass
November 6	Spirit Monday
November 17	Grandparents' Day - Noon dismissal
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
December 4	Spirit Monday
December 8	Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation - All School Mass
December 13-14	Santa Shop for Elementary; Semester Test Review Days
December 19	Elementary Christmas Program
December 15-20	Semester Tests, End of Quarter 2
Dec. 21 - Jan. 2	Christmas Break
January 3	Semester 2 Begins
January 8	Spirit Monday; Elementary Cookie Dough Sales Begin
January 12	Homecoming Game & Dance
January 15	Marthin Luther King Jr. - No school
January 17-18	Jr. Beta Convention
January 18-19	Sr. Beta Convetion

Stay up to Date!

Add the SH Calendar to Your Phone:

iCal download



Google link



**All dates subject to change*



2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan 22 - Feb 17	MAP testing
Jan. 28 - Feb. 1	National Catholic Schools' Week
January 30	Day of Giving
January 31	Ring Day
February 2	Senior Night
February 10	Trivia Night
February 10-17	High School District Tournament, hosted by SH
February 13	Valentine Deliveries (in advance, due to Ash Wednesday)
February 14	Ash Wednesday (All School Mass)
February 19	President's Day - No school
March 4	Spirit Monday
March 8	End of Quarter 3
March 10	Confirmation at Sacred Heart
March 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30pm dismissal)
March 15-22	Spring Break
March 29	Good Friday - No school
April 1	Easter Monday - No school
April 8-9	AMI Days for Eclipse 2024
April 15	Spirit Monday
April 20	Prom
April 22 - May 10	MAP testing
April 23	5th Grade Vocations Day
April 26-27	School Play & Art Show
April 30	Student Council elections
May 1	Seniors Last Mass - All School Mass
May 3	Spring Festival (Noon dismissal); Seniors last day
May 5	First Communion at SH
May 6	Spirit Monday; Athletic Banquet
May 7	Senior Awards Night, Church, 6pm
May 10	Elementary Field Day
May 14	6th Grade Shadow Day
May 17	Graduation Practice, 10am
May 19	Graduation, 4:00pm
May 22	Fly Up for Kindergarten & 6th grades
May 24	Last Day of School
	(10am dismissal for elementary; noon dismissal for high school)
	End of Quarter 4

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HELPFUL LINKS:

Below is a handy list of website and portals we use at Sacred Heart.

FACTS (formerly Renweb)

factsmgt.com

Click Family Login at the top

- FACTS Family Portal - New families apply on this site; returning families re-enroll here. You can also see your students' grades, tuition and lunch balances, etc
- Payment Plans/Financial Aid - Used to apply for financial assistance.



EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT SYSTEM (EFA)

efas.ade.arkansas.gov/Account/Login

Families who meet the criteria and who were on a Succeed Scholarship should apply asap (by August 1, 2023).



WEEKLY PARENT UPDATE

https://bit.ly/SH_Parent_email

Your resource for everything going on at SH - delivered to your email inbox every Sunday at 10am



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