

SACRED HEART APOSTOLIC SCHOOL

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Weekly phone calls

Each week, the boys always look forward to hearing from you and telling you all about their activities. Besides the weekly letter they write, they can also receive a phone call from you once a week. As I'm sure you can appreciate, coordinating the life and schedule for 30 boys is a significant challenge and requires much time and effort (we have 7 legionaries dedicated full time to this task!). For this reason, I ask you to please do your best to follow the allotted times mentioned below, since it greatly helps us to better organize the other students and school activities all the while making sure your son does not miss out on relevant formation aspects. If there is ever a time that you urgently need to get through, feel free to call my cell phone or that of any of the other fathers and brothers.

Phone calls

- The weekly phone call is a time for your son to speak with you and the immediate family.
- If your son needs to call anyone other than the immediate family, he should have your permission as well as that of the Rector.

Cell phones

- Each boy is permitted to have his own cell phone.
- If your son does have a cell phone, I would strongly encourage you to use some form of device filter/protection/monitoring system for his phone, since unwanted internet sites are unfortunately so common today and boys are inherently curious.
- Before and after the weekly calls, the cell phones will be kept by the Deans in a secure place.
- If you prefer, you may call your son on the house landlines (219-778-4596); there are only four lines, and calls will be on a first come first served basis.
- We also have five Skype stations which the boys also have access to.
- Although our Wi-Fi system is filtered, we do not allow the boys to have access to it on their personal devices since even a filtered system can provide access to undesired elements. As well, our school policies do not permit this.

Call times

- Please try and work out a regular day and time when you and your son can speak.
- Regular weekly phone calls should be on either Saturday or Sunday within the times of 5:30pm – 6:30 and 7:15 – 8:15pm (the boys have dinner from 6:30 to 7:15 and their night prayers with Eucharistic benediction start at 8:30pm).
- If for some reason you cannot talk on your regular day or at your regular time and need to reschedule, please let your son's Dean know (by text message is usually the best way).

Emergencies

- If you need to get in touch with your son at any time, please contact his Dean, or any of the fathers and brothers.

Special days

- For birthdays and other special family days, the boys may also call home.

Home Visit Dates

Please send all flight information by email to your son's Dean and copy Br David Reising, well in advance so we can organize the airport runs.

Fixed visit dates

- Thanksgiving: November 21st- November 28th (leave School for home on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and return back to School on the following Tuesday)
- Christmas: December 21st- 30th (leave School for home on the Thursday the 21st and return back to School on Saturday the 30th)
- Spring break: April 7th-16th (leave School for home on Saturday the 7th and return back to School on Monday the 16th)
- Summer Vacation: June 16th- July 16th (leave School for home on the Saturday the 16th and return back to School on Monday the 16th)

N.B. Sacred Heart Apostolic School will be closed during the above listed periods. It will not be possible for your son to remain on campus.

Varying visit dates

- If you would like to have your son come home for any other visits during the year, please contact Fr Timothy (1-513-668-3595 or twalsh@legionaries.org) to discuss the possible dates and logistics. From a travel and classes point of view, the most convenient is usually for the student to leave on a Friday and return on the Monday.
- Please speak with your son's Dean before you make final travel plans.
- Precandidates may be asked to take the bus (Coach USA) to and from the airport for these visits (the bus ticket costs about \$30 one way).

Airport travel

Chicago Midway Airport:

- All domestic flights should leave from and arrive to Chicago Midway Airport.
- Departure: between 10:00am – 12:00 noon (from Midway) - please try and respect these times.
- Arrival: between 4:00pm – 6:00pm (into Midway) - please try and respect these times.
- FYI – Southwest Airlines flies to Midway Airport and frequently offers special deals. Southwest also allows 2 free checked bags and there is no extra charge for unaccompanied minors.
- Please do not use Chicago O'Hare Airport (except our international students) as it is further from the school and on the other side of Chicago with frequent traffic jams. If it is absolutely necessary, we ask that you help with \$30.00 to pay for the gas and tolls.
- South Bend Airport is much closer but tends to be more expensive. Please check with your son's Dean before booking any flights to South Bend.

