



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! It is wonderful to see the kids this morning and hear their voices in the halls. It has been too quiet the past 3 months! New to our school this year is a third class of kindergarteners and two PreK4 classes.

First, we need to thank the 30+ families from the school, parish and Religious Education who showed up three weeks ago to do a great job of weeding. The front of the school and the surrounding grounds look great. Thanks for being such wonderful role models of service to our children.

“Do you love me?...Feed my lambs!” from the Gospel of St. John is our theme this year. Our focus this year will be of service to others. Students will participate in numerous service activities during the school year. All students in grades PreK-Grade 8 will bring home service journals each Wednesday evening for homework and students will write (or draw pictures) of something they did the previous week in serving others. We are asking parents to sign off on each entry each Wednesday evening. Teachers will collect these journals each Thursday morning and students will be given credit towards their religion grade for each trimester. The staff is keeping service journals as well.

This past Monday on our first staff day, we made over 250 lunches for the homeless and donated them to our daily bread. We are inviting all of our families to participate in our “lunches for lambs” project each First Friday that we will celebrate Mass as a school community. Coming home today is a letter from Mrs. Cottrell detailing this easy project! Our first Mass and “lunches for lambs” will take place next Friday, Sept. 4th at 10:15am in the church. You are welcome and encouraged to join us!

We invite you to our opening prayer service for the new school year tomorrow at 10:45am. in the church. We will take the opportunity to kick off our new theme, pray together as a community, introduce our newest students, staff members and our new pastor of Resurrection, Monsignor John Dietzenbach. Please join us if you can! I promise you that you will not be disappointed!

The teachers are spending today and most of tomorrow getting to know your child and establishing rules and routines. We will run through the entire Friday schedule with the students in 15 minute increments on Friday afternoon.

The administration and the faculty met with students in grades 6-8 this morning to review items found in the parent/student handbook. ESPECIALLY the homework policy. Students are responsible for doing and turning in the assigned homework the next day. If they choose not to do so, academic consequences will result. We also reviewed the uniform policy and made sure students were clear about expectations and had no questions. Starting Monday, students (grades 6-8) not in uniform compliance will be given immediate detention for 8am the following day.

Coming home today:

- Milk order form
- Hot lunch order forms- Program and milk does not start until after Labor Day! Students need to bring bag lunch and drink tomorrow- next Friday.
- Handbook- please read, sign back page and return to school by next Friday

Things to remember:

- All immunization and health records were due TODAY
- 2 Emergency cards (per child) sent home in June were due today
- Book report projects- grades 3-8 are due on Friday, August 28th
- Summer reading journals- (if your child chose to do them) due on Friday, August 28th
- Please avoid scheduling all doctors/dentist appointments during school hours. We kindly ask that no students be dismissed between 2:35-3:30pm to make sure the last period of the day is not disruptive to all students.
- We will be letting all students into the building starting at 8:30am tomorrow morning due to no bus service. Starting on Monday, doors will not open before 8:45am unless your child is registered for Educare. Bus service starts Monday morning. All those planning on riding the bus should ride the bus each day next week to allow the county to firm up bus stop times. Please be patient with them.
- Tomorrow is a full day. Dismissal will be at 3:30pm. Please remember to send your child with a lunch and a drink. Please follow traffic patterns for drop off and pick up.

May God continue to bless all of us during this period of transition as we move from the unstructured and care free days of summer to the more structured days that the season of autumn always brings!

Peace,

Mrs. Karen Murphy
Principal