



# Sacred Heart School

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## September, 2017 Newsletter

Please check our school website for all the latest news: [www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/sacredheart](http://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/sacredheart)

**Dear Parents and Guardians:** A very warm welcome to you and your family from the entire staff at Sacred Heart! This year will be an exciting one as we have a fresh opportunity to work together as a school community, students, parents and staff. We are blessed with wonderfully supportive parents, as well as a truly dedicated staff all working together to make the best possible educational experience for our children. We are happy to work alongside such dedicated and compassionate individuals who help your children grow spiritually, socially, and academically.

At the beginning of this school year, Sacred Heart School experienced a change in enrollment, in student numbers. To provide balanced class sizes and to ensure the best possible educational opportunities for all students in the school, we made changes to our homerooms on Monday, September 11. Thank you to all staff and students for embracing the changes and making this transition as easy as possible.

### Our 2017-2018 school staff are:

Ms. Coflin – Principal

Mrs. Rippe – Kindergarten am and pm

Mrs. Lamberton – Grade 2

Mrs. Miller – Grade 3/4

Mrs. Robinson – Grade 5/6

Mrs. Nagy – Assistant Principal

Ms. Opelik – Grade 1

Ms. Neufeld – Grade 2/3

Mr. Haley – Grade 4/5

Mrs. Turner – Diverse Learning Teacher Coordinator

Mr. Decore - Family/School Support Worker

Mrs. Rooney – Learning Commons Librarian

Mrs. Armstrong – Educational Assistant

Mrs. Chau – Educational Assistant

Mrs. Desautels – Educational Assistant

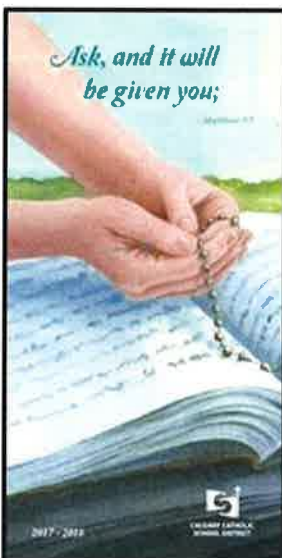
Mrs. Thoutenhoofd – Administrative Secretary – Elementary

Mr. Gerrard Fortaleza - Caretaker



**Opening Mass** - We will celebrate our Catholic faith together on Friday, September 15 at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church. Please join us in this sign of our love of Christ for others.

**Faith Theme** - This school year's faith theme for the Calgary Catholic District is "Ask, and it will be given you;" Matthew 7:7. This faith theme will focus on the power of prayer and how God always listens to us.



**Parent Teacher Conferences** - Thursday, September 21 - 3:30 – 7:00 pm OR

Friday, September 22 - 8:30 – 1:00 am and 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Please book a conference time with your child's teacher and bring your child to meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Forms to request times have been sent home.

**Volunteer Orientation:** *All parents wishing to volunteer in our school must attend an orientation session EACH school year.* We are pleased to offer the following sessions to kick-off our school year:

Orientations will be held during Parent-Teacher Interviews as follows. Please attend whichever session is convenient for you. (you only need to attend one session)

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017:

1. 4:00 - 4:30 pm
2. 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Friday, September 22, 2017:

1. 8:30am – 9:00am
2. 1:30pm – 2:00pm

**School Council** – The first school Council Meeting is on **Monday, September 25 at 3:00 pm**. We are looking for input from all of our families, so please join us. All parents are welcome.

**Supervision** - There is no supervision outside the school before 7:55 in the morning or after school. If you are picking your child up after school, please arrive at the bell time, 2:40 pm, and at your child's appropriate exit. We always want to ensure the safety of all members of our community, so please be careful in the parking lot. Please advise your children not to walk through the parking lot.

**Visiting the School** - We welcome all parents in our school. If you are waiting to pick your child(ren), please wait at the back of the school. Students enter and exit the building through the back doors. Please direct all questions and visits to the school through the office. Parents are not allowed to be in hallways without checking in with the office first. To maintain cleanliness and safety, everyone is expected to remove wet footwear. Parents visiting the school with strollers are asked to leave the strollers in the foyer of the school when the sidewalks are wet or snowy.

**Uniforms** –Thank you to all parents for purchasing uniforms and sending their children to school in the uniforms. We are awaiting a delivery of uniforms and we will notify families when they arrive. Please ensure your child(ren) are wearing a clean and appropriate uniform for attending Sacred Heart School.

**Student Absences and Lates** - If your child will be absent or late for school, please call the office at 403-500-2004 by 8:30 am. We will need your child's name, teacher's name and reason for the absence or late. Our office hours are from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. You may call the office anytime outside the office hours and leave a message on our answering machine. If you are picking up your child early from school, please come to the office to sign out your child.

**Library Truck:** - The Calgary Public Library Book Truck is back! The truck will be at our school every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 12:30pm – 2:30pm.

**Cell Phones** - We understand that some of our older students have cell phones that they bring to school. We encourage students to use the phones responsibly. Students must come to the office to use the school phone during the day for any contact with home.

**Birthday Celebrations** - We are happy to celebrate your child's special day in the school. We will announce all birthdays during the morning announcements and the birthday child will come to the office to receive a birthday treat. Please do not send cake, cupcakes, treat bags, balloons or juice boxes. Sorry, we cannot take class time to have a birthday party.

