

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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August 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017 -2018 school year. Even though it is summer the school has been filled with busy Educare activities and some of us have been here working on and off since we left in June. The new school is really progressing and going to be changing the most in the next 4 weeks! What a great way to begin our new school year. **The first day of classes will be on Tuesday, September 5 (the day after Labor Day) and we will dismiss at 1:00 on this first day.** Kindergarten students will be released at 11:45 AM unless they are staying for the full day program. It will be great to have that final 3-day weekend. **Back to School Parent Night** will be on **Thursday, September 14.** The first teacher staff development day will be **Friday, September 15.** Educare will be available that day, but there is NO SCHOOL.

The teacher assignments are as follows:

Mrs. Tanya Apuyan	Kindergarten AM and Educare Kindergarten PM
Mrs. Joanne Stevens	Grade 1
Mrs. Lynn Van Nostrand	Grade 2
Miss Kelsey Landreth	Grade 3
Mrs. Karen Arnzen	Grades 4
Mrs. Kathi Cook	Grade 5
Mrs. Stacie Holcomb (Neely)	Grade 6
Mrs. Sharon Ruiz	Grade 7
Mr. Lou Turner	Grade 8
Mrs. Valerie Mullen	Afternoon Teacher
Sr. Kay Heberling	Music
Mr. Paul Manly	Band and Strings
Mrs. Nancy Likarish	Librarian
Mrs. Cindy Ecklund	Art

Additional Staff:

Mrs. Kathi Cook	Assistant Principal
Mr. Mike Trudeau	Business Manager
Mrs. Belinda Jacobsen	Athletic Director
Mr. Lou Turner	Operations/Technology
Mrs. Candace Schultz	Kindergarten Aide
Ms. Terri Bauer	Secretary
Mrs. Carmel Melton	Bookkeeper
Mrs. Kathy Halstead	Lunch Room Manager
Mrs. Amber Lynde	Educare Director
Fr. Jose Millan	St. Anthony's Pastor
Sister Irene Knopes	St. Joseph's

The normal school day is as follows:

Student arrival time	8:15 (<u>earliest time for drop-off</u>)
First Bell	8:20
School begins	8:30
Recess-Upper grades	10:00-10:15
Recess-Lower grades	10:30-10:45
Kindergarten Dismissal	11:45
Lunch-Lower grades	11:45
Lunch-Upper grades	11:15
Dismissal	3:00

A Clean-up Day has been scheduled for September 2 from 8:30-11:30. Please make every attempt to be here to help spruce up our school as we begin. It is a small amount of time, but “MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”. Thank you for taking the time to be here. If you can help BEFORE the date or are busy that day, call the office for a job.

Mrs. Apuyan and her long term substitute, Mrs. Richardson will have the Kindergarten classroom open on **Wednesday, August 23** anytime from 3-5:30 AM and **Thursday, August 24** from 8-11 AM. This gives you and your child a time to come in and visit informally (if you haven't already) and to ask questions if you would like; this is not required, but certainly welcomed. Mrs. Apuyan would like you to bring your child's school supplies on one of these days if possible so she and Mrs. Richardson can have everything organized for the first day of school.

UNIFORMS: Children will need to be in uniform on the first day of school. Plaid (for girls) can be obtained through the Uniform House (502 E. Third), online at 222.dennisuniform.com (school code ZST075). I have a number of plaid skirts and jumpers in my office that were donated by a faithful donor. We will be holding a uniform exchange. Please bring in any uniforms that you have for exchange. Tables will be set up in the main hall of the school **from August 28--September 8** (school supplies will also be available). Families are welcome to take what they need (you do not need to exchange a uniform in order to receive one; all items in the exchange are free). Uniform shorts (a navy blue or black walking, **NOT SHORT-SHORT IN LENGTH**) will be part of the uniform until October 15 and starting again after spring vacation. Children may not wear **sandals, flip-flops, or open toe shoes**. **NOTE:** **There is a new donor interested in assisting with purchasing uniforms for the entire school community. There will be more shared with you as soon as we have more information.**

Also, enclosed please find the National School Lunch Program form for free and reduced lunch (white form). If eligible, please return this form as soon as possible and preferably no later than the first day of school. The cost for those not eligible for free or reduced lunch is \$3.75. Milk is \$.50.

In a separate note, every parent who has registered a child for the 2017-2018 Educare program (Preschool, Kindergarten, and Before and After School care) must fill out an additional form (**BLUE**). If you choose not to disclose your income, you must still fill out parts 1 and 5 (these forms will also be coming home with the first Thursday Bulletin. Please note this is not the National School Hot Lunch Program Form (**WHITE**) in which you need to meet income requirements to receive free or reduced lunch. **This form simply enables our school to receive extra funding for meals and snacks which allows us to provide child care at a lower rate.**

Fall Sports: If your child wants to participate in fall sports (volleyball, football, or cross

country) you will need to pick up an athletic packet from the office. Volleyball and football will begin practicing before school starts. Our Athletic Director, Belinda Jacobsen, will keep you informed on practice times. Physical are only good for 2 years, so please make sure your kids are ready to play. For questions, please call Belinda at 509-280-8023.

Please remember to send us the first tuition payment which is August for many of you. August payroll can be difficult when we do not have the regular payments being sent as they are during the school year. Waiting until September will put your own bookkeeping behind a month, so please remember to honor your school commitment. Thank you and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

To recap the beginning school events:

- Clean up Day will be on Saturday, **September 2** from 8:30-11:30. This is the Saturday before school starts!!
- Tuesday, **September 5** is the first day of school. After you drop off your children, join me for coffee and goodies in Wilson Hall (under the church) at 8:30 AM. **Dismissal is at 1:00** on that day.
- **Back to School Parent Night** will be Thursday, September 14—details coming soon.
- **Friday, September 15** is a Staff Development Day—NO SCHOOL (Educare is open)
- First school Mass is Friday, September 8 at 8:45 am.
- Our Annual Benefit Auction, “*Auld Land Syne-Trinity’s Past, Present and Future*” is Saturday, **November 11**. Your first procurement form is in this packet and additional forms are always available in the office. We already have many items. It is never too early to bring in your 4 items!

Blessings,

Sandra L. Nokes
Principal

FIRST WEEK LUNCH MENU

<p>5 Hot Dog on a Whole Wheat Bun Oven Potatoes Carrots Watermelon Milk Ketchup & Mustard</p>	<p>6 Baked Chicken Nuggets Oven Baked Potatoes Red Peppers Oranges Milk Ketchup</p>	<p>7 Hamburger on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Beans Sweet Corn Applesauce Milk Ketchup & Mustard</p>	<p>8 Chicken Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Tossed Salad Red Peppers Peaches Milk Ketchup & Italian Dressing</p>
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