

August 3, 2007

Dear Little Hearts/Preschool Parents,

Summer is winding down but the Mater Campus is very busy preparing for more than 350 little girls to arrive that will surely bring life to the halls. In fact, twenty teachers came on Thursday to unpack supplies, move furniture and “lend a helping hand.” It was great seeing everyone together in the faculty room and I can only say that we have a great faculty. Many teachers have been busy all summer helping with summer camp, or attending one of a number of professional development opportunities, such as the Network of Sacred Heart Conference, the Brain Expo or Project Read. Life long learners are teaching your daughters.

This summer, I took a course on Moral Theology and it has really given me a number of things to think about. You have heard me say that being a parent is the most important job and responsibility you will ever have and probably the most difficult. A very important part of that responsibility is teaching your daughter what is right and what is wrong. As a community, we talk about family values, rules and consequences, having empathy, and developing a conscience – all very important to each individual. But I ask you to focus on the following idea for this year: Do the right thing!

Being a singer at heart, I have a song to help you with this idea.

We ask:

*Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my heart Lord, help me to love like you.*

Jesus replies:

*I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you, rest now in me.*

The incoming Prek – 4th grade students should already know it! Let us join together as parents and educators to teach the children in our school to do the right thing everyday. If we do, we will find more civility in our school and our world, better friendships among each other, and conscientious children who will truly grow as Children of the Sacred Heart.

Back to basics! School is approaching and many of you have a lot of questions. Hopefully, you will find the attached information helpful in creating a smooth transition. Please read carefully! We urge every parent to attend Parent Night on Thursday, August 16th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Enclosed with this letter are several important items: (front/back)

- Important Notes
- Faculty Assignments and new teacher info
- Opening Days of School information for your division

Sincerely,

Kay F. Higginbotham
Little Hearts/Preschool Division Head

Important Notes:

Website Access: We are gradually going paperless at the Mater Campus and will be sending most correspondences by email. It is imperative that all parents register with the website. Please access www.ashrosary.org and go to mailing list and register your email.

Medical Packet: Please remember that all up-to-date medical forms must be received before the first day of school or your child will not be able to attend classes. Please contact our school nurse (Joni Colvin) at 269-1238 after August 6th, if you have any questions.

Book Sale Days: Except for some personal items, supplies will be waiting for your daughter in her classroom on the first day of school. A bookstore supply list/invoice was sent to you several weeks ago, and we ask that you forward your payment by Monday, August 6th if you have not already done so. Personal items will be available for you to purchase at the Rosary campus bookstore during the opening days of school. The bookstore will be open Monday, August 13th and Tuesday, August 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 15th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Regular hours during the school year will be Monday – Thursday 9:30 – 1:00.

Carpool forms: Make certain that your completed carpool form has been returned. This form was included in the summer packet. For new parents, everyone must complete this form. “Carpool” refers to your daughter’s mode of transportation to and from school, whether she rides as a “single” or with a group. Denise Galloway, a PS and LS parent, has volunteered to organize the carpool information and she is counting on everyone to have their forms in on time. Carpool procedures will be distributed at Parent Night.

Parent Night:

Lower school Parent Night will be held Tuesday, August 14th, at 6:30 p.m. (parents only – no children, including infants).

Little Hearts and Preschool Parent Night will be held Thursday, August 17th, at 6:30 p.m. (parents only, no children, including infants).

Welcome postcards: A postcard from your daughter’s homeroom teacher is included with this letter.

Room Mothers: We appreciate those moms who offered to be room mothers and thank those who will be serving in this capacity this year (as noted in the buzz book). We truly appreciate everyone’s willingness to help. Please contact your room mother if you can assist your daughter’s class in any way during the year.

Dads on Duty: Please contact Thomas Capella (father of Sophie – 2nd) if you are interested in helping with carpool in the mornings or afternoons. Thomas can be reached via email at thomascapella@yahoo.com. The students, faculty and administration truly enjoy having the dads/grandfathers assisting with carpool.

Archdiocese Lunch Program: Before school begins, the Archdiocese will be sending you detailing their procedures regarding their lunch program for this year.

After school programs: Registration forms will be emailed to all Prek-4 parents on Monday, August 6th. Please print out the ones that you are interested in and respond accordingly. First come-first served. Extra copies will be available at the front desk of the Mater Campus.

