

News You Can Use from Mrs. Tomaszewski

December 18, 2020

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Today is our final day of school before we have 2 weeks off for Christmas break. I hope that you enjoy the time with your family. May God Bless you in the new year ahead! The January calendar is attached for your information. We look forward to wonderful things in 2021!!

E-Learning begins on 1/4/2020

Starting on Monday, January 4th we will resume school for all students in Preschool through 8th grade online. Zoom links will be sent to parents and students in the upper grades can access them on Google Classroom. Just a reminder that ATTENDANCE will be taken each day. Students are to be dressed appropriately for class and cameras are to be turned on at all times. Students should stay muted unless the teacher requests them to respond to a question or if the student has a question for the teacher. Respectful behavior is expected at all times. Please remind your student that these two weeks of e-learning are important and count as regular school days. Their work will continue to be assessed. **The 2nd Quarter ends on the last day of E-Learning, Friday January 15th.**

3rd Quarter begins 1/19....E-Learners are welcome to return

Believe it or not, the 3rd Quarter will begin on Tuesday, January 19th. For students who are currently e-learning, should you decide to return to in-person learning, please email Ms. Lopez at rlopez@shschool96.org and Mrs. Tomaszewski at ktomaszewski@shschool96.org in addition to your child's teacher so that they are aware and can plan for your child's arrival to class.

Tax Credit Scholarships

Big Shoulders Tax Credit Application JANUARY 12TH @8AM. Check their website [HERE](#) and **Empower Illinois Tax Credit Application JANUARY 13TH Website opens @6:30PM,** check their website [HERE](#).

Besides applying to the Tax Credit Scholarship, we would like to encourage you to consider donating to this great program as well. To receive more information about how to donate, you can contact me directly at vverdi@shschool96.org and gladly will help through the process or [VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) for more details.

State of Illinois financial assistance for aftercare program

Need help paying for the Aftercare Program? Apply now to the State of Illinois to receive financial assistance, for more information contact Mrs. Verdi. [English Application](#) [Spanish Application](#)

Masks

Everyone has been so great about wearing appropriate masks to school. I thank you for being compliant and helping to keep everyone healthy and safe! From now on, students and staff may wear any mask they would like, any day of the week (as long as it is appropriate for school and does not cause a distraction to learning). THANK YOU for your cooperation and for following the rules each day! Just a reminder....parents and others who are picking up their children MUST wear a mask at dismissal. Thank you!

Cases of Water needed...get service hours!

Our students have been asking on a daily basis for a bottle of water. Every student should be bringing their own refillable water bottle each day, but unfortunately many are forgetting. When they forget, they ask us for a bottle from the office. Therefore, we need more water to accommodate the need. If you would like to earn 1 hour of service (toward your mandatory 10 hours this year), you may send in 4 cases of bottled water and we will credit you for 1 hour of service. Please, only 1 hour (4 cases) per family. Any additional cases sent in beyond 4 will earn a dress down pass. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and assistance!

Volunteer Hours

During normal times, when there is not a pandemic, each family is obligated to complete 25 hours of volunteer service to Sacred Heart School/Parish as a part of your tuition contract. Any hours not completed result in a \$20 per hour fee. At this time, due to the Covid-19 situation, we are temporarily reducing the number of hours to 10 hours this

year because of the lack of opportunities available for us to gather. Any hours not completed will result in your family being charged \$20 per hour. We will evaluate the situation and make adjustments as time goes on should the situation change and restrictions are lifted. For now, you have three options available to volunteer. The first is to work at a weekend Mass. Your responsibilities would be to arrive early to greet people and spray everyone's hands with sanitizer. After Mass, the pews that were used would then be cleaned and sanitized. The second opportunity would be to work at school lunch. We would allow 2 people per day. Your responsibilities would be to monitor students, walk around with the garbage cans and help clean tables and chairs after students have eaten. Sorry, NO small children may be brought with you during the lunch periods. The time for lunch volunteers would be from 11am-12pm. Click here to volunteer for lunch: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DADA62DA6FD0-december> To volunteer to help at Mass click the link below and indicate in the comments that you are signing up to help and receive volunteer hours: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4dada62da6fd0-sunday>

Thank you, in advance, for your service to our school and parish. The third opportunity is to send in 4 cases of bottled water which will equal 1 hour of service. We greatly appreciate your commitment to Sacred Heart! As more projects and opportunities become available, I will post them in my newsletter, which you can always view on our website.

Amazon Smile

Christmas is coming and your time shopping on Amazon will likely increase! Did you know that just by shopping on Amazon you can help raise money for our school? It is the SAME Amazon products and SAME prices. The only difference is that you log in at smile.amazon.com and choose Sacred Heart School as the charity that you are supporting. You buy items as you normally would and we get a percentage from Amazon donated to our school. Spread the word to family and friends! Anyone can shop and THANK YOU for your support!

Nominate a School Hero Today

The Archdiocese of Chicago has started a program to recognize Catholic School employees. It only takes a few minutes of your time to fill out the form below. We love our Sacred Heart School employees! Our teachers, principal and staff have worked tirelessly this school year to bring quality in-person and remote learning to our great students! We hope you will help us recognize their hard work and dedication! Nominate your school hero today and make sure they are recognized by the Archdiocese of Chicago for all that they do for our children and families. Thank you for taking the time to show them your love! Click below and nominate your hero or heroes today!

Nominate your [#SchoolHero](#) by clicking this link : <http://ow.ly/P6jK50Blj1A>

Market Day is BACK!

Market Day is BACK! All purchases will directly support our school. All orders are done online and items are shipped to your home. 10% of each purchase will go toward your fundraising fees.. When ordering make sure to select SACRED HEART SCHOOL-96 - CHICAGO - IL

<https://www.marketdaylocal.com/account/register>

Fundraising requirement

This year, each family is required to meet the \$350 mandatory fundraising fee through a variety of fundraising efforts. Market Day is currently available as an option. When you buy Market Day, you will get 10% of each purchase put toward your fundraising fees. The credit will be applied toward the end of the school year. More options will be forthcoming.

ENJOY the break!!! THANK YOU for your support of our school!!

Please click here for this week's attachments: [December 18th Attachments](#)

Mrs. Tomaszewski

Principal