Travel by car

The community generally has Mass on vacation departure days at 8:00am (Central Time). All of the families are welcome and invited. You may depart immediately after Mass if you like, or you may stay for breakfast if you prefer. There is always room for one more!

Monthly Retreat Dates

At Sacred Heart we are all about holiness. More than just “being good”, we strive to live each day more closely united to God and more faithfully fulfilling his will. One of our privileged means is to have regular retreats. Most of the retreats are a half-day and end with lunch; they will not interfere with the weekly phone calls. The Spiritual Exercises, Good Friday, and the End of the Year (June 8th) retreats are full days.

Here are the retreat dates for the apostolics and the precandidates so that you can pray for them in a special way on these days:

- Spiritual Exercises (full days):
 - Precandidates: September 20th- 23rd (hike days on 19th and 24th)
 - Apostolics: September 21st- 23rd (hike days on 20th and 24th)
- Sunday, November 12th
- Sunday, December 10th
- Sunday, January 14th
- Sunday, February 25th
- Thursday, March 29th – Saturday, March 31st – Holy Week Triduum
- Sunday, May 6th
- Friday, June 8th – full day retreat

Family Events

Thanks be to God Sacred Heart is blessed with an incredible family atmosphere, and we love to share it with everyone. So please try to make room for these events on your calendar!

Event Dates

- Father-son weekend: October 13th-15th
 - All Sacred Heart dads are welcome, as well as your other sons who are ten years and older.
 - You can also invite any other dad-son combo who might be interested in learning more about the school.
 - Arrival is on Friday evening. On Saturday morning we will have some father-son work time and then in the afternoon we'll have some father-son fun activities. Sunday after Mass is free time with your son.
- Family Posada: Wednesday, December 20th
 - The posada is a beautiful Latin American tradition celebrated to prepare for Christmas time.
 - A good part of the day is spent decorating. In the late afternoon, we gather in the chapel to pray the rosary. This is followed by the traditional candlelight procession in which we pilgrims accompany Mary and Joseph, who are looking for a place to stay (*posada*) for the night. We end with a delicious meal and some games for the kids.

- Mother-son weekend: February 2nd- 4th
 - All Sacred Heart moms (past and present) are welcome!
 - Arrival is on Friday afternoon. On Saturday and Sunday we will have different times of prayer, play and eating with your son.
 - Sunday night, we will have a mother-son Superbowl party
- Mothers' Day Weekend: May 11th – 14th (Friday-Monday)
 - This is the biggest family event of the year. Don't miss out if at all possible!
 - Relatives and friends of the family are most welcome to attend.
 - Friday is the arrival date for the weekend activities. Saturday and Sunday have a mixture of organized activities and family free time. After Mass on Monday, the day is yours!
 - Bishop Donald Hying (bishop of Gary) will celebrate Mass with confirmations, in the school chapel, on Sunday, May 13th at 11:00am.
 - Those students in 8th grade and above who have not yet been confirmed will receive the sacrament of Confirmation during Sunday's Mass.
- Graduation before going home: Friday, June 15th
 - Graduation Mass at 4:00pm
 - Academic Awards at 5:00pm
 - Dinner at 6:00pm. All are invited!
 - Saturday morning Mass at 8:00am followed by departure for summer vacation.

Individual visits

You are welcome to come and make yourselves at home for the day on most weekends. Please let us know beforehand so that we know which boys will be out of the house as well as to avoid possible conflicts with any school activities.

Communication with School

Good communication between any school and the parents is a key element in providing the best possible formation to the students. Given that most of our families live relatively far from the School, we unfortunately do not often have the opportunity to meet face-to-face and regular communication is perhaps even more essential. For this reason, I believe that it is very important that both of us make a constant effort to communicate with one another in order to better assist your son in his growth and maturing process according to God's plan. This can also help us to avoid situations of confusion or misunderstanding.

In an effort to encourage an ongoing communication, I've asked our formators and teachers to try and speak with each family (of the boys they deal with) at least once per semester. I would also like to encourage you to call any of us whenever you have any questions or concerns or even just to chat. For my part I have reserved (most) of my Wednesday afternoon-evenings (but please don't hesitate to contact me any other time!) to speak with the parents – I would invite you to give me a call on any Wednesday between 3-8pm. If I cannot answer, please leave a voicemail so that I can return your call. I do use text messages, so if you'd like to schedule a particular time on a given day (even if it's not a Wednesday) please feel free to do so.