Mater Campus faculty/staff assignments 2007-2008

Please read the following assignments carefully as some teachers have moved to a different grade level or subject area. Please note that there will be four sections of first grade.

Kay Higginbotham, Division Head
Laurie Friedrichs, Lower School Director
Toots Villeré, Little Hearts/Preschool Director

Grade level teams are:

Toddler:	Barbara Alpaugh and Doretta Briede Jessica Misuraca and Jenny Galpin
Nursery:	Erin Sabludowsky and Elise Brundige Connie Berner and Lacey Lanier Margaret Adolph and Lisette Montenegro
Prekindergarten:	Julie DesRoches and Sr. Carmela Parisi, RSCJ Emily Giovingo and Sara Nehrbass Stephanie Gravener and Mary Esther Tucker
Kindergarten:	Mary Fitzmorris, Olivia Guider, Corry Tannehill Chavanne Korbel and Patricia (Tricia) Crosby – co-teachers
1 st grade:	Kris Blamphin, Sibby Gwin, Mittie LeCorgne, Lucie Cavaroc
2 nd grade:	Ashley Melius, Cher Sarrat, Elizabeth deBlanc
3 rd grade:	Ruth Blum, Laurie Springmann, Sue Westphal
4 th grade:	Bridget Hagan, Cindy Soler, Elizabeth (Bess) Nadolski

In addition, our **special teachers** are important members of our faculty who educate your daughter in a specialized curriculum. They are:

Religion:	Jeanie Perrilliat (N/PK/K, 1 st) Jennifer Tompkins (T, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)
Art:	Abbie Brandao (N- 4 th)
Computer:	Lynette Moody (Prek – 4 th)
Counselor:	Janice Foulks
Foreign Language:	Gail Klauder-Vaz (N-4 th)
Library:	Carrel Gueringer and Alicia Schwarzenbach
Music:	Jodi McWilliams (Prek-4 th)
Nurse:	Joni Colvin
Physical Education:	Alice Atkinson (LH/PS/LS) Meliss Saltaformaggio (LS)
Administrative Assistant:	Kathy Marino
Receptionists:	Ginny Leftwich –mornings Cheryl Korbel –afternoons
PLUS:	LeLe Wood, Gayle Griener

Below is a short introduction of each of the new members of our faculty/staff:

Patricia (Tricia) Crosby is from Mandeville, Louisiana. She is an avid traveler who loves the outdoors. She attended The University of Alabama where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology with minors in Human Development and Computer Science. After graduating in 2003, Tricia moved to London and began working for an insurance broker for Lloyds of London. She lived, worked, and traveled throughout Europe for six months before making her way back to the States. Upon her return, Tricia decided that she wanted to live out West before settling down, so she moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. While there she worked a few seasonal jobs, but also was employed at the Jackson Hole Community Counseling Center. In addition, she worked as a camp counselor at a therapeutic summer camp, and it was here that she decided that she wanted to work with children. Tricia is currently pursuing a master's degree in School Counseling. She looks forward to working as a co-teacher in kindergarten.

Chavanne Korb is a New Orleans native and an alumna of the ASH Class of 2001. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Art History from the University of Texas at Austin and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Education Counseling with a specialization in Art Therapy. Chavanne spent time in college coordinating and teaching art enrichment programs for St Paul's Episcopal School in New Orleans and for Creative Endeavors in Austin. For the past year and a half she has worked as an Advertising Sales Executive for St. Charles Avenue Magazine in New Orleans, but has discovered that working with children is where she needs to be. Chavanne's sister, Cezanne, graduated from Sacred Heart in 1985, and her mother, Cheryl, is on the ASH staff. Since she attended Sacred Heart for fifteen years as a student, Chavanne is thrilled to be at ASH as a co-teacher in kindergarten. Her life has come full circle.

Elizabeth (Bess) Nadolski is a native of Aiken, South Carolina. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Bess did her student teaching in a 5th grade classroom at Lake Carolina Elementary where she was mentored by the South Carolina Teacher of the Year. Bess enjoys crocheting and reading and can't wait to finish the last Harry Potter book! She is excited about living in New Orleans, helping to rebuild the city, and beginning her first year at Sacred Heart.

