

Dear Wonderful Sacred Heart Families,

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to rest and relax over the summer break. I am so thrilled to officially welcome you to a new school year. As a Father of two teenagers, I know how important it is for children to feel safe, accepted, celebrated, and loved outside of their own family unit. Our goal at Sacred Heart is to not only challenge your children to grow academically but to thrive in an environment both emotionally and socially. Although there are many external stressors in the world right now, our classrooms will always be a place of faith, love, peace, and laughter. Together, we will make this year incredible.

The staff have been working diligently, preparing classrooms for our students and we are excited and ready to have our school classrooms buzzing with student voices once again. I want to assure you, that we are taking every precaution outlined by Public Health and our board health officials for a safe return.

Teaching Staff 2021-2022

KA- Mrs. Carusso, DECE- Mrs. Ianiero

KB- Mrs. Clannon

1- Mrs. DiGiacinto

2- Mr. Donelson

3/4- Mrs. Mascarenhas

4/5- Mr. DiBenedetto

5/6- Mr. MacLeod

6/7- Mrs. Alessi

8- Mrs. Richard

FSL/PPT- Mrs. Giavedoni

RR/PPT- Mrs. Szpirglas

Class Placements

Final class placements for students are occurring this week. Class Placements will be sent out electronically, via Messenger, late Thursday afternoon. If you have any issues opening the email please contact the school. All new JK students can expect a call from their classroom teacher on Thursday afternoon. Our staff are committed to providing the best possible Catholic education for our children. Please know that once class lists are finalized, **they cannot be changed.**

September 2021-22 Entry Plan

Mon. Sept. 6 LABOUR DAY No School	Tues. Sept.7 No students on this day Staff Preparation and Professional Learning	Wed. Sept 8 First Day of School for Students in Grades 1-8 Kindergarten Year 2 (SK only)	Thurs. Sept. 9 Kindergarten Year 2 (SK) JK Students (Last name A-L <u>only</u>) No School for JK Students (Last name M-Z)	Fri. Sept. 10 Kindergarten Year 2 (SK) JK Students (Last name M-Z <u>only</u>) No School for JK Students (Last name A-L)
Mon. Sept 13 All Students in School	Tues. Sept. 14 All Students in School	Wed. Sept 15 All Students in School	Thurs. Sept. 16 All Students in School	Fri. Sept. 17 All Students in School

PA Days

We are beginning the school year with 3 consecutive **Professional Activity Days for staff on September 1st, 2nd and 7th**. September 3rd is a school holiday. The first day of school for students is **Wednesday, September 8th, 2021**. Staff will be engaged in professional learning and faith formation during these days.

Lunchroom Supervisor

Sacred Heart of Jesus is in need of a full-time lunchroom supervisor. This is a paid position by the Board and hours of work will be from 11:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. Monday to Friday. If you are interested in this position, please contact Mrs. Bennici as soon as possible.

Important Information for the week of September 8-10, 2021

The following procedures outlined below will apply to all students attending.

Arrival:

Those parents whose children are in FDK will be able to bring their child to the playground. Please be sure to respect social distancing and wear a mask. Our FDK teachers will be outside holding a sign to indicate the specific kindergarten class (i.e., FDKA). FDK Students will be

ushered to their respective classes. I would ask that parents please leave the playground as soon as their child enters the school.

