



# Sacred Heart Academy

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## Memo

TO: Parents and Guardians of English Kindergarten Students  
FROM: Cindy Pope – Principal: Debbie Linehan - Vice Principal  
DATE: September 19, 2011  
RE: Addition of an All Morning Kindergarten Class

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We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in receiving an additional teaching allocation of 0.5 units that will be used to create an all morning English Kindergarten class. We have been requesting additional support for our Kindergarten students from our District. Our Friday, September 16, 2011 we were informed that we would be receiving the additional allocation. We would like to thank the Eastern School District for recognizing the identified needed and supporting our request for an additional allocation.

While we recognize that students have already spent two weeks at school adjusting to their new environment, we believe that this additional 0.5 unit will greatly benefit our Kindergarten students in the long term. Students will now be a class of 12-13 students as opposed to 18 or 20.

Throughout this week, we will be finalizing our new English groups. There are many factors that we must consider prior to reassigning students to a new class. We will be individually contacting parents of students who will be moving to the all morning group. We hope to have these contacts made by Wednesday, September 21, 2011. The all morning group will have music and gym classes with other kindergarten groups. A copy of their schedule will be shared with parents. It is our goal for the all morning group to begin with their new teacher and schedule on Monday, September 26, 2011.

We appreciate that this may be an inconvenience to your family schedule and to child care arrangements that you have made based on the current rotation schedule. However, we strongly believe that the long term benefits of having our early learners in smaller class sizes will significantly outweigh the inconveniences we have now with reorganization.

We encourage you to contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.