**Sacred Heart Parish News** - Please visit the Sacred Heart Church website for information on Mass times and other pertinent information regarding the church. Please click here: [Sacred Heart Church](#)

Dear Parents:

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW:

1. Choose which day you would prefer.
2. Write down a time below that would suit you.
3. Your child's teacher will accommodate you as close as possible to the time you request and will let you know the time your appointment has been made for.
4. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

**THURSDAY, September 21, 2017**

BETWEEN 3:00pm and 4:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

BETWEEN 5:00pm and 6:45pm \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY, September 22, 2017**


BETWEEN 8:30am and 10am \_\_\_\_\_

BETWEEN 10am and 11:15am \_\_\_\_\_

BETWEEN 1pm and 2:15pm \_\_\_\_\_

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# September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 Day 1 First Day of Classes	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16
17	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30pm – 7:00pm	22 Day 2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30am – 11:00am 12:30pm – 2:30pm	23
24	25 Day 2 3:00pm School Council meeting	26 Day 3	27 Day 4 Book Truck 12:30pm – 2:30pm	28 Day 5 Shine Awards 10:30am	29 Day 6 Terry Fox Run – 12:45pm Wear Orange Day <i>(uniforms not required if you're wearing orange)</i>	30



# Sacred Heart School

## MILK PROGRAM - 2017/2018

Our school is pleased to continue to offer a milk program to our students. Chocolate milk and white milk will be available each lunchtime for \$1.00 Here are the payment options for this year:

### 1. Pre-pay program

- parents pay \$20 per child. This gets the child 20 milk.
- We will issue a milk card for that child which will be available at the milk table in the gym each lunch hour. Students will tell the Milk Supervisor their name and the Milk Supervisor will punch a square on his/her milk card to show one milk has been used.
- When the card has less than \$5.00 left, the school office will email you to let you know.
- please fill in the form below and send to the office with cash or cheque (made payable to Sacred Heart School).
- You may pre-pay for as many milk cards as you wish, but only in \$20 increments please. As soon as the office receives your payment we can set up your child in the milk program.

### 2. Pay-As-You-Go program

- milk can be purchased each day for \$1.00



## Order Form - Milk Program

Please fill out one form per student. (You may use one cheque for all children in one family.)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

# of cards wishing to purchase for this student:     1 (\$20)     2 (\$40)     3 (\$60)

Total amount attached: \_\_\_\_\_

cash

cheque (made out to Sacred Heart School)

Office Use:    Date form & payment received: \_\_\_\_\_

                  Date milk card created: \_\_\_\_\_

                  Date reminder email sent: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Connections



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWS

## Did you know?

Over 125 photos were shared to the CCSD's Summer Holidays 2017 album on the district Facebook page. It looked like everyone had a wonderful summer!

### Board of Trustees' Welcome Back Message

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to the 2017–2018 school year. While many of our students and staff are returning to class on Tuesday, September 5, many others in our district work throughout the summer, educating and supporting students in our summer school and year-round education programs. We are thankful to all of our CCSD staff members. It takes the commitment, dedication, compassion and skills of many to ensure every student has the opportunity to achieve success. *To read the full message, please visit our website under News.*

### Chief Superintendent's Welcome Back Message

Welcome to the 2017–2018 school year! We will have over 55,000 students heading back to class at 112 schools in our district, with over 5,000 staff members—from teachers, support staff, caretaking staff and our central office staff, helping to educate and empower our students. Our Calgary Catholic community continues to grow, with three new schools set to open this fall in the communities of Aspen Woods, Silverado and Skyview Ranch, as well as three additional schools still in the planning and construction phase. *To read the full message, please visit our website under News.*

### Parent and Trustee Forums 2017–2018

Parent and Trustee Forums are an opportunity for parents to connect with their local school board trustee to learn more about education in our schools and work together towards common goals. All parents/legal guardians with children attending CCSD schools are considered members of their local school council and are encouraged to participate in School Council meetings at your child's school and Parent and Trustee Forums that take place in November, January and March. Please speak to your child's school principal to get involved or visit our website under Parents/School Council.

### Interested in becoming a Catholic School Trustee?

Elections for school trustees are held at the same time as local government elections. School trustees are elected by Catholic school taxpayers and serve a four-year term. The deadline to file nomination papers, which will confirm a candidate's intention to run as a local school board trustee, is Monday, September 18, 2017. The municipal election takes place on Monday, October 16, 2017. Please visit the City of Calgary website or the Alberta School Boards Association for more information.

### 2017–2018 Bus Schedules & Routes

Updated bus schedule and route information for the 2017–2018 school year has been posted. Please visit our CCSD website under Parents/Transportation/Schedules & Routes. Click the PDF file of your child's school name to access detailed bus schedule and route information. The CCSD is committed to providing a safe, efficient and economical method of transporting students to school.

### 2017–2018 District Faith Theme

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." (Matthew 7:7). In the initial year of our new three-year faith theme, we are focusing on the first part of the verse, "Ask and it will be given you." As servants of God, we are always called to discern his will, and through prayer we develop a closer relationship with Him who loves us. As the Church teaches us, "prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." In this coming year, we will be continually invited to engage in a deepened prayer life.