Alicia Jacques Schwarzenbach was born in New Orleans and currently resides on the Westbank with her husband, Donald, son, Adam and dog, Krypto. When not keeping up with them, she enjoys reading and gardening. Alicia's undergraduate degree is in Geography from the University of New Orleans and she has spent the last ten years working in government, corporate, and public libraries. Before Katrina, she had begun coursework for her master's degree in Library and Information Science and plans to continue her studies. Alicia can't wait to get into the Mater Campus library to help a new generation of children develop a love of reading and learn the joy of visiting the library.

Corry Tannehill is a Shreveport, Louisiana native who moved to New Orleans in November 2006 with her husband, Nathaniel. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Speech/Hearing and Language Therapy and a certification in Elementary Education from Louisiana Tech University. In Shreveport, Corry worked as a preschool assistant at Southfield School (an ISAS institution), and for the last three years taught first grade at Forest Hill Elementary. Since she has been in New Orleans, she worked as a preschool assistant at St. Martin's School and was a lead teacher at Castletree Summer Camp at St. George's Episcopal School. Corry enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with her husband and dog, Bentley. Corry is delighted to be teaching kindergarten at Sacred Heart.

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Opening Days of School 2007-2008
Little Hearts: Toddlers and Nursery
Preschool: Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten

Thursday, August 16
Parent Night

Little Hearts (Toddlers and Nursery)
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Teacher presentation in your daughter's classroom
 7:30-8:30 p.m. Welcome to Little Hearts- Dining Hall

Preschool (Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten)
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Welcome to Preschool - Dining Hall
 7:30-8:30 p.m. Teacher presentation in your daughter's classroom

Items you will receive at Parent Night include:

- ASH Student Directory (Buzz Book)
- ASH Parent/Student Handbook with Curriculum Overview
- Class schedule
- August/September Parent Calendar
- Homeroom and class list
- Carpool Procedures
- ASH PLUS schedule and procedures
- School Picture forms

Monday, August 20

First Day of School *(1st half of class-refer to attached class list)*
 8:30 a.m. PK/K Parents, please escort your daughter to her classroom
 9:00 a.m. Toddler/Nursery Parents, please escort your daughter to her classroom

9:00 a.m. – Noon ASH bookstore open for purchase of personal supplies
 Noon Pick-up in your daughter's classroom - no carpool line

Tuesday, August 21

First Day of School *(2nd half of class-refer to attached class list)*
 8:30 a.m. PK/K Parents, please escort your daughter to her classroom
 9:00 a.m. Toddler/Nursery Parents, please escort your daughter to her classroom

9:00 a.m. – Noon ASH bookstore open for purchase of personal supplies
 Noon Pick-up in your daughter's classroom- no carpool line

Wednesday, August 22 – Friday August 24

(whole class)
 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. PK-K Drop-off via Gen. Pershing St. carpool line
 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Toddler/Nursery parents, please escort your daughter to her classroom

Noon T- Dismissal from the classroom (No Extended Day)
 N- Dismissal via carpool line (No Extended Day)

3:00 p.m. PK/K Dismissal via carpool line (No ASH PLUS)

Monday, August 27

7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. N/PK/K morning drop-off via carpool line begins
 7:30 a.m-9:00 a.m. Toddler morning drop off- escort your daughter to her class
 Noon Extended Day begins for Little Hearts
 3:00 p.m. ASH PLUS begins for Little Hearts and Preschool

Tuesday, September 4

After School programs begin for Preschool and Lower School

Little Hearts Transition Days:

Toddlers:

**Mrs. Misuraca/
Mrs. Galpin**

(Monday, August 20)

Alario, Chloe
Ditta, Magdalene
Hebert, Ellie
Johnson, Constance
Vaicius, Lucy

**Mrs. Alpaugh/
Mrs. Briede**

(Monday, August 20)

DeMarcay, Melanie
Freeze, Sophia
Habetz, Brooke
Hayne, Anna Sofia
King, Amelia

(Tuesday, August 21)

Payne, Libby
Ready, Paige
Rodriguez, Sofia
Spera, Abigail
Miller, Margaret

(Tuesday, August 21)

Landry, Miriam (Mae Mae)
Luetkemeier, Jane "Cali"
Mancheski, Mia
Mogilles, Aleyea
Thomas, Cecile

Nursery:

