

July 13, 2017

Dear Our Lady Families,

In less than two weeks, we open our doors to a brand new school year! Our theme is “We are on God’s Mission!” and we certainly have been on a mission here to be ready for our students on the first day of school, July 26!

Here’s the latest:

Facilities We have many newly painted rooms and book shelves, Six primary rooms have new tile floors. Teachers in grades 1, 2, and 3 have had to move all of their classroom furniture and supplies into the hallway and then back into the newly renovated rooms! A huge thanks to our Facilities Team, faculty, staff and families who have helped get ready for the start of school!

Website You will find all the forms for final registration on July 17, the official school calendar, the 2017-18 dress code, class lists, school supplies and more on the web, so stay connected to be in the know!

Parent- Student Handbook The revised 2017-18 handbook will be online next week for your reference.

PTO Sign-ups and Used Uniform Sales is happening at Registration on July 17 in the gym! It’s Zesto’s Day on Wed., July 26! Let’s top off the first day of school with an ice cream treat! We receive a percentage of sales, so be sure to let Zesto’s know your Our Lady pride! The famous Back-to- School Pool Party is on Fri., Aug. 4 at the newly renovated Clarksville Cove from 7:30-9:30 PM.

Preschool and Pre K Meet and Greet is on Mon., July 17 from 10:30-11:30 and 5:30-6:30 PM. Bring your Preschool or Pre K student to the classroom to meet their teacher, check out surroundings and meet a few friends. We’ve coordinated this with Registration times for your convenience.

Registration This is for all current and new families with students in Early Preschool- Gr. 8. It’s time to turn in forms and pay fees; tuition statements have already been sent to families for your convenience. There are 2 sessions: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM or 6:00-7:30 PM in the gym. See the checklist online so you don’t miss any stations. Have dates ready that you would like to help serve in the Café. You can also purchase used uniforms, middle school PE uniforms, spirit wear or place an order with River City Workwear for new school uniforms.

Early Childhood Meetings Please note a few beginning meetings that are very important for a successful school year. Preschool, Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents will meet teachers in their respective classrooms (Ms. Naville, Rm. 111; Mrs. Crone Rm. 110; Mrs. Andres, Rm. 109 and Mrs. Balsler, Rm. 108) for a parent meeting to go over expectations and answer questions on Mon., July 24 from 5:30-6:15 or 6:15-7:00 PM. At least one parent per family should attend with no children involved for this gathering. Pick the session most convenient for you, or you may have a Preschooler and Kindergarten, so this allows attendance at both meetings.

Yay! Happy First Day of School! We welcome Preschoolers- eighth graders on Wed., July 26. (Early Preschoolers begin class on Sept. 5.) Pedway doors open at 7:15 AM to students to report to the gym or Preschool, Pre K rooms and school starts at 7:45AM.

Middle School Parent Forum On Mon., July 31, one parent per middle school family (Gr. 5-8) is required to attend this very informative session. Join us in Wagner Hall from 6:00-8:00 PM. Meet the teachers, learn about Jupiter, our discipline system, homework help, communication tools, electronic use policy, youth ministry, athletic code of conduct and more. Life in middle school gets more engaging, so you will want to visit classrooms and see what your student's day entails.

Parent Night for Families with Students in Gr. 1-4 Please join us in the gym at 6:00 PM on Thurs., Aug. 3 for a welcome and guidelines to an excellent school year, then head to your student's classroom from 6:30-7:15 and 7:15-8:00 PM. If you have one student in grades 1-4, you are finished at 7:15. Those with more students will continue to the next teacher until 8:00. This is required for at least one parent per family of a first through fourth grader!

Middle School Forum and Gr. 1-4 Meetings are for parents only so we can focus on your questions and concerns and give important information in an uninterrupted setting. We will have door prizes at all meetings and PTO news as well.

Communication is Key! For official school information, please look on the school website or call the school office at 812-944-7676. We want you to have a straight line of communication to get answers for any questions at Our Lady! We welcome your input and collaboration to make Our Lady the special place it is!

Thank You! For your dedication to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School and your sacrifice to offer your children a foundation in faith and a relationship with Jesus that lasts a lifetime. I realize the beginning of the year is extra busy, but it makes a world of difference to have you here at these crucial meetings and to learn firsthand what it takes from school and home to support our children. We are working diligently to be ready for our first days and know you are, too! Thank you for your time and cooperation—but most importantly, your prayers. Together, we begin a new school year giving our children the best we have to offer and giving God the glory!

I look forward to seeing you soon,
Mary Ann Bennett
Principal