



August 28, 2024

Greetings Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the new school year 2024-2025! I pray that you had summer fun-time with your child/children for soon they will be returning to Sacred Heart Catholic Academy for a wonderfully blessed and productive school year. Last year, we ended on a positive and satisfying note. This year, we will pick up from where we left off as we strive for continued academic excellence.

Our biggest accomplishments last school year were all-round students' academic growth and the acquisition of accreditation. Sacred Heart Catholic Academy has achieved a "highly regarded accreditation that is recognized throughout the world. This action was conferred by the Cognia Global Commission on June 27, 2024." As part of our efforts to satisfy our continuous improvement plan, we will be piloting at least two programs – Robotics and Gifted and Talented. Details for which are forth coming.

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy will start the school year, 2024-2025, with some space reorganization. We will be occupying the first and second floors. The third floor has been leased to Merrick Charter Academy for 2-3 years. The rational for this move is to generate income for the repair of the school building which is structurally falling apart. Our goal is to continue to provide quality Catholic education to our students in an environment that is safe and focused with minimal comingling with Merrick Charter Academy, the occupants of the third floor. Administrators will ensure safe transitions by establishing and maintaining structure and guidelines.

With the Grace of God, we will continue to thrive to successfully to uphold our 'Mission.' Teachers have started to return in preparation for our students. School resumes on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Instruction for grades K-8 starts promptly at 8:00 and ends with an early dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Grades 3K and 4K will resume on the same day with orientation for families and students. Orientation starts at 9:00 a.m. Please see the attached calendar for additional dates and activities.

Thank you for entrusting Sacred Heart Catholic Academy with your children/our students. As I conclude this letter, join me in pray for the new school year:

***"Lord, we ask that you surround our students with peace  
as they begin a new year of classes.***

***Give them a purpose and passion for learning new things***

***And bless their hard work over the coming months***

***Surprise them with unexpected moments of joy***

***In Jesus name. Amen."***

Respectfully,

Yours in Christ,

*Dr. Cynthia Celestine, Principal*

*Our Mission Statement*

*Sacred Heart Catholic Academy is a family community, one in faith, with students, parents and staff working together with reverence for God and respect for one another. As such, we strive to instruct, instill, and inspire each other to be responsible, productive, Catholic Christian members of society.*