

July 18, 2017

Dear St. Michael Catholic School Parents,

The new school year is rapidly approaching! We would like to extend a sincere welcome to all new and returning school families. We know a new year can bring with it a lot of questions. Please read through the following the letter that will hopefully answer most of these questions.

What if I am a new family? If you are registered as a new family, you will receive a Welcome visit from one of our mentor families or maybe even one of our Preschool teachers. These are just quick visits to give you a person you can connect with and to welcome you as part of the Saint Michael School family.

Who is my child's teacher? Class lists for all grades will be posted on the front doors of the school on **August 11** after **3:00 pm**.

When can I see the classrooms or meet the teachers? Please join us for the 8th Grade Cookout (**4-7:00 p.m.**) and Ice Cream Social (**7-8:00 p.m.**) on **Sunday, August 13th**. This event gives everyone an opportunity to socialize and support our eighth grade class as they raise funds for their Washington DC trip in May. Tickets for the Cook Out are available from any 8th grade student. The Ice Cream Social is free to all school families. Teachers will be introduced at 7:00 in the auditorium. After announcements, teachers will be in their rooms to greet families until 7:30 and then they can be found on the playground until 8:00.

When does school start? The first day of school for grades **KR – 8 is Wednesday, August 16**. Classes begin at **8:00 a.m.** and dismiss at **2:37 p.m.** Classes for **Pre-school** will begin the week of **August 21**. More first day information for Pre-school will be given at the parent meetings.

What if I have a student in Kindergarten? A parent-only meeting will be held **Monday, August 14th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the auditorium. Attendance at these meetings is extremely important and not for the children. Please be sure to make prior arrangements for your child care needs so that you are free to focus on the information presented by the staff.

What if I have a student in all day Kindergarten Readiness? There is a KR Meet and Greet for families from **6:00-7:00 pm** at Riverbend Park on **August 9** (rain date is Aug. 10). A parent-only meeting will be held **Monday, August 14th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the auditorium. Attendance at these meetings is extremely important and not for the children. Please be sure to make prior arrangements for your child care needs so that you are free to focus on the information presented by the staff.

What if I have a student in the Academy of Angels Preschool? A parent-only meeting will be held **Wednesday, August 16th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the preschool classrooms. This includes 2 day, 3 day, and 5 day KR. Attendance at these meetings is extremely important. Please be sure to make prior arrangements for your child care needs so that you are free to focus on the information presented by the staff.

What if I need childcare before or after school hours? The Extended Day school program is taking registrations. We will be offering before & after school care on a weekly or daily basis to our students in Preschool – 5th grade. Students must be **registered by August 14th** to attend the 1st week of school. Call the school office for registration information. Forms can also be found on the school website.

What school supplies should I purchase? Supply lists are posted on the school website. Please follow the guidelines provided on lists on how to mark supplies, if needed. Classroom fees can be paid at Ice Cream Social, Meet the Teacher meetings, or sent to school with your child.

Where can I buy uniforms? The Used Uniform Sale will be on **Tuesday, August 1** from **2:00** to **6:00 pm** in the Auditorium. On **Wednesday, August 2nd**, Educational Apparel will be in the Auditorium selling new uniforms from **12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** You can also make on-line purchases through Educational Apparel and French Toast (school code QS5FEP). Kohl's and Elder-Beerman carry some uniform items in stores locally. Be sure when purchasing uniforms on-line or in stores to purchase **only approved uniform items**. Item codes on the uniform grid will provide you a list of approved items.

When are athletic physicals? Sports physicals will be given only to St. Michael students entering grades K – 8 on **Wednesday, August 2nd** at NWO Orthopedics from **6 - 6:30 p.m.** Please do not arrive before 6:00 p.m. Doors will be locked at 6:30. There will be a \$20.00 charge for each physical. \$10 of this fee will be donated to St. Michael Athletic Boosters. Checks should be made out to NWO Orthopedics. Thank you to the Doctors and many adults who volunteer their time and talent for this event. Forms will be available that evening, on the school website, or outside the school office.

When will the bus schedule be available? The bus schedule is posted on the Findlay City School website. Please check the website **after August 11** for the schedule. If you did not request a bus stop by completing a paper at the end of the year, you will not be assigned a stop until after school starts!

Can my child buy lunch at school? Findlay City Schools provides our hot lunch program. The hot lunch price is **\$2.85**. A hot lunch ticket (20 lunches) can be purchased for **\$57.00**. The milk price is **\$.50**. Tickets for 20 milks can be purchased for **\$10.00**. Tickets will be on sale in the school office starting August 1st, or they can also be purchased at the Ice Cream Social. Make checks to Findlay City Schools.

When is the school office open? The school office will be open 9:00 – 1:00 beginning Monday, August 1st.

Can I purchase school spirit items? Spirit items will be available for purchase at the Ice Cream Social or in the school office.

What fundraisers will I be responsible for? Your commitment to our Shopping for Dollars program is extremely important to our school. 25% of all profits earned from this program are applied directly to subsidize tuition costs at St. Michael Catholic School. Every school family has a \$300 monthly commitment to the Shopping for Dollars program, or must pay the one-time \$300 family stewardship fee.

If you have any further questions about the upcoming school year, please feel free to call the school office beginning August 1st. We look forward to partnering with all of you in the education of your child(ren) at Saint Michael the Catholic School.

God Bless,
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