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**August 25, 2023**

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

**Thank you to all who were able to attend our Back-to-School Night last evening. It was wonderful to see all of you. Thank you to all our parents who helped at the games and concession! Thank you to Jordan Randall for making sure we had our gym uniforms ready and to Miss Nancy, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Berkel for getting them out to you! Special thank you to Katie Hevey for organizing such a great event!**

**We are looking forward to seeing all our Pre-K, Kindergarten and all new students and parents on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 PM for Orientation. Please come to the front door of the school.**

**The first day of school for all students in Kindergarten – Grade 8 is Thursday, August 31. All children are to be in full uniform (summer uniform is fine) for the first day of school. Our PreK students will join us for their first day on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Students will need to bring their school supplies on the first day of school. Students in Grades 1-8 will need to bring in \$5.00 for their school planners. Students in Grades K-8 will need to bring in a check for \$60 to cover the insurance for their Chromebook.**

**Drop off is in the circle in front of the school. Please pull into the circle as far down as you can go – we will be outside to greet you and take the students out of the car. If you would like to walk your child to the door, please park in the back-parking lot and walk around the school to the front door. Please do not walk your child to the classroom.**

**Dismissal lines will be as follows: PreK- Grade 3 will exit via the front door, Grades 4 & 5 will exit the side door on Vallone Drive, and Grades 6-8 will exit the back door into the parking lot. Again, this year if you have siblings – the older child will be dismissed via the door with the younger child.**

**All buses will be available starting the first day of school. Bus stops are listed on cpsed.net website. Please check the listing for the closest stop for you.**

**Morning Care will be available again this year from 6:50 – 7:50 for \$8.00. Drop off for Morning Care is at the front door. Please let us know if you are planning to use our Morning Care. Morning Care will be available beginning Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Aftercare will be available from 2:20-5:00 PM beginning the first day of school. The cost for aftercare is \$8.00 per hour. Aftercare is held in the Cafeteria and the Gymnasium therefore pick up will be at the Parish Center Entrance on Vallone Drive. Students who are not picked up at dismissal will be sent to**

**Aftercare and you will be charged accordingly. For planning purposes, please let us know what days your child will be attending After Care.**

**Aramark will be our lunch vendor again this year. All lunches will need to be paid through the app [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com). (Attached, please find the September Lunch Menu)**

**No peanut/tree nut items will be served as we are a Peanut/Tree Nut Free School. Please be sure your child's lunch is peanut/tree nut free.**

Several forms will come home with the students on the first day of school – please fill them out and send them back as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**As in the past, we will not allow food to be brought in for birthday celebrations.** With the many children who suffer from a variety of allergies, we are trying to be as careful as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Again, this school year – students may come out of uniform on their birthday. If the student's birthday falls on a weekend, holiday, or school vacation he/she may dress down on the previous Friday.

**Look for the return of our “Weekly Memo” which will be sent to you via email and will be available on our website ([www.stmaryschoolri.org](http://www.stmaryschoolri.org)). Typically, it will be posted on a Thursday. Please be sure we have your correct email address.**

The Parent/Student Handbook will be available on our website on August 31st. Please review it with your child, print the signature page, sign it and return it to school. If you do not have a computer, please call the office and we will be happy to send you a hard copy of the handbook.

No bracelets may be worn, small stud earrings for the girls are the only ones that may be worn – boys may not wear earrings. The only jewelry allowed will be a watch, a small cross, and a ring. No jewelry will be allowed on **gym days** for safety reasons. Only clear nail polish may be worn. For safety reasons, artificial nails are not permitted! Just a reminder, leggings or yoga pants and spandex pants are not allowed on non-uniform days. Thank you for your help in enforcing this at home with your child.

Sneakers must be as plain as possible – black or white – no colored sneakers, please. Please remember that open toed shoes are not allowed even on dress down days!

Students who carry cell phones must keep them in their backpack or locker and they must be turned off. We cannot be responsible for damaged or lost cell phones.

Students should have their summer reading/math projects finished by the first day of school. I would like to thank you for being a learning partner with your child this summer. Please be sure to have your child bring their summer reading /math assignments to school on the first day.

**A reminder that backpacks for students in Grades K-4 must not have wheels.**

**Our Grandparents Day Mass is Sunday, September 10 at 9:30. (More info to follow)**

**Our Opening of School Mass is Friday, September 8 at 9:45. Please join us if you can.**

**Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 PM. (More info to follow) This a mandatory meeting for all parents!**

**The parking situation is still a source of concern as there is no easy solution. Please be respectful of our neighbors and do not block their driveways.**

**Speed is also a concern – please be mindful that this is a school area and there are many little children walking around.**

Attached is St Mary's 2023-2024 school calendar.

I look forward to the beginning of a successful and enriching school year.

Respectfully,

Ms. Lepore



**St. Mary's School lives the Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love through our kind thoughts, words, and deeds.**