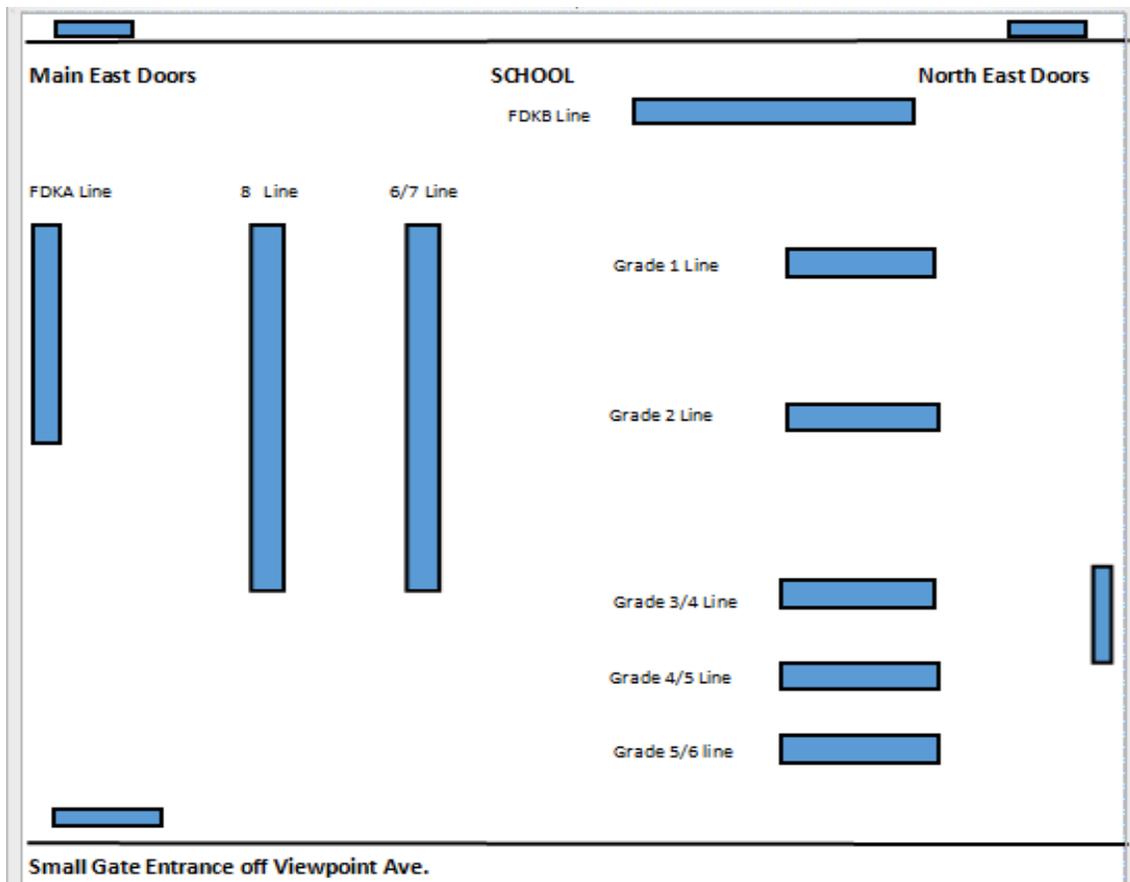
Grades 1 to 8

If you are driving or walking your children to school, you may drop them off at the main entrance to the playground (i.e., Location- Viewpoint Avenue). A staff supervisor will be located at the gate to help sanitize students' hands. All children will also need to be wearing a mask upon arrival. Your child will then be directed to the proper line. For example, Grade 1 and 2 teachers will be standing on the playground holding their Grade sign. Your child will walk to their respective classes. Please make sure your child knows their teacher's name for the first day.

The only parents allowed on the playground are the FDK parents. We appreciate your understanding in helping to keep your children and the staff at Sacred Heart safe.

