

From the Principal's Desk

August 4, 2016



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Holy Spirit School

*Celebrating 50 Years of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts
1966 - 2016*

It is almost time!

Dear Holy Spirit Families:

Here we are...August...it seems to have arrived so very quickly this 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 in our community this year with over sixty, yes sixty, 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.

We have several new faculty members with us this year. One is a face many of you are familiar with but Ms. Caitlin Hansen will be here on a part-time basis as the School Counselor; she will also continue her role as the Director of Extended Day. New to our community this year will be Mrs. Missy Payne (3rd grade), Mrs. Mary Pat Miller (middle school), Mr. Greg Gordon (middle school), and Mr. Mark Pietuszka (technology). Additionally, Mrs. Belinda Cleveland will be leading one of our prekindergarten classrooms this year.

If, by chance, your student has not completed his/her summer work, now would be a great time to be sure students are on track to have everything finished. In particular, please remember that the math assignment for rising 1st - 8th graders is due the first day of school, August 29th.

Mrs. Wild, our school nurse, has asked me to remind families with rising kindergarteners and sixth graders and all new students that the required medical forms must be returned by August 8th. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

If you are interested in Morning Care or Extended Day, the registration documents are available on the website and you may send those in now with the registration fee.

On August 24th 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 26th 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 do not come to school for an extra early sneak peek during the week of August 22nd 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 26th Open House in order to give families the weekend to fill out the many required forms. Please return all forms on Monday, August 29th.

School for **Grades 1-8** begins on August 29th at 8:00 am. Please make every effort to begin the good habit of arriving on time. 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.

Please see below for special schedule announcements. All of the information is available in letter form via the link in the Family Folder section below.

Information regarding the general calendar, uniforms, supplies and reading lists can all be found on the webpage www.holyspiritflames.org.

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

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II
Holy Spirit School Class of 2015*

Schedule for Grades 1-8

Monday, August 29th:

- First day of school
- 11:30 am dismissal
- Morning Care Opens (please enter via Exit 11)
- Extended Day Opens (please pick up in the cafeteria)

Tuesday, August 30th - Thursday, September 1st:

- Regular 3:15 pm dismissal
- NO hot lunches served; all students must have a brown bag lunch

Friday, September 2nd:

- 9:00 am Mass
 - 11:30 am dismissal
 - NO afternoon Extended Day
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Schedule for Kindergarten

Monday, August 29th:

- 8:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 30th:

- First day for kindergarten students
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- 11:30 am dismissal
- No afternoon Extended Day

Wednesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 1st:

- Full days - regular 3:15 pm dismissal
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- NO hot lunches served - all students must have a brown bag lunch
- Extended Day available (pick up via Exit 11)

Friday, September 2nd:

- 9:00 am Mass
 - 11:30 am dismissal
 - NO afternoon extended day
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Schedule for PreKindergarten

Monday, August 29th:

- 9:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 30th:

- Parent and student orientation
- 9:00 - 9:45 am Students with last name A-L
- 10:00 - 10:45 am Students with last name M-Z

Wednesday, August 31st:

- First day for Prekindergarten
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- 11:30 am dismissal for ALL students
- No afternoon Extended Day available

Thursday, September 1st:

- Full day with regular 3:15 pm dismissal
- Morning Care available
- NO hot lunches served - all students must have a brown bag lunch
- Afternoon Extended Day available (pickup via Exit 11)

Friday, September 2nd:

- 11:30 am dismissal for all students
- NO afternoon extended day



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 4, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [Beginning of the Year Letter 2016](#)
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