

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: Where can I purchase the uniform?

A: The uniform can be purchased at Flynn and O'Hara in either Springfield or Exton, or at Flocco's in Conshohocken. Go as early in the summer as you can. The store is usually crowded! The sales people at these stores are very helpful and have a copy of ST. Katharine's uniform code. Refer to the uniform code in the school handbook for appropriate shoes. Gym uniforms (sweatpants, sweatshirts, shorts, and gym shirt) can be purchased at Wayne Sporting Goods throughout the year.

2. Q: When is school bus information available?

A: The school bus schedules are usually posted in the Suburban (local paper) toward the end of August. Check for your street name or the one nearest to you. Times vary depending upon what number stop you are on the bus route. **IMPORTANT: *Make sure your child knows his / her school district and bus number in the afternoon for dismissal.***

3. Q: Where do I drop-off my child?

A: If you are driving your child to school enter at Midland Avenue and proceed to the main school entrance. **Do not get out of the car, it causes a traffic jam.** There are teachers and administrators in the building to greet your child and make sure he gets to the correct classroom.

4. Q: What is the dismissal procedure?

A: The students are dismissed according to their mode of transportation.

- a. "Bus riders" are dismissed first. **Please help your child to know which bus he/she rides (i.e. "T/E Bus C" or "Radnor Bus 5.") Teachers and administrators will help your child get on the correct bus.**
- b. "Walkers" are then dismissed. They proceed as a group (chaperoned by one of the teachers) and cross at the corner of Midland and Aberdeen Avenue. You may meet your child there.
- c. "Car riders" are dismissed after all "bus riders" and "walkers" are safely dismissed. A car line forms along Midland Avenue (heading east) at approximately 3:00. Please have a sign in your car window indicating your child's last name. Teachers and administrators will guide your child to your car. There's no need to get out of your car.
- d. If your child's mode of transportation changes on any given day, please write a note to your child's teacher.

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5. Q: How are school supplies handled?

A: The majority of school supplies your child needs will be ordered through the school and you will be billed for them (grade 1-8). This stationery bill must be paid over the summer, and is separate from the tuition invoices. If there are any additional supplies necessary, your child's teacher will let you know. Information regarding Kindergarten stationary fees will be handled at their back to school night.

6. Q: What is the lunch policy?

A: Children can either bring lunch or buy lunch at school. When buying lunch you **must pre-order and pre-pay by Thursday** in order for your child to buy lunch the following week. Order forms are sent home in the "Tuesday Envelope." No orders will be taken after Thursday. There are drinks, snacks, soups, cereal and yogurt for sale as well. These do not need to be pre-ordered and usually costs 50 cents - \$1.00 each.

7. Q: When is recess scheduled?

A: Children have a morning recess at 10:15. They can bring their own snack or buy a small pretzel for \$.25.

8. Q: How is information routinely communicated to the parents?

A: Up until now, the lifeline for what's going on at St. Katharine's. was sent home in the form of the "Tuesday Envelope". The oldest child in the family brought home this envelope which contained all the important information you needed to know: school calendar, lunch order forms, announcements about upcoming events, etc. With the advent of our website www.stkatharineofsienaschool.org much of this paper information will be available on-line. There will be some paper that will be sent home, such as lunch order forms, but we want to keep that to a minimum and to look for opportunities to eliminate paper wherever practical. You will also have teacher information (homework, tests, reminders, etc.) available in a secure environment. We encourage you to check the site regularly for information and to communicate with the staff through site email. And we certainly welcome your comments and suggestions on how we can improve the communications process.

9. Q: When is the class list posted?

A:The Class List for homerooms will be posted on **the first Monday of September** on the front doors of school.

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10. **Q:** What volunteer opportunities are available?
A: You will come to realize that the volunteers at St.Katharine's help to make SKS the great place that it is. **Please get involved. We count on your help.** There are many different ways to volunteer - as a lunch aide, library aide, fund-raising chairperson, homeroom parent, etc. More information will follow as the school year gets going. A volunteer booklet will be provided for you to see how you can contribute to our school.

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