

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year....BACK TO SCHOOL!”

As you enjoy the last weeks of summer, here are some reminders for the start of school:

- **Plan to pick up your Parent Communication Folder at the school office Monday and Tuesday of next week 9/2 & 9/3. (No access to parking lot this week due to blacktop project. School office will be closed.)**
- The folder contains forms that should be filled out at home and **returned to school in the same folder on your scheduled Parent Night.** Also included in the folder is information specific to the grade level of each of your children.
- **A \$100 deposit toward School Fees is due when you pick up your Parent Communication Folder.** (Also, tuition payments for July & August should be paid by then.) If you take advantage of the SCRIP program, you may request a check at the rectory, a week in advance, and bring it with you to the school office to be applied toward your fees. If you have not, you may wish to check out the SCRIP program and take advantage of the savings! **Information about the CARES before and after school program and may be picked up, and gym uniforms may be purchased. If you live a mile & ½ from school, you may sign up for Bus