



CEDAR VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

August 5th, 2020

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I greet you and kick off our 2020-2021 school year. This year will certainly start like no other school year in our history. Our teachers, staff, and administration have been hard at work to ensure the health and safety of our students is a top priority as we enter the 2020-2021 school year. We are eagerly anticipating the return of our students to the building this fall after an extended period of non-attendance in the building. Many aspects of our school year may look slightly different, but our commitment to exceptional Catholic education will remain constant. I pray that you have a great end of your summer and are able to enjoy this time of family excitement.

Back to School Material Pick Up Day @ Saint Edward

This year in lieu of a come and go day, we will have an opportunity for all families to do a drive-by pick up. *On August 13th, from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.* all families will be able to stop by Saint Edward to pick up an individual packet with information that will be important for the upcoming school year. Included in this packet will be your family parking lot numbers and map, a copy of class lists, and any registration materials you may need to finalize. Please help us plan for an efficient process by [signing up](#) for a window of attendance. This time is your best guess to help us plan for the day. If you cannot attend during this time please contact our office to schedule a time to pick up these necessary items.

* Please be advised that student classroom placements are based on several instructional, social, and behavioral considerations within our building. We have a great staff and they are all going to do fantastic things in our classrooms this year to ensure high levels of learning for our students. Requests for certain teachers are unlikely to be granted due to our process for placements.

Back to School Parent Meetings @ Blessed Sacrament

This year our teachers will not be making home visits. However, we will still offer back to school parent meetings for all families. Blessed Sacrament Staff will be reaching out to families to schedule back to school conferences for all families. This will be an opportunity for families to come to Blessed Sacrament to meet the teacher, discuss their hopes for the year, and learn more about the programming for the 20-21 school year. Our staff will be reaching out to you during the week of August 10th to set up your family's initial school visit. These visits will occur on August 20th and August 21st. All families will be screened prior to entering the building and a cloth face covering or face shield will be required of all guests.

First Day of School

Saint Edward

Our first day of school for all students K-5 is on **August 20th**. The school doors will open at **8:35 a.m.** with classes starting promptly at **8:40 a.m.** Dismissal time is **3:40 p.m.** Please note that this day will be a full day of student attendance.



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Blessed Sacrament Preschool (3 and 4 year-old)

The first day of classes for preschool students will be on **August 24th**. The Preschool center attendance day will begin at 8:15 a.m. The dismissal time for PK 3 class will be 11:15 a.m. and the PK 4 students will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. A PK attendance calendar was sent to all families previously

Additional Reminders

Dress Code

Please remember that **all** students will be expected to wear a cloth mask or face shield to school for the time being. Students can bring their own mask or our school will provide all students with two masks. Additional masks will be available for any students who may forget or lose their mask. Student masks should be free of imagery or language that has drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other inappropriate references. We appreciate your support in encouraging the safe and effective use of masks or shields at this time. Additionally, please check your child’s socks as they leave each day. Socks are to be solid colors with no logos, stripes, or designs. Finally, remember that absolutely no fashion boots or shoes with heels are permitted. Please review the dress code policy in the [CVCS Handbook](#) to ensure your child is adhering to the guidelines of the policy. Also, every Friday is a *School Spirit* day so students may come wearing a CVCS themed top, from any current or former CVCS school, with uniform bottoms.

PK student dress is different than the K-5 dress code so please review the handbook for the PK 3-4 dress code.

CVCS Shuttle

Our school system will offer a shuttle bus to be run between the Blessed Sacrament and Saint Edward locations. The shuttle times and student options are described below. Any CVCS student can utilize this shuttle, even if they aren’t in daycare. Parents will need to inform our office and their child’s classroom teacher if you plan to utilize the shuttle.

*tentative shuttle schedule

Morning Shuttle	
8:00 a.m.	CVCS Shuttle pick up PK 3 and PK 4 students at Saint Edward to transport to Blessed Sacrament
8:20 a.m	CVCS Shuttle picks up K-5 students from Blessed Sacrament to transport to Saint Edward .
Afternoon Shuttle	
3:15 p.m	CVCS Shuttle picks up PK 3 and PK 4 students at Blessed Sacrament to transport to Saint Edward for parent pick up or aftercare.



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3:40 p.m

CVCS Shuttle picks up K-5 students at **Saint Edward** to transport to the **Blessed Sacrament Center** for parent pick up or aftercare at KidZone.

* All PK 3 students and PK 4 students will need to attend daycare until 3:15 p.m. if they wish to ride the CVCS Shuttle back to Saint Edward location.

* CVCS Shuttle will run on 8/20 and 8/21 for students in PK who wish to use daycare on those dates.

Breakfast

Students in grades K-5 will have access to our breakfast program. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for students at Saint Edward.

- Parents bringing their child to breakfast will be asked to walk them to the front door in the morning and drop their child off.
- Students riding the bus will be able to come to breakfast after being dropped off.
- Students attending daycare will be sent to breakfast from daycare.

* Breakfast rates apply to daily breakfast options.

Our Catholic Schools Week theme this year is: **Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed**

Important dates to consider:

- * August 20th - K-12 First Day of Attendance (Full Day)
- * August 20th - PK Student / Parent Meetings @ Blessed Sacrament as scheduled
- * August 21st - PK Student / Parent Meetings @ Blessed Sacrament as scheduled
- * August 24th - PK 3 and PK 4 First Day of Attendance
- * September 7th - No School - Labor Day

Once again, we are eager to begin this school year together and are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead of us. Together we will make the 2020-2021 school year one to remember and one in which we look back and realize the great Love of Christ that was present in our midst through challenging times! As we are reminded in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Though we may be questioning our upcoming experiences more this year than previous school years, we trust in the Lord and know He is walking with us hand in hand through this new year.

Yours in Christ,

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