**Ms. Erin (Sabludowsky)
Mrs. Brundige**

(Monday, August 20)

Bensel, Kate
Davidson, Ellie
Good, Julianne
Graffagnini, Marian
Hadler, Anushua
Kessels, Maddie
Khalaf, Celia

**Mrs. Berner/
Mrs. Lanier**

(Monday, August 20)

Barreca, Devron
Boyd, Olivia
Ellis, Ashley
Erazo, Isabella
Finch, Olivia
Paysse, Sloane
Pitt, Bella

**Mrs. Adolph/
Mrs. Montenegro**

(Monday, August 20)

Aucoin, Tricia
Andrews, Cameron
Bonura, Catherine
Calhoun, Laney
Sarrat, Paige
Ditta, Mia
Ekenta, Angelica

(Tuesday, August 21)

Landry, Sara
Martin, Catherine (Cate)
Schlosser, McCall
Wypyski, Taylor
Dreiling, Anna Grace
Patterson, Annabelle
Voigt, Katherine

(Tuesday, August 21)

Poore, Genevieve
Rorison, Sydney
Terrillion, Lizette
Toogood, Frankie
Wilson, Hannah
Wormuth, Maddie
Towers, Hayley

(Tuesday, August 21)

Gagliano, Phylis
Holmes, Ada
Pugh, India
Curran, Ceci
Sewell, Camille
Wise, Katherine
Domangue, Camille

Pre-kindergarten:

**Mrs. Julie
(DesRoches)/
Sr. Parisi**

(Monday, August 20)

Andry, Grace
Brennan, Riley
Burton, Carolyn
Edrington, Virginia
Evans, Caroline
Fantaci, Jane
Galloway, Charlotte
LeBlanc, Emily

(Tuesday, August 21)

Mancheski, Abby
Mehaffie, Adriana
Mendez, Bella
Patterson, Caroline
Ready, Kate
Scandaliato, Celeste
Strawn, Lydia
Toso, Elizabeth
Landry, Sophia

**Mrs. Giovingo/
Ms. Nehrass**

(Monday, August 20)

Brooks, Elizabeth
Evans, Grace
Gaines, Adelaide
Garner, Margaret
Gerrity, Maryn
Guarisco, Isabella
Hebert, Mathilde
LeBeouf, Mychael
Lemann, Audrey

(Tuesday, August 21)

Maureau, Madison
McGoey, Olivia
Miller, Eliza
Pinkerton, Hadley
Seemann, Amelie
Vickery, Elise
Vagas, Nia
Vujkovich, Mary Rose

**Ms. Gravener/
Ms. Tucker**

(Monday, August 20)

Axelrad, Bailey
Chimento, Camille
Davis, Jordan
Evans, Isabel
Gardes, Katie Paige
Gele, Julia
Hales, Madison
Hunter, Maggie
Barker, Taylor

(Tuesday, August 21)

Jenkins, Mary Grace
Malveaux, Ba'Leigh
Maniscalco, Elizabeth
Mann, Audrey
Manning, May
Nusloch, Caroline
Schenck, Claire
Spera, Grace

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Fitzmorris

(Monday, August 20)

Foster, Mary Grace
Guillen, Zoe
Hebert, Olivia
Hickham, Clare
Keys, Tyla
King, Elizabeth

(Tuesday, August 21)

Masson, Megan
Moore, Molly
Ott, Ella
Shahlaei, Sophia
Warren, Wesley
Wollfarth, Isabella
Zimmermann, Katie

Mrs. Tannehill

(Monday, August 20)

Babin, Katie
Barber, Grace
Barnes, Emma
Brown, Mary Claire
Bourgeois, Elise
Casey, Caroline
Pitt, Olivia

(Tuesday, August 21)

Dreiling, Eva
Enright, Juliette
Gibbons, Pierce
Kaliebe, Lydia
Menard, Monet
Plough, Shannon
Thomas, Madeline

Mrs. Guider

(Monday, August 20)

Ben, Madison
Boyd, Brooke
Busha, Summer
Chandler, Jill
Connick, Catherine Grace
Fazzio, Sofia
Gaines, Olivia

(Tuesday, August 21)

Galy, Katherine
Garvey, Lyla
Hughes, Allison
Leach, Zoe
Prichard, Clare
Sundell, Ellie
Waguespack, Grace