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SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL

September 1, 2010

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to a new school year and thank you for sending your child to Sacred Heart High School! We are looking forward to educating your student in our positive wholesome learning environment. I also extend my appreciation to all of you who participated in our Parent Satisfaction Survey in June. Your input and suggestions are reflected in our renewed effort to strengthen and improve our communication, staff, academics and overall school structure. As always, we continue to strive and improve our school by providing diverse teaching strategies, school services and programs to reach more students in a better fashion. Presently, we have initiated important changes with school programs, curriculum, scheduling, grading and personnel. All of these changes were implemented with the hope that each will enhance the overall quality of the educational experience for our students.

First of all academically, we now require four years of math that now requires Algebra II. Two new math courses have been added as Math electives: Intermediate College Algebra, which is pending dual credit with Cumberland County College, and a Real World Math and Finance Course. In addition, Environmental Science will now include a lab component. Also, our quarter courses have been adjusted to further meet the needs of our students. To further support our efforts to provide a quality education to your students, we will be forming professional learning communities with faculty, administration and staff to improve instructional strategies and address diverse learning styles. Professional learning communities will encourage collaboration among faculty to develop new teaching goals, initiate diverse teaching strategies, create a variety of assessments and ultimately reach the learning needs of more students.

Secondly, we are implementing a new lunch program. It will be serviced by Nutri-Serve to provide our students and staff with improved nutritional choices. Your children will be receiving an informational packet on procedures during the first days of school.

Finally, grades will be online for a longer viewing period of time. Grades will be online beginning September 25. Throughout the school year, grades will be viewable online during each quarter except two weeks before and one week after report cards throughout the school year. Due to the increase in viewing time, paper progress reports will no longer be distributed. Report cards will still be distributed to parents as usual during the 1st and 2nd quarter with conferences in the evening. Our 3rd quarter report cards will be distributed to students for parent review and signature and be required to be returned to school the following week. 4th quarter report cards will be mailed home.

In addition to being able to view your child's grades online, class assignments will be viewable on the parent page of the Churchwerks website. Teachers will have syllabi on the school website. It is very important that you regularly check the Churchwerks website for your child's progress and assignments. If you have issues or concerns with the site please e-mail the contact on the site. If you still have problems, please call us and we will try to make contact for you. Passwords will be given to new freshmen parents and transfers in the beginning of the school year through the mail. Passwords will not be given out over the phone by school personnel.

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In conclusion, below please find some basic but important information for the new school year:

- School begins on September 8 for **Freshmen only**, September 9 for **Freshmen and Sophomores only** and September 10 for **Juniors and Seniors only**. Please report to the gym in full summer uniform at 7:50 AM. All days will be noon dismissal with no lunches.
- Please drop/pick-up students in designated area in front of the white house. If students drive, they need to park in the church parking lot only and register their car with Mr. Jones. Any bus transportation schedule problems please call your local school district or Mrs. Testa at 691-4491, Ext. 1119.
- All students should have purchased most books on line by now. Some books are state books and will be distributed in class.
- Students will not have received a schedule if there are outstanding financial obligations to the school.
- All students, medical and other forms will be distributed the first day of school and need to be returned by September 13. These are mandatory and detentions will be issued if not returned with parent or guardian signature.
- Any general information please call Mrs. Dondero in the Main Office at Ext. 1111
- Any scheduling concerns please have students see Guidance Department personnel, Mrs. Hartman, Ext. 1113 or Mr. Bocchese, Ext. 1128
- Any medical questions call our school nurse, Mrs. Scoma at Ext. 1121
- Any transportation questions, please call Mrs. Testa at Ext. 1119
- Any tuition or payment questions please call Mrs. Tamanini, at Ext. 1122
- Any school web site or e mail concerns please call Mrs. Costantino at Ext. 1408
- Please check the website regularly for important school information. An activity planner will be sent to you by e-mail every week. Any important information will be on our website and sometimes you may receive a call command for last minutes changes, emergency information or important reminders.

These are just a few reminders for the beginning of school. Any other questions, please feel free to call us at 691-4491. With all of us working together we will have a successful and productive new school year.

See you on Back to School Night, September 23!

May God Bless you and your family!

Sincerely,



Diane Tucker
Principal

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