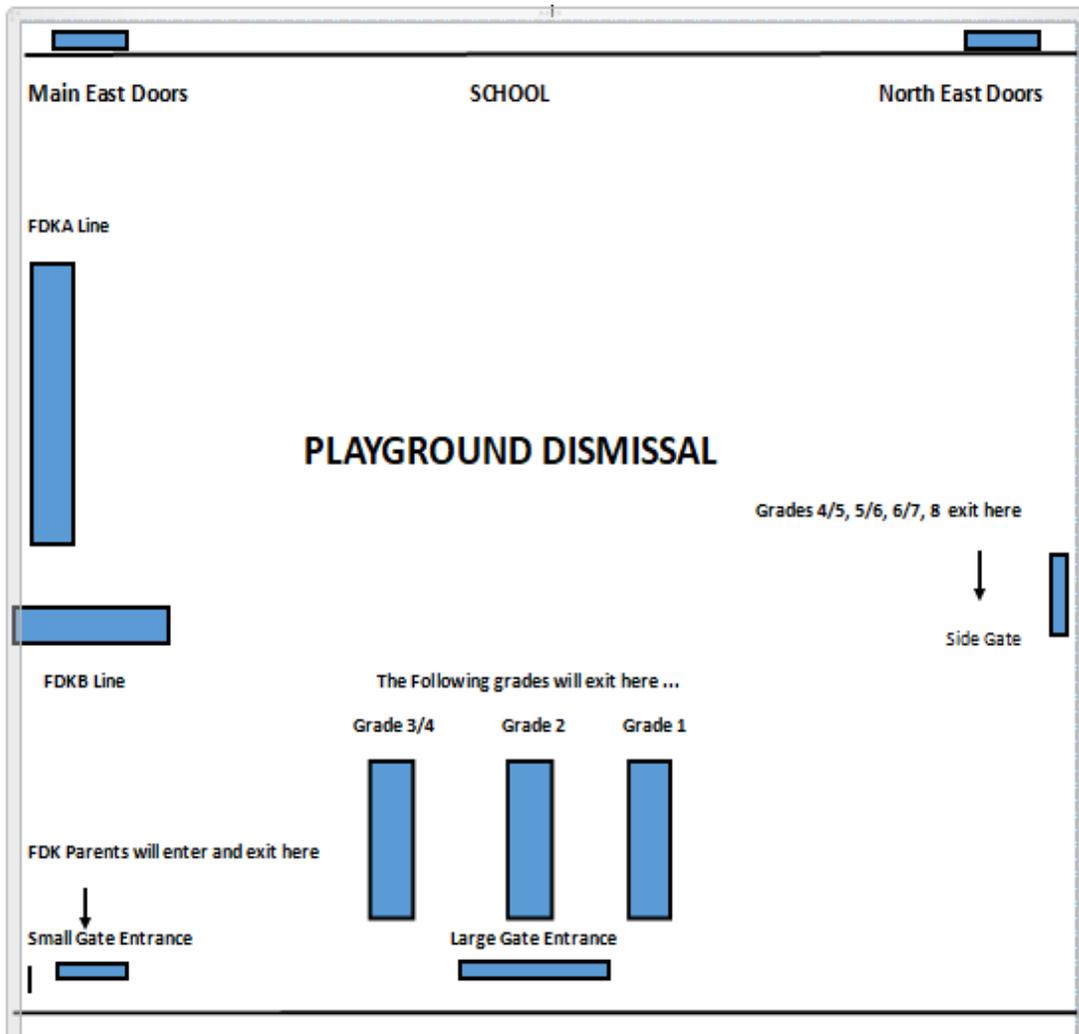
First Day Entry/Safety Procedures:

When the bell rings in the morning, classroom teachers will be standing in locations where their class will line up all year. A hand sanitizer pump will be made available. They will ensure students have their mask on and then proceed into the school. Throughout the day, teachers will discuss safety measures, reinforce floor decals, washroom use, distancing, hand washing, use of masks, recesses, lunch and dismissal procedures. Like last year, during all recesses, classes will be assigned to a specific area on the playground where they can play with their class cohort. Please see map of below regarding our school entry plan.



Dismissal:

At the end of the day, those parents whose children are in FDK B, can pick up their child in the kindergarten yard. Parents whose children are in FDK A, will pick up their child outside of Mrs. Carusso’s class. Students in grades 1-8 will be brought out by their classroom teachers and dismissed at the appropriate gates. Please respect social distancing and wear a mask. Please see map below that further explains our dismissal plan.



Important Reminders:

-First day of school for Grades 1-8 and SK Students only is September 8, 2021.

-Please be aware that when dropping off your child, parents except for FDK parents will not be allowed on the playground. If you are picking up early or dropping off later, please use the front door, buzz the office and your child will be brought to the front doors.

-There are **no visitors** allowed in the school at this time. This includes parents/guardians.

-Students are required to wear proper uniform. All sweaters must be blue or white.

-The school will be providing students with their own cloth mask. Please bring extra masks.

-With regards to the church parking lot, it is imperative that parents consider walking or parking on Mountain Park Avenue to avoid unnecessary congestion.

-On-line Schoolsses for students will begin September 8th. More information will follow from the Virtual School.

-You must screen your child for symptoms every day before they come to school.

Attached is the link to the HWCDSB Covid-19 Parent Guide. [Covid-19 Parent Guide 2021-22](#). Read through the protocols for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Below is also a picture of where the HWCDSB Parent Website icon can be found on our board home page. There are important links for parents once you click on it. I have posted a second picture to show what you will see when you click on the link.



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-Students who become ill during the day will be placed in an isolation room with supervision. They must be picked up from school as soon as possible. Parents/Guardians will arrive at the front door and use the buzzer. Their child will be brought to them at the door. The office will take your name and you will sign the child out before exiting the school. More information will be shared next week.

Looking forward to a great year!!!

God Bless,

Mr. K. Mielko

Principal