Welcome Back to School!

The backpacks are new and the shoes are too! What a wonderful first week of school we have had, a big thank you to everyone for joining us on our first day. Our blessing was lovely and we thank Fr. Kishor and Fr. Hamilton for their beautiful words. We have hit the ground running, with baseline STAR testing coming next week and lots of learning going on already, we are off to a great start! Please make note of all of the things happening around here, be sure to read everything in these Heartbeat publications. Attached you will also find our August calendar and lunch menu. As always, please contact us with any questions.

God Bless you and your family.

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelena
Bishop’s Reflection for the Month of August 2019

Dear Students,

I hope you are having a great summer. As we quickly approach another academic year, I would like to remind you of two basic things as you get ready to continue your studies and reunite with your friends in the new school year.

First, I hope you have been faithful to prayer. Second, I hope you have attended Mass during your summer break. Our vacation time does not mean a “vacation time” away from prayer, nor away from Jesus who loves you. If for some reason this has happened, recommit yourselves to prayer and attending Mass with your family as you get back to your regular schedule as you begin school.

Prayer offers you the opportunity to speak to Jesus as your personal “best” friend. He desires, and is waiting for you to spend some time with him: “heart-to-heart.” As you attend Mass, you have the opportunity to listen to the Word of God, especially the Gospel, and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

This year, as you experience an increase in knowledge through your ongoing education, know that it is even more important that you continue to grow in your faith and ongoing “spiritual” formation. This is important for all of you, but even more so, for those of you who received your First Holy Communion this year and those of you who were Confirmed.

Prayer and attending Mass is necessary in order to have a strong relationship with Jesus. He needs to be the center of your life. His Teachings, which he has given to the Church, are your guide in life. Listen to what Jesus has to say to you as you prepare to return to your school.

Remember, as your Bishop, I am praying for all of you as you get ready to go back to school. As you step onto campus and enter the classroom, or step onto the playground or athletic field, may you take with you the “living presence” of Jesus. May you be the best reflection of a Christ-centered student that you can be. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Follow Jesus as a good disciple and call upon your Blessed Mother, Our Lady, to watch over you.

To all of you: from Kindergarten students to the Senior Classes of 2019-2020, and to you our College and University students, may God be with you as you commit yourselves to prayer and the Holy Eucharist throughout your school year.

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Cotta
Meal Service Info:
Reminder to send your child with a lunch week, August 19th-23rd. If you haven’t done so already, please grab a Free/Reduced lunch Application from your teacher at back to school night or in the office. The application is also available to print on our website.

Sacred Heart Thrift Shop
We would like to start the school year off with the spirit of giving. Every month, Sacred Heart Thrift Shop will be taking donations of different items for facilities in Turlock that are helping our community. Additionally, we will are asking for certain items needed at the thrift shop to help keep operating costs down. In August we are asking for new underwear and socks for the We Care Men’s Facility. The Thrift Shop is asking for garbage bags and bottled water for our volunteers. A special donation barrel will be available at the school for your convenience. As always volunteers are welcome 9:30 until 4:00 Monday-Saturday.

Thank You in Advance,
Diana and Esther

A minor change to make note of… in an effort to keep confidentiality a priority and maintain a quiet environment for faculty breaks we have moved teacher mailboxes to the faculty break room. As well, only faculty and staff will be utilizing the break room moving forward, please no students or parents. We appreciate your understanding. We ask that if you have anything for teacher mailboxes that you kindly give it to our office staff and they will make sure to place the item in the proper mailbox. Another minor change going into effect this year is the use of the East door at the end of the hallway. During school hours this door will not be opened, we will instead direct all visitors to the parking lot door or to the front door. This is simply to be sure we know who is on campus every day and to maintain a quiet learning environment for our students. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these minor logistical adjustments.

STAR Testing, August 19th-23rd
- Star Assessments are short tests that provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time (about one-third of the time other tests take) Star tests are administered at Sacred Heart School, and across the diocese, three times a year. These assessments allow us to compare our data with other standardized tests as well as identify needs within classes and with individual students. Please talk to your student about their STAR test and encourage them to do their best!

- NO SCHOOL: Thursday, August 15th & Friday, August 16th – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Back to School Mass on Sunday, August 18th at 10 a.m. with Root Beer Float Social immediately following (invitation below)
  - Please have students attend in mass attire and sit with their class.
- Student Council Election Campaign (August 19th-23rd)
- Student Council Speeches – Friday, August 23rd at 2p.m. in the gym
- Scholastic Book Fair: August 26th-29th
- NO SCHOOL: Friday, August 30th (Teacher Inservice)
  Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day)
- Picture Day: September 4th (K-4th) & September 5th (5th-8th)
FUNDRAISING CORNER:

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Kick Off August 19th, 2019!

Save the date our first fundraiser is about to begin. Please watch for catalogs from Charleston Wrap. The fundraiser starts Monday, August 19th, 2019 and runs through Monday, September 2nd, 2019. We request that all orders are turned into your homeroom teacher or administration office upon returning from Labor Day on September 3rd.

Charleston Wrap offers a selection of kitchen and home goods, personalized handbags, and other great gifts along with a wide selection of wrapping paper. Please share your catalogs with family and friends. Additional catalogs are available in the administration office. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Almanza (209) 505-5257, lalmanz66@charter.net.

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# August 2019

**Breakfast & Lunch Menu**

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- **Cereal & Fruit**
- **Hamburgers w/ Fries**
- **Scrambled Eggs & Toast**
- **Chicken Pasta Salad**
- **Cereal & Fruit Pizza**
- **Fruit Smoothies**
- **Beef Burrito Bowl**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

All meals come with choice of fresh fruits and/or vegetables.

- Lunch is $3.10. An additional entrée is $1.00
- Breakfast is $2.00. An additional entrée is $0.75

Breakfast Milk—1% unflavored or fat-free unflavored

Lunch Milk—1% unflavored or fat-free chocolate

Single milk is $0.50 and will be charged to account

Menu is subject to change without notice Serving K-8 Students
2019-2020 School Day Schedule

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast (Optional)
8:00 a.m. – School Begins (Grades 3-8)
8:30 a.m. – School Begins (Grades K-2)
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Recess (Grades K-2)
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Recess (Grades 3-5)
10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Brunch (Grades 6-8)
11:25 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. Lunch (Grades K-2)
11:55 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch (Grades 3-5)
12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Grades 6-8)
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Recess (Grades K-2)
2:30 p.m. – School Day Ends (Wednesdays)**
3:15 p.m. – School Day Ends (Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri.)

**In addition, there is a monthly diocesan-wide Common Minimum Day. We will dismiss at 12:00 p.m., usually on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.