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Dear Saint Barnabas Elementary School Community,

Happy Summer! I hope that you all have been enjoying your summer vacation and are using this time as an opportunity to learn and grow, as well as, to enjoy some quality time off. It is with the happiest of hearts, and sincerest gratitude, that I have this opportunity to introduce myself as the new principal of Saint Barnabas Elementary School.

I look forward to beginning this school year with an excitement of a new beginning. A beginning where we welcome new families to our community, celebrate our continuing families, and strive for ways to continue to propel our school to achieve academic excellence and a renewed sense of Faith.

Over the next few weeks, as we gear up to begin the 2016 - 2017 school year, I welcome the opportunity to meet as many parents and students as I can! Please feel free to just drop in and say hi. I truly believe that parents are our partners in education, and therefore, I look forward to forging new relationships with each of you as we work together for the success of each and every child that enters our school. I ask that all parents please save the date now for our Back To School Night; which will be held on **Thursday, September 15th** at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

For those new families that will be joining us, and as a reminder to those families that are returning, if you are interested in the lunch program you must order your lunches at lunchwithlou.com. This does **not** apply to Pre - K 3 or Pre - K 4 NYC residents. If you are new to the program, you will need to create an account. The school code is **J3YRT4**. All orders must be placed by **September 6th**. No lunches will be sold in the cafeteria, so please be sure to order by September 6th. Should you have any questions about the lunch program, please feel free to reach out to Lunch With Lou at info@lunchwithlou.com or by phone 914-889-3326.

We will once again be offering an Early Morning Program that will begin at 7:15am and an after school program that will run until 5:45pm. Parents and students should enter through the main entrance for both programs. More information will follow in September.

The doors to the auditorium and the gym will open for regular arrival at 8:00am, and the school day will begin with prayer at 8:15am for students in Kindergarten to 8th Grade. Pre-K 4 students will enter in the gym, and Pre - K 3 students will enter from the Grotto (241 street) entrance also by 8:15am.

Please note that the main office will open at 8:00am beginning in September and will remain open until 5:45pm.

To strengthen our "parent partnership", I feel communication is key. Therefore, in an effort to assure that important school information reaches home, I plan to utilize our email system frequently. On Sunday afternoons, I will email a "Weekly News" bulletin, which will have important reminders and updates for the week ahead.



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Students in grades 1 - 8 will have their first day of school on **Thursday, September 8th**. This will be a full day of school. Friday, September 9th, will also be a full day of school.

Pre-K 4 (UPK/Pre-K For All) students will begin school on **Thursday, September 8th at 9:00am** with a Meet and Greet in the auditorium. There will be a **10:30am dismissal**. **This Meet and Greet is for parents and students**. On **Friday, September 9th**, there will be a noon dismissal for all Pre-K 4 students.

Pre - K 3 and Kindergarten students will have their first day of school and Meet and Greet on **Friday, September 9th** at 9:00am in the auditorium. There will a 10:30am dismissal. **This meet and greet is for parents and students**.

All Early Childhood students will have a full day of school on Monday, September 12th.

Together with the faculty and staff, we will strive to create a year filled with challenging academics through a Christ-centered approach to learning.

With this letter, I am enclosing a copy of the September Calendar and a map with our dismissal procedures. On the first day of school, students will receive an additional copy of both, in addition to, the Year At A Glance which will outline the entire academic year. These papers will accompany the normal "first day forms". Each month students will receive a monthly calendar via backpack mail. A digital copy will also follow to the parents. In an effort to "go green" the 2016 - 2017 Parent Student Handbook will be emailed to each parent and posted to the school website.

With this, I wish you all the very best as the last few weeks of summer unfold. If you should need anything over the please feel free to reach out! Please know, my door is always open.

God bless you and thank you for your commitment to Catholic Education and to Saint Barnabas Elementary School!

Most Sincerely,


Jonathan Morano
Principal

SPECIAL NOTES:

Pre-K 4/Pre-K For All/UPK

There will be a slight adjustment to your calendar. **For instance, there will be no noon dismissals for Pre-K 4 students unless specifically stated. Please be sure to see both the monthly calendar and Year At A Glance.** A class list for Pre-K 4 Students is also enclosed. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all NYC Pre - K 4 residents students each school day.

Pre-K 3

All students in Pre-K 3 must bring their own lunch and snack each day to school. There is no lunch service for Pre-K 3.

All Early Childhood Students:

Please bring a complete change of clothes with you on the first day of school.