Finally, I would ask that whenever you come to visit the School (e.g. Father-son Weekend, Mother's Day Weekend) you try and reserve a little time so that we can speak about your son and his formation.

Contacts at School

We are always at your service for any questions or needs you may have.

Name	Role	Responsibilities	Types of questions they can best answer	Phone number
Fr Timothy Walsh twalsh@legionaries.org	Rector	Oversees the general operation of all aspects of the school and the boys' formation	Please feel free to contact whenever necessary regarding any issue	513-668-3595
Fr Andrew Kolenda akolenda@legionaries.org	Adminis - trator	Oversees the practical operation of the school facilities, the employees and the administrative/ economic aspects of the center	Tuition questions; Donations	678-787-2302
Fr Steven Liscinsky sliscinsky@legionaries.org	Dean of studies	Oversees the academic aspects of the school, as well as the teaching personnel; teaches religion (grade 9, 12), Spanish (grade 10/11), Latin (grade 10/11), and Greek (grade 10/11/12)	Questions related to classes, teachers or grades	603-520-2678
Fr Ronald Conklin rconklin@legionaries.org	Director of admissions	Oversees promotion of the school among interested families and boys; helps organize and run boys' retreats held at the school as well as the summer program	Person to contact if you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the school; Comments related to web or Facebook pages	219-575-0567
Fr Paul Silva psilva@legionaries.org	Teacher, spiritual director	Teaches religion (grade 11), Spanish (grades 9-12), and Latin (grade 12) and Greek (grade 10/11/12); acts as a regular confessor and spiritual director for the students	Call to say hi	219-363-6894
Fr Robert DeCesare rdecesare@legionaries.org	Assistant admissions director	Assists Fr Ronald in his responsibilities	If you can't get ahold of Fr Ronald or you know him better	985-377-8274
Br Christopher Daniels cdaniels@legionaries.org	Dean of students	Oversees the precandidates' (grades 10-12) daily life and schedule	How is my precandidate son doing in his day-to-day life? Doctor appointments, flight information	219-851-4741
Br Andre Blanchette ablanchette@legionaries.org	Dean of students	Oversees the apostolics' (grades 7-9) daily life and schedule	How is my apostolic son doing in his day-to-day life? Doctor appointments, flight information	219-608-2307

Br David Reising dreising@legionaries.org	Dean of students	Takes care of behind the scenes work at the school (schedules, practical organization, newsletter...) and helps the other Deans with the supervision of the students' daily life	Doctors appointments; Flight/travel information	219-575-2270
Alex Hassett bmrprairie@arcol.org	Lay Business Manager	Responsible for practical administration of numerous aspects of the school	Tuition payments, boys' personal accounts	219-851-0806

Teachers

Another great blessing for us is our dedicated teaching staff. They are professionals convinced of their mission of forming the minds of future priests.

They are always open to your questions. Please feel free to contact them whenever you need. If you want, you can try and reach them by phone (school phone is 219-778-4596) during regular school days and hours, i.e. Monday-Friday, from 8:15am-4:00pm. However, the most convenient is probably to email the individual you wish to speak with and agree upon a convenient time to speak.

Name	Classes taught	email
Robert Chance	Science: grades 8, 10, 11, 12 Math: grade 7 Spanish I: grade 7/8/9	rchance@shaschool.com
Micah Ross	Math: grades 9, 10, 11, 12	mross@shaschool.com
William Hobbs	English: grades 8, 10, 11, 12 Latin I: 7/8/9	whobbs@shaschool.com
Daniel McCarthy	History: grades 8, 9 English: grade 9 Latin: grades 8/9, 10/11 Greek: grade 10/11/12	dmccarthy@shaschool.com
Timothy Murphy	Geography: grade 7 Science: grade 7 Biology: grade 9 Religion: grade 8, 10 History: grades 11 Government: grade 12	tmurphy@shaschool.com
James Capehart	Religion: grades 7 History: grade 10 Latin: grade 10/11 Math: grade 8 English: grade 7	jcapehart@shaschool.com