



September 7, 2017

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU so much for making the first day of school run so smoothly. We do need to remind all parents that no child should be dropped off prior to 7:45. There is no supervision until that time. Also remember not to park on St. John's lot and walk across Neifeld. If you need to walk your child, please park on the church lot and cross with the crossing guards.

Our enrollment continues to grow. We currently have 639 students and are continuing to have inquiries almost daily. Please reach out to parents especially during dismissal, since that can be overwhelming to a new parent (as many of you may recall!).

Yesterday you received an email blast with many fliers attached. We will continue sending attachments only on Wednesdays, unless an emergency occurs. Also the Chick-fil-A calendar fundraiser and the Fruit fundraiser are sponsored by the Fathers' Club, not the school.

Back to School Night tonight is for grades PreK through 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00. Thank you to all 5<sup>th</sup> through middle school parents who attended last night. Remember if you need to contact a teacher, please send an email or a note. The teacher might not be able to read an email though until the end of the school day.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Emily Gartrell to St. Ursula. Ms. Gartrell is the PE teacher on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Also Ms. Margaret Francis resigned for personal reasons. We are actively looking for the best teacher for our middle school science and math position. In the meantime we welcome back Mrs. Diane Howe who will sub until the new hire is in place.

The Parent/Student Handbook came home this week with the youngest child. It is imperative that you read it thoroughly since many changes have occurred. One particular change pertains to tardiness. A child will be marked tardy if he/she is not in their classroom by the 8:10 bell. So if your child is on the second or third floors please make sure you drop them off with enough time left to get to their classroom prior to the 8:10 bell. We will have a month of grace prior to actually marking students late who arrive by 8:15 but after 8:10. In addition the Acceptable Use Policy for Technology is now embedded in the Handbook. The permission is part of the Handbook receipt which must be returned one per family.

Please remember to go online and complete Shield the Vulnerable if you have never completed this program. No adult may volunteer in any capacity if they have not been vetted through Shield the Vulnerable.

Individual pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 21. All students should wear their school uniform (not their gym uniform). If it is their gym day, they may wear tennis shoes.

The High School Fair will be held at St. Joseph's Fullerton this year from 6-9 on October 9<sup>th</sup>. All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and their families are encouraged to attend.

Finally we still have many "slightly used" student desks up for grabs. Just contact Mr. Jay to set up a pick-up time. ([maintenance@stursula.org](mailto:maintenance@stursula.org))

God is good,

*Debbie Glinowiecki*

Principal