

**Sacred Heart Villa School**  
**Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
5269 Lewiston Road  
Lewiston, NY 14092  
285-9257 School 284-8273 Convent  
E-mail: [shvillaschool@gmail.com](mailto:shvillaschool@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.shvilla.org](http://www.shvilla.org)

August 20, 2024

Dear Sacred Heart Villa Parents:

Welcome back to school! We welcome especially our new families as we begin a new 2023-2024 academic year. We pray that it will be an exciting and a pleasant year for all of us.

As a Christian institution, our goal is to foster a school community where Christ is the center, thus helping the students to discover God's plan and purpose for them. As a family, we work cooperatively, fostering and nurturing a holistic growth in all aspects of the students' life. While focusing on teaching morals, we provide academic excellence, and give a personalized attention to each child, thus distinguishing our school from the rest.

The students discover their gifts and talents while actively participating in the Liturgical life of the Church through the Eucharistic celebration. **Our opening Mass will be on September 19 at 9:30am.**

Students in grades Pre-K – Kindergarten can drop off their school supplies at any time from August 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be at 11:30 am.** All students in Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade should be in uniform on this day. This includes dress shoes for grades Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup>. The sneakers are kept in the classroom for gym class and recess time.

For safety reasons, only the students in Sr. Maryann's classroom will use the school entrance door that faces the south parking lot since their classroom. The rest of the students will use the main entrance door in the front facing the parking lot. Parents are welcomed to accompany their children to their new classrooms on the first day of school. However, for safety reasons, we kindly ask the parents to drop off their child/children at the entrance door for the rest of the school year. There will be teachers to welcome the children in both school entrances.

The doors are opened at 8:15 am, but you must ring the bell to enter into the first school entrance. **Classes begin at 9:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm.** Any student **arriving after 9:00 am** must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and be signed in. The sign-in binder is at the entrance corridor. We have a new NYSED regulations on attendance policy. Please read details in the following attachment.

We are in the process of adopting Restorative Practices, which focuses on how to help students and teachers work through behavioral issues together. Students learn how to be better community members, 'manage their stimuli,' and develop the 'social skills to mediate conflicts, thus turning behaviors into learning opportunities (see more details in the school handbook).

**We do not have a free lunch program.** Always, prepare a lunch for your child/children. Ice cream & Milk are available at \$1.00 each. Pizza is ordered every Friday at \$2.50 apiece. Please enclose the amount in an envelope with your child's name written on it. **All School Activities will begin on September 23, 2024. Use the permission slip to sign-up your child/children for the extra-curricular activities.**

**Mask is optional; but we will continue to maintain the CDC and NCDHHS guidelines for schools in regards any COVID positive case or contact.** Cleaning, handwashing, respiratory etiquette and staying home when sick and getting tested, quarantine, and isolation are still safety measures we will take to keep everyone safe (see **NCDHHS flow chart**). If your child is sick or shows COVID -19 symptoms, we will appreciate it if you would keep him/her home until symptom free.

**Candy Bar Sale begins on September 9, 2024.** Please see details in the Candy bar sale letter.

**Our Meat Raffle will hold in November 8, 2024 at Frontier Fire Hall.** More details will follow later.

Please read other detailed information provided in the Parent/Student Handbook. **Use the Parent's sign-up sheet to**

**indicate which fundraising event that you will be participating in. If you choose the opt-out option, please send in a \$300.00 check to cover for the three fund-raisers.**

Thank you for joining our school family. We look forward to a successful school year.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at (716) 284-8273 or 716 285-9257 before 9:00 am or after 3:00 pm. In case of any emergency, please call at any time.

Sincerely,

Sr. Grace Dike, SCGR