



SACRED HEARTS SCHOOL

Early Childhood Center
Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten
48 So. Chestnut Street
Bradford, MA 01835
978 374-7161

Elementary School
Grades 1-8
31 So. Chestnut Street
Bradford, MA 01835
978 372-5451

New . . . Fall 2011

Kindergarten moves to new and expanded quarters . . .

Plans are well underway for our Kindergarten classes to move up the street to the Pastoral Center (the former convent). They will join with the existing Early Childhood Center which is located on the lower level.

The Kindergarten will be housed on the middle (street level) of the building. It will include two classrooms, one large multi-purpose room (for large and small group activities), a kitchen, renovated bathrooms, and a teachers' room.

The Kindergarten program will remain instructional in the morning; that is, the Reading and the Mathematics Program will be taught. Note that these programs are interdisciplinary in content and include both Science and Social Studies. The Religion Program is taught either in the morning or in the afternoon. The afternoon program includes a daily Integrated Arts subject and small group Learning Centers. This format is the same as what is currently in place.

The teachers for the Integrated Arts Classes will "travel" up to the Kindergarten to teach Art, Music and Library. The Physical Education and Computer programs are currently being reviewed. These programs and logistics will be announced in May 2011.

We currently have a "Buddy System" in place wherein 7th or 8th graders are "buddied" with the Kindergarteners. The older buddies walk their younger counterparts to monthly Mass/Prayer Service. In addition, the buddies are typically together for an activity period each month, often surrounding a particular holiday.

Unlike the larger elementary school, the Pre-K and Kindergarten will have use of a playground with a grassy area and playground equipment.

Snacks and lunches will continue to be "brown-bag". There will be no "hot lunch" program at the Center, but we are investigating the possibility of having milk available for purchase. We will plan for an occasional pizza day and that will be announced in advance.

Drop-off and pick-up procedures are under review and will be announced in May 2011.

Our Kindergarten Team is working to ensure a smooth transition for the move. Currently the space is being readied with a new coat of paint, new flooring and minor renovations. The physical move of furniture and supplies will not take place until late June.

Upon completion of the move all parents will be invited to attend an Open House to see the new facilities.

Computer & Library combine into a Media Lab . . .

With the Kindergarten moving up the street, a double classroom space becomes available in the elementary school building. Plans for this space are to combine the Library and Computer Lab into what we are calling our "Media Lab".

Ideally, students will have access to both printed materials and technology to support their studies across the curriculum. Our Technology Director and Librarian continue to work closely together with our classroom teachers to provide the optimum application of our resources to both teaching and learning.

Work on this space will take place over the summer. Upon completion in late summer, we will welcome our families to tour the facility.

Note from the Principal

Dear Current and Prospective Families,

These are exciting times for Sacred Hearts School as we continue to grow our enrollment and expand our facilities. We look forward to the full implementation of our plans in Fall 2011. Our innovations are designed to improve our curriculum, instruction and learning.

If you have any questions regarding these plans, please contact me at 978 372-5451 or via e-mail at kblain@sacredheartsbradford.org.

Thank you for selecting Sacred Hearts School for your children. We are committed to providing them a quality Catholic education that is characterized by academic excellence, faith and values, and a strong sense of community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathleen M. Blain, Principal