

From the Principal's Desk

September 3, 2015



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Welcome Back!

We have the first week just about under our belts and it is so wonderful to see all of smiling faces of the Holy Spirit students!

As I mentioned in the packet that went home last Friday with all of the back to school forms, we are going to discontinue the paper Family Folder in an effort to "go green" and to reduce some of the printing and paper costs at the school.

I know this will be an adjustment for all of us and there may be some bumps in the road but I am confident we will get this accomplished.

The intent is to send out a weekly note. Additionally all of the forms that are necessary and pertinent to upcoming events will still be available on the website under the Family Folder section on the front page.

I look forward to an exciting year at Holy Spirit; please know that my door is always open.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Family Packet

All of the forms that were included in the Family Packet must be returned to the school immediately. It is of the utmost importance that the school have current contact and emergency information on all students

Thank you for your cooperation!



Back to School Nights

For Grades 1-5, Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th.

For Middle School, Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th.

Both nights will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Please remember that this is an evening for teachers to present general information regarding the classroom and curriculum. This is not an

opportunity for individual conferences. If you have concerns or questions that are specific to your child, please contact the teacher directly and privately.



School Picture Day

A reminder that school picture day is Thursday, September 10th.

Please remember to send in the picture order form with payment if you would like to order.



Carpool

I know that the Carpool line has been a challenge this week. It does get better!

A couple of reminders:

During morning drop-off, no students should be dropped off in the upper parking lot and allowed to walk down the sidewalk to the front of the school. I know everyone is busy and has somewhere to be but for the safety of everyone involved all cars should come through the front car line. (This excludes PreKindergarten families who drop-off in the rear of the school.)

The drop-off line moves much faster if students are ready to go when you reach the sidewalk. Parents should stay in the car and allow teachers to assist the students. All students must exit on the right side of the car so that they step immediately onto the sidewalk. Regardless of where you child's class lines-up, please have your child get out of the car at the first spot at which you stop along the sidewalk; do not make multiple drop-offs or stops.

In the afternoon, please be sure that you are filling in one line at a time and I ask that you be cognizant of not cutting into a line in front of others.

Parents may not park in the upper lot and walk down to retrieve students from the front of the school. Again, I understand that many are in a hurry and have places to be but for safety and out of fairness all should wait in the carpool line.

As after school activities begin and more children begin attending Extended Day, the carpool line will return to its usual 10-15 minute "event".

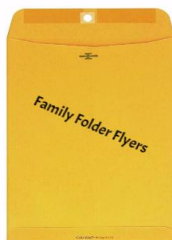
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Vanpool

The new vanpool slots (cars picking up three or more students) will be sent home on Friday. The new slots should be used beginning Tuesday, September 7th. (Current Kindergarten families already have their numbers and should be using the slots.)

Please remember that you must be in the lot by 3:05 pm before the chains are put up. If you arrive after the chains have been put up you must circle down to the carpool line and your students will be walked down there. You may not park and walk across the chains/past the cones to retrieve students.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 3, 2015" (or follow the links here) :

School Flyers:

1. [Roller Skating Permission Form - Grades 5-8](#)
2. [Roller Skating Permission Form - Grades K-4](#)
3. [School Choir information](#)
4. [Fall Chess Club Registration - Grades K-8](#)
5. [Box Tops for Education/Grocery Cards](#)
6. [Home & School Connection - Sept. Parent Newsletter](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Holy Spirit - CYO Sports](#)
2. [Militia Immaculata - Information](#)
3. [Militia Immaculata - Permission Form](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Feed a Family - Catholic Charities](#)
 2. [Race Relations - Educating to end Racism and Promote Solidarity - Marymount University](#)
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