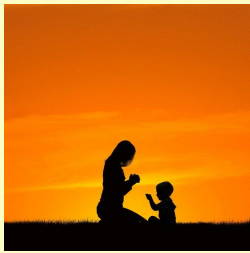


JR. DECATS 2022

"All We Need is Love"





PRAYER FOR OUR JR. DECATS SCHOLARS

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the special gifts that you have bestowed on our children.

Give us the guidance to help them to develop these gifts and to learn to use them wisely in your service.

Please help our children to be sensitive to others, realizing that they have much to learn from them.

Help them to understand that there are many gifts, but the same spirit, and that all are blest with their own unique gifts.

Allow our children to grow in the good soil of your love.

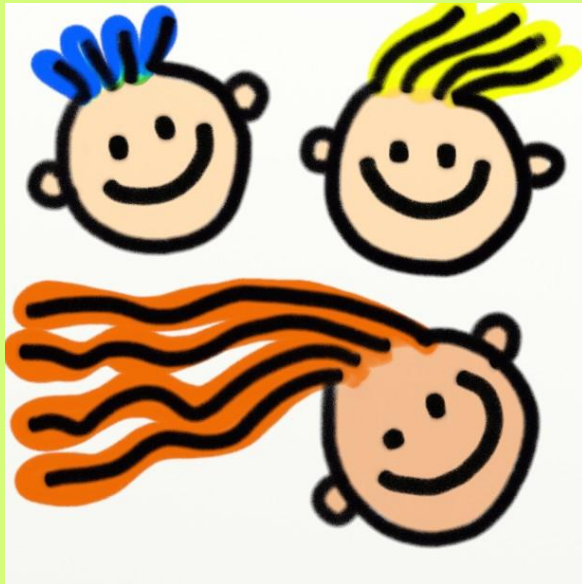
Help them to make the world a better place because they are here.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

JR. DECATS FACTS

257 Scholars representing 24 schools throughout the Diocese!

116 returning scholars with 141 first-timers



86 - 3rd graders

77 - 4th graders

94 - 5th graders

Amazingly about half are boys and half are girls!!



JR. DECATS TEAM

Fred Ahern
Katie Blase
Amanda Bonesio
Brooke Brundy
Kathy Buroker
Coffin, Taylor
Nathan Comeaux
Cate Compton
Julie Compton
Patty Corsi
Carolyn Eisele
Jennifer Everett
Grace Ford
Marlene Hewitt
Kristian Hillier
Katy Hyatt
Evan Jackson
Valerie Jordan
Leanne Knight
Matthew Krause
Marjorie Lane
Tracy Lopez
Desirae McCoy
Amy Melle
Kelly Nolan
Mandy Reilly
Katie Rinehart
Patricia Saunders
Jodi Sheffield
Karen Smith
Samantha Smith
Sarah Viviano

2022 JR. DECATS COURSES

There are 42 class offerings and 62 sessions utilizing the talents of our amazing mentors!

The Places You'll Go (Required for 2nd year scholars)

The Things You Can Think (Required new scholars)

Advanced Drawing

Ancient Egypt: The Great Pharaohs

Brain Blown

Cardboard Challenge

Cartooning

Challenge Accepted

DECATS Daily Blog

Design and Dazzle

Drums Alive!

**Float Your Boat, Fly Your Plane
From Prose to Pop**

Gaming Unplugged

Have a Blast

History Alive: Changemakers

**Hogwarts Express-A DECAT
Adventure**

I LIKE TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT!

Innovation Lab

JDTV – Junior DECATS TV

Lego Challenge

Let It Be Musical

Lights, Camera, Stop Motion!

Math Magic

Medieval History

2022 JR. DECATS COURSES

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Military History

Once Upon a Fairy Tale

Pickleball, etc.

Picture Perfect

Quiz Bowl Junior

Robotics

**Soap Box Hot Rods – Kind
of Fast and Not so Furious
Cars**

Space Squad

STEAM Team

Step Up

Storytelling with Google Earth

Summer Fun(shine)

Super Powered Math

Superheroes Unite!

Team I.C.E

Watercolors

We Mean Busine\$\$

World Explorers

COVID Protocol 2022

COVID Protocols Jr DECATS 2022

- Fevers over 100 need to be evaluated by a physician before returning to Jr DECATS.
- For positive students-
- 5 days at home
- May return day 6 and wear KN95 (available on Amazon) mask x 5 more days.
- If positive family member-
- best to test other family members on day 3
- may attend DECATS if asymptomatic. Must wear KN95 mask x 10 days.
- May remove for outdoor activities.
- If eating indoors, must sit at least 6 feet away from others while unmasked.

JR. DECATS BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT

As a Distinguished Scholar attending the Junior DECATS, I agree to abide by the following guidelines of the program. I understand that if these rules are not followed, I **will be dismissed** from the program. I hereby agree to:

- *follow all the rules of the Junior DECATS Program at St. Rita School*
- *clean up and not litter the building or grounds of St. Rita School*
- *follow through on all my projects, using my time to the fullest.*
- *treat other people with respect and cooperate with faculty and students at all times*

I **completely** understand that if I am disruptive to my class, my behavior will be considered unacceptable and I **will be dismissed** from Junior DECATS without refund to my parents.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver pen, writing on a document. The document features a grid of numbers and letters, with some cells highlighted in pink. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the document and the hand.

Scholar Inventory Time!

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FUNDING GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS!



WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO THE FOUNDATION!

Watch for a demographics survey

JR. DECATS

Courses are especially designed to meet the characteristics of the gifted.

They will be taught the following skills:

Critical and creative thinking

Problem solving

Decision-making

Leadership

Brainstorming and Divergent Thinking
"Thinking outside the Box"

JR. DECATS PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM

The gifted student has so much to offer the world. With our exciting Perspectives program, we as teachers can foster those gifts of our amazing students.

All Jr. DECATS students will have the opportunity to do many hands-on projects and activities over our three weeks.

These fun activities and projects will allow the students to realize their strengths and help them use them constructively, as well as helping to realize and strengthen their challenges.

JR. DECATS OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS

- Jr. DECATS begins Monday, **June 6** and ends on Friday, **June 24**.
- No Jr. DECATS on Monday **June 20** in observance of Juneteenth.
- Please be prompt...8:30-8:45 to allow for students to have some visiting time.
- Our day begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Dismissal and pick up from traffic lines begin at 3:45 p.m.
- Morning snack is provided, but **please** accommodate for dietary requirements.
- Bring a lunch in a lunchbox or bag labeled with your child's name.
- No microwave or refrigerators are available.
- **Before** Care begins at **7:30 a.m.** daily through Friday, June 24.
- **After** Extended Care ends at **5:00 p.m.** Monday through Thursday.
- **No Fridays** for Aftercare
- Please refer to our website for updates on what is happening.
www.jrdecats.biz and like us on Facebook!

JR. DECATS SPECIAL DATES

Wear Jr. DECATS t-shirts on **Fridays!**

- **Wednesday, June 8**, PAJAMA DAY! Sleep in a little; don't waste time getting dressed!
- **Tuesday, June 14**, Flag Day! Wear **red**, **white**, and **blue**! Mrs. Sheffield's technicolor hair salon will be open.
- **Friday, June 17** is All You Need is Love Service Day and DECATS Field Day!
- **Wednesday, June 22** is Crazy Head to Toe Day! Wear crazy hats and/or socks.
- **Friday, June 24**, Last Day of Jr. DECATS! Everyone welcome at Mass at 9:15. Performances and Wrap Up Video following Mass. Wear Jr. DECATS t-shirts!

JR. DECATS LAST DAY EVENTS

- Friday, June 24 is our **LAST DAY**.
- Everyone is welcome to celebrate our **DECATS Mass** at **9:15am**. Please join us!
- Please wear your DECATS t-shirts.
- Performances and Wrap Up Video following Mass.
- Dismissal will follow Performances and Wrap Up Video
- **No Carpool on the Last Day**. Scholars may be picked up in Sweeney Hall at noon.



LIVE WHAT WE TEACH!

Quite a few years ago we began a “grass roots” recycling program at Jr. DECATS.

Over the years, students have become more aware that they need to do their part to conserve our resources and help God’s earth.

By implementing this, we teach our children that we **CAN** make a difference.



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

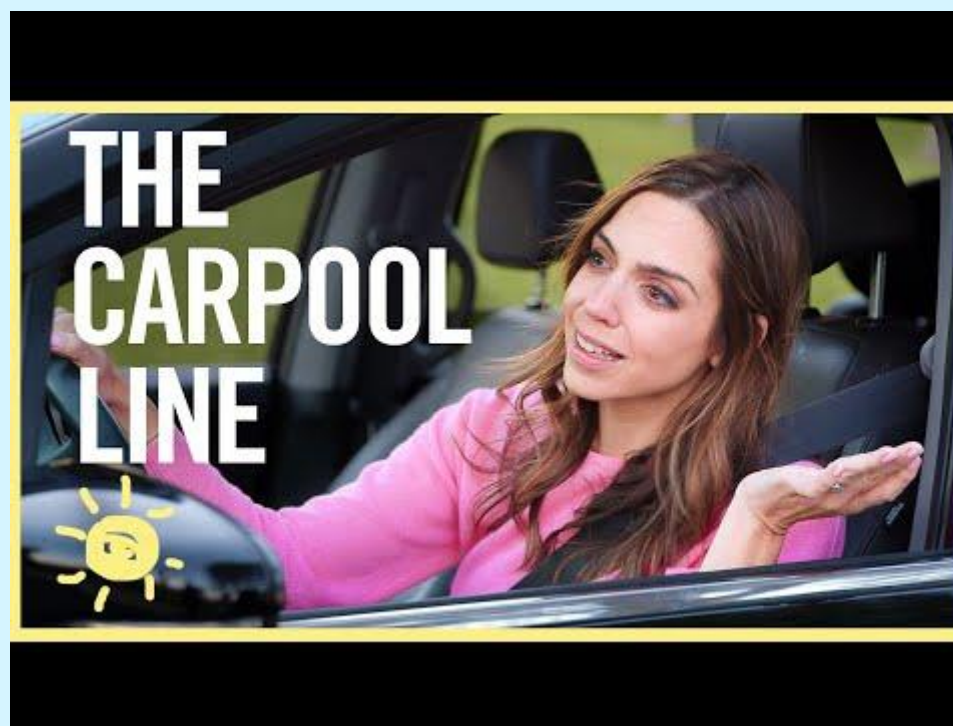
- Pack a "no throw" or "low throw" lunch.
- Send your child's lunch with reusable items:
 - lunchbox/bag
 - thermos/reusable drink bottle or recyclable cans/bottles
 - plastic sandwich holder and small plastic containers
 - Just be sure to put your student's name on all items.

**IT ISN'T EASY, BUT
IT'S WORTH IT!**

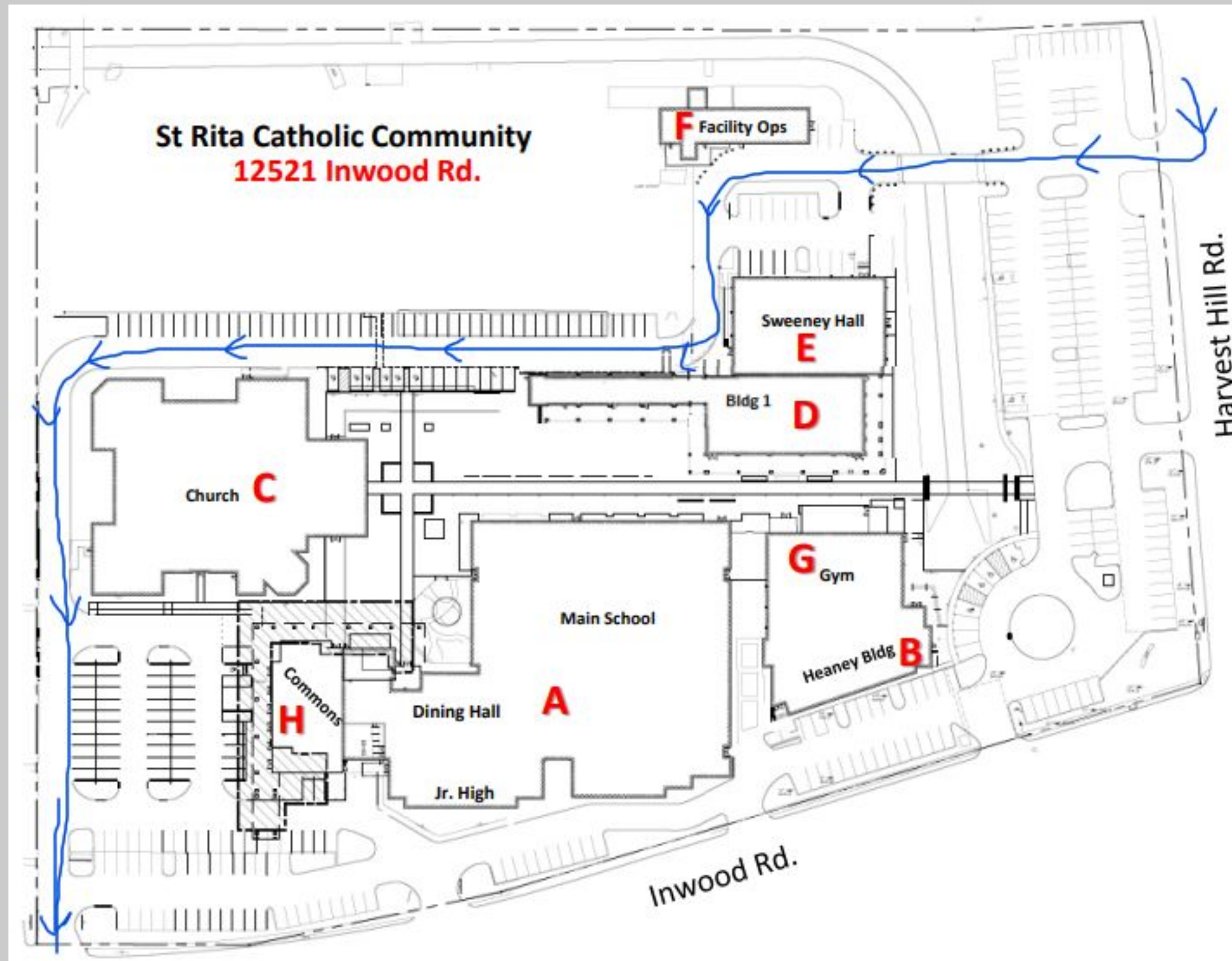
JR. DECATS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- No aftercare on Fridays, including the last day
- Phone number for clinic: **972-239-3203 ext: 6545**
- **jrdecatsnurse@gmail.com**
- Let **Mrs. Compton**, our Jr. DECATS nurse, know of any changes to phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc.
- All medication needs to be checked in with the clinic.
- **Daily Dress** - casual, but safe. Please have your student wear athletic shoes or other safe shoes. Dress with Christian modesty. Some classrooms may be cool, students may want to bring a sweatshirt or light jacket.

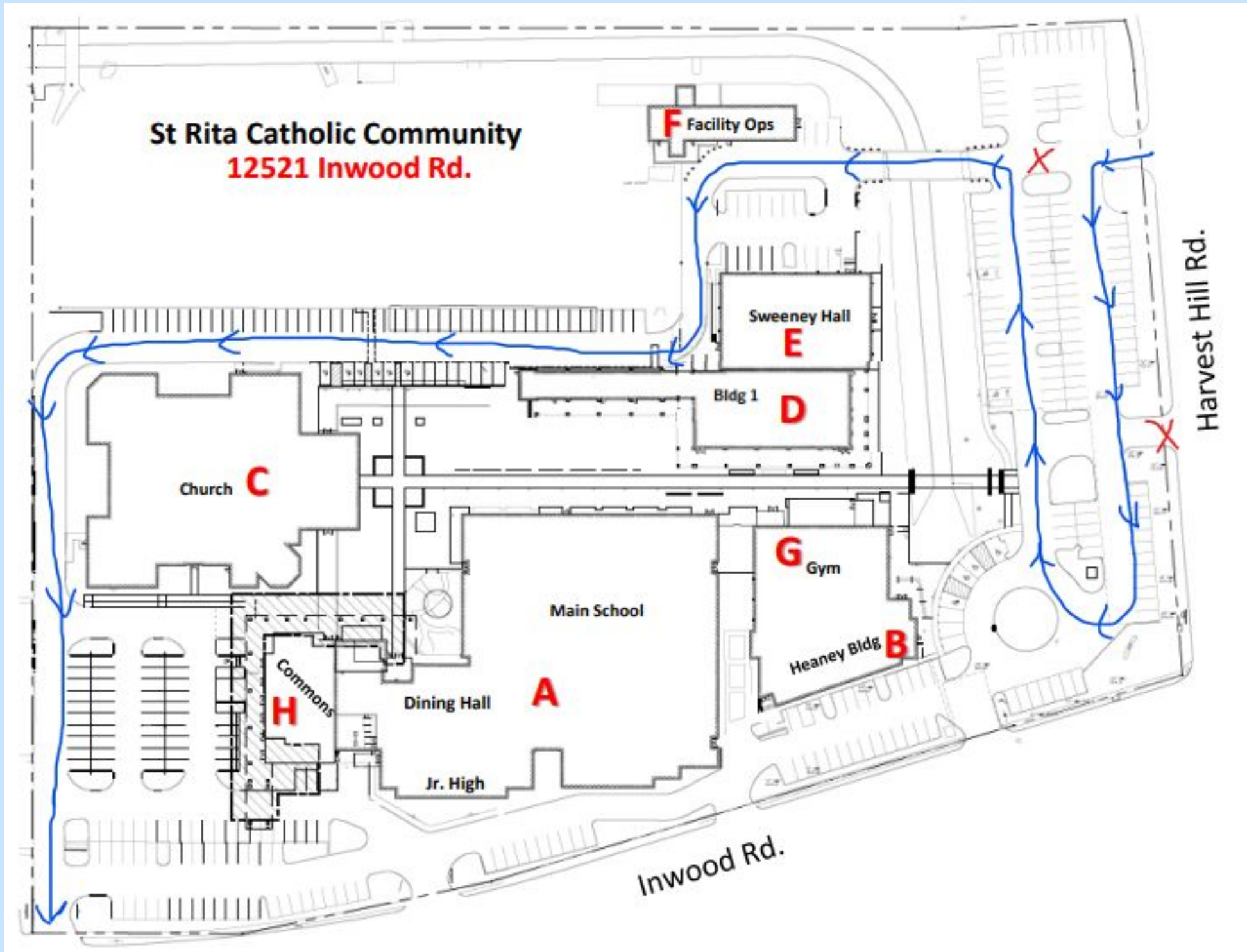
JR. DECATS CARPOOL HIGHLIGHTS



JR. DECATS **MORNING** CARPOOL PATTERN



JR. DECATS **AFTERNOON** CARPOOL PATTERN



JR. DECATS CARPOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Single line
- Must follow designated traffic pattern –
- Morning drop off
 - from eastbound Harvest Hill turn right in to the entrance
 - continue over the bridge to the bell tower
 - watch for DECATS greeters
- Afternoon pick up
 - from eastbound Harvest Hill turn right in to the entrance (again)
 - follow traffic pattern through Harvest Hill lot
 - continue over the bridge to the bell tower

PLEASE have your scholar's last name displayed **prominently**

Example of name card for afternoon carpool.

SHEFFIELD

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!

- If you must pick up your child early, please send a note in the morning.
- Please limit late arrivals and early pickups.
- For an early dismissal you **MUST** call the clinic when you arrive. Your child will be brought to Church Office.

KIDS HELPING KIDS!



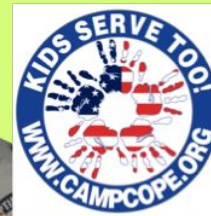
JR. DECATS-KIDS HELPING KIDS

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.""

Matthew 25

Homeless Kiddos in Dallas



Disaster Relief

Tornado Relief



Tragedy in the Gulf



Make a Wish Foundation
Isabel's Playground



Hurricane Ike



Neuroncology Program
at Childrens Medical Center



QUEEN OF TESTING!



Valerie Jordan

SCHOLAR INVENTORIES

- *Coopersmith Self-Esteem Inventory*
- *Social Skills Rating System*
- *Price, Dunn & Dunn Learning Styles*



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