

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that our new school year starts in 16 days. The summer always seems to pass more quickly than we think it should. Teachers will be back at school in 9 days, and I know they are wondering where the summer went!

Before we start back to school on August 29, I want to update you on a few things:

- We have been doing our normal sprucing up around the school—cleaning windows and floors and scrubbing carpets. We have all new lighting in the school, thanks to some energy grants from private companies and Pepco. The new lights are brighter and better suited to the classroom environment. The new roof on the primary wing is not finished. So much rain this summer delayed the start of the work and has slowed the steady progress. However, we are optimistic that the work will be completed before school starts.
- We are pleased to announce that we have hired a new middle-school math teacher, Mr. Albertini. He has taught mathematics on both the grade-school and middle-school levels, for the last seven years in middle school.
- We are down to the final three candidates for a new Spanish teacher, hoping to bring on the new hire before we start teacher in-service days next week. This teacher will instruct all grades.
- Watch your email for reminders about Back-To-School Nights:
 - Aug. 22 at 6:30pm – Pot Luck Dinner and Back-to-School Night for JrK parents, Kindergarten parents, and new parents from all other grades. We will also talk about the Extended Care Program at this meeting.
 - Aug. 23 at 6:30pm – Pot Luck Dinner for 8th grade students and parents. This is a chance to get together before the start of the year. Miss Pacconi and Mr. Durney will be there to answer any questions you may have about the upcoming year.
 - Sept. 5 at 6:30pm – Pot Luck Dinner and Back-to-School Night for grades 1-3.
 - Sept. 6 at 7:00pm – Short HSA meeting and Back-to-School Night for grades 4-8.
 - Sept. 10 – High School Information Night for parents of 7th and 8th graders. Miss Pacconi and Mr. Durney will be there to answer any questions you may have about the high-school admissions process.

•This Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Uniform Closet will be open from 6:30-9:30pm. Clean, gently-used uniform items are available. A \$5 donation per item is suggested. Please bring small bills.

· Thank you to all parents who returned their summer packet information to the school office. If you forgot to check out that packet, please do it now and return any necessary forms on the first day of school. In particular, immunization records are required for some grades in order to attend school (new students in particular). On Back-to-School nights, you will receive another packet with additional information.

We look forward to seeing all of you in the coming weeks. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe until then.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Margaret Durney