



Saint Patrick School

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Dear Parents:

We hope the peace and rest of summer is preparing you and your children for the new academic year. On the feast of Pentecost, in June 4 of this year, Pope Francis guided us to pray:

“Spirit of God, Lord, who dwell in my heart and in the heart of the Church, guiding and shaping her in diversity, come! Like water, we need you to live. Come down upon us anew, teach us unity, renew our hearts and teach us to love as you love us, to forgive as you forgive us. Amen.”

May this be our prayer, as we begin the academic year of 2017-2018. Let us commit to welcome the Spirit of God, the Spirit of peace and love, in our homes, in our school, in our diocese and in our world. May everything we do be a living testimony to our young people and our children of what it means to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus.

During the summer some changes occurred. Ms. Annamarie Pacheco and Ms. Annmarie Papp accepted new jobs and so we thank them for their service to our students and we wish them well. We thank Ms. Guadalupe Delgado for graciously accepting the position of Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Sophanie Gee for graciously accepting the position of 5th to 8th Grade Science teacher.

We welcome and pray for our new students and their families, and for our new faculty and staff members – our new TK teacher, Ms. Cayla Johnson, and our TK to 4th Grade Science Teacher and 6th and 7th Grade Math co-teacher, Mrs. Gridel Dias. May they find in our school community the peaceful spirit of Christ, our Lord, as we all together seek for wisdom and love as Vincentian servants of God and companions of the poor.

We hope all our students completed their summer assignments, used the technology appropriately and communicated with their summer teachers as they needed it. We are looking forward to see how the individualized plans that all our students were given (entering K to 8th grade) by their former teachers helped them maintain their academic growth! **All the students who took their school iPads for the summer, must return them to the school on or before August 1, otherwise the families will be charged \$5 per every day late.** Our office continues on Summer office hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am to noon, and Wednesdays from noon to 4pm and in August 14 we will return to our regular office hours: Monday thru Friday 8am to 3pm.

As every year, we ask you to be courteous, patient and careful as you drop off and pick up your children at school for the sake of the safety of all our students and personnel. As last year, we will continue to only be serving lunch, so please, make sure your children have a nutritious breakfast before bringing them to school.

Enclosed you will find several forms we need you to complete to begin the new academic year. **By August 4 we need to have the Federal Meal Form completed and signed (no emailed forms, nor faxed forms will be accepted). By August 4 we need the August menu returned. The tuition contract (not the TADS form) and the handbook agreement signature page need to be returned on or before the first day of school – August 17.** To familiarize yourselves with the Parent/Student Handbook you can visit the Wednesday Envelope Page of our website at www.stpatrickschool.org and the August calendar. If you need

the Class Supply Lists of your children, you will also find them in the Wednesday Envelope Page of our website.

We thank all parents for their attentiveness during the enrollment and agreement process on TADS. As you know, **the tuition agreement in TADS has to be completed before August 17 because that is your commitment of what and how you will be paying the school.** If you are in doubt whether or not you have entered all the necessary information for your children to be enrolled, or are not sure if you have accepted your payment agreement, please, do not hesitate to contact us. We have made numerous calls and sent many emails to contact parents, but there are still students who need to complete these processes in TADS. **Families who are choosing to pay TADS with a credit card, will be charged 1.17% of the total balance for the month. Parents with students in the 8th grade class need to take in consideration that their billing can only be for nine and not ten months, beginning in August, so that by the end of April all their balances have been cleared.**

All students are to be in complete uniform on **our first day of school, Thursday, August 17. Both days, Thursday, August 17 and Friday, August 18 will be minimum days (12:30pm dismissal). Monday, August 22 will be our first full day (3pm dismissal for all grades, including Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten). Notice in the calendar that this year our shorter days (2pm dismissal) and minimum days (12:30pm dismissal) will be Thursdays and not Wednesdays.** The girls need to wear either the uniform skirt/jumper or shorts and white knee high socks. Boys need to wear the uniform khaki pants or shorts and ankle socks (please, no NO-SHOW SOCKS). Students need to wear sports shoes at all times which should be black, white, or black and white. The school supplies should be brought no later than August 25.

Afterschool care will begin on the first day of school. If you did not sign in enrollment for afterschool care, you will be charged \$14/hour/child, otherwise, you will be charged \$7/hour/child. Families who have a balance of \$200 or more on afterschool care charges will not be allowed to use our afterschool care services.

May the peace of Our Lord Jesus be with you and your family.

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