



*Inspiring Minds* | *Igniting Hearts*

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Dear Holy Spirit Families,

Happy Feast of St. John Vianney and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of August! Can you believe in just a few short weeks we will launch our 2017/2018 school year? I pray you are enjoying the time away from school and that you and your students are ready to embrace the new school year and all of the excitement that it holds. We have so many new families joining our growing community this year with close to one hundred new students. What a beautiful extension of our school community; we welcome all of our new families and look forward to getting to know you.

The faculty has chosen the theme of “Respect and Responsibility in Action” for the coming year. We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for the students both in and out of classroom to live the Catholic Faith.

We have several new faculty members with us this year. Mrs. Diane Wisneski, who many of you already know, will join our kindergarten team. Additionally, we welcome Ms. Natalie Kowalczyk to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade team; Mr. Connor Lilly to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team; and Mrs. Margaret Sullivan to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Our new music instructor is Mr. Andre Toussaint.

If, by chance, your student has not completed his/her summer work, now would be great time to be sure students are on track to have everything finished as most everything is due either the first day or first week of school.

If you have a rising kindergartener or sixth grader or are a new family to the school, all required medical forms must be returned as soon as possible. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

If you are interested in either Morning Care or Extended Day, the registration document is available on the website and you may send that in now with the registration fee.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm the NEW family ice cream social sponsored by the PTO will be held in the school cafeteria. We invite all new families (parents and children) to join us. There will be an opportunity for new families to purchase used uniforms.

On August 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity to meet the teachers, find out homeroom assignments and take a peek at the classrooms. Please join us at school from 1:00-2:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you then and ask that you please not come to school for an extra early sneak peek prior during the week of August 21<sup>st</sup> as the teachers and administration will be very busy with meetings and classroom set-up. Paperwork needed for the start of the school year will be available for pickup during the August 25<sup>th</sup> Open House in order to give families the weekend to fill out the many required forms. Please return all forms on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

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2017 - 2018  
*“Respect and Responsibility in Action”*

School for **Grades 1-8** begins on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Please make every effort to begin the good habit of arriving on time. As we started last year – drop off will begin at 7:40 am; I will see you in the parking lot! Teachers will meet the students outside and escort them to their classrooms. Parents are asked to say their goodbyes as they drop their children off in the carline. (If you want to park *after* you drop off your children you are welcome to.) Please refer to the handbook posted on the webpage for complete directions on arrival and pickup procedures. During the first week of school the vanpool slots for last year will be used with the EXCEPTION of kindergarteners who are now first graders. These students will be dismissed with the regular carpool unless they are in a group vanpool. Applications for vanpool slots will be sent home in the beginning of the year packet.

For **Grades 1-8** Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> is an 11:30 am dismissal; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are 3:15 pm dismissals and Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is an 11:30 am dismissal with no Extended Day Care. School lunches will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pack a lunch for your child the first week.

A **kindergarten parent meeting** is scheduled for Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Kindergartners' first day will be Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 – 11:30 am (with no afternoon Extended Day for them this first day). Both Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> are full days for kindergarten. Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is a half day for all students.

The **prekindergarten parent meeting** (no students) is at 9:30 am on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The preschool orientation for the students and parents is on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Students with last names beginning A through L are asked to come from 9:00 – 9:45 am and students with last names beginning with M through Z are asked to come from 10:00 – 10:45 am. Classes begin for prekindergarten on August 30<sup>th</sup>; this is a half day for **all** PreK students with dismissal at 11:30am (there is no afternoon Extended Day for PreK this first day). Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> is a full day for those PreK students enrolled as full day students. Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is a half day dismissal for all students.

**Morning Care** will be open at 7:00 am on the first day of school. Morning care is located in Room 4. Please use the western set of doors (Exit 11). Grade levels may begin using Morning Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Morning Care on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Kindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
PreKindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

**Afternoon Extended Care** for Grades 1-8 will be in the cafeteria. Afternoon Care for PreKindergarten and Kindergarten will be in Room 2. Grade levels may begin using Afternoon Extended Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Extended Day on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Kindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
PreKindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>  
Afternoon Extended Day is closed completely on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> due to the early dismissal.

Information regarding the calendar, uniforms, supplies and reading lists can all be found on the webpage [www.holyspiritflames.org](http://www.holyspiritflames.org).

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year. Thank you allowing us to be a partner in the education of your children.

Blessings always,

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