



Sacred Heart Villa School
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Dear Sacred Heart Villa Parents,

Welcome back to school! We are especially pleased to welcome our new families as we begin the 2026–2027 academic year. We pray this year will be filled with growth, joy, and success for all.

As a Christian institution, Sacred Heart Villa is dedicated to fostering a school community where Christ is at the center of all we do. Our mission is to teach as Jesus did, to guide students in discovering God's purpose for their lives while supporting their holistic development—spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically. Through strong moral teaching, academic excellence, and individualized attention, we strive to offer an educational experience that is both nurturing and exceptional.

Students have the opportunity to develop their gifts and talents while actively participating in the liturgical life of the Church, especially through the Eucharist. Our **Opening Mass will be held on Friday, September 25th at 9:15 a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

Important Upcoming Dates & Information:

- **Supply Drop-Off (Pre-K – Kindergarten):**
Families may drop off school supplies from **August 24–27** from 9- 5 p.m.
- **First Day of School:**
School begins on **Wednesday, September 9** with an **early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.**
Students in **Pre-K through 4th grade must be in full uniform**, including dress shoes. Sneakers should remain at school for gym and recess.
- **Arrival & Safety Procedures:**
 - ☐ **Door Access:** For safety reasons, students in Sr. Maryann's class will enter through the south parking lot door nearest their classroom. All other students will use the main entrance.
 - ☐ On the first day of school, parents are welcome to accompany their children to their classrooms. Beginning September 10, we kindly ask parents to drop children off at the entrance doors. Teachers will be present at both entrances to greet the students.
- **Daily Schedule:**
 - Doors open at **8:15 a.m.**; please ring the bell before entering the main entrance. Then ring the 2nd electronic bell on the left and wait for the door to be opened.
 - Classes run from **8:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
 - Students arriving after 8:50 a.m. must be signed in by a parent/guardian in the attendance binder located at the entrance corridor.
- **Attendance Policy & Bullying Prevention:**
Please review the new **NYSED Attendance Regulations & Bullying** included in the School Handbook.

Lunch & Snacks:

- Sacred Heart Villa does not participate in a free lunch program. Please send a packed lunch and snacks each day.
- Ice cream and milk are available for **\$1.00 each**.
- Pizza is available on Fridays for **\$2.50 per slice**. Please send payment in a sealed envelope labeled with your child's name.

Additional School Activities & Events:

- **Extracurricular Activities** begin on **September 23, 2026**. Please complete and return the permission slips to enroll your child.
- **School Picture Day:** Wednesday, **September 28 starting at 9:00**. Picture packets will be sent home on September 11 and must be returned by September 18th.
- **Candy Bar Sale** starts **September 11, 2026**. Details are included in the accompanying letter.
- **Meat Raffle:** Friday, **November 14, 2026**, at Lewiston #2 Fire Hall. More information to follow.

Parent Involvement:

Please review the **Parent/Student Handbook** for additional details. Each family participates in fundraising events. You may indicate your preferred event(s) on the **Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet**. Families who choose to opt out are required to submit a \$350 donation to cover the three major fundraisers.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions, contact the school office at shvillaschool@gmail.com, (716) 284-8273, or (716) 285-9257 before 9:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. For emergencies, feel free to reach out at any time. We look forward to a productive and faith-filled school year.

Sincerely,

Sr. Grace Dike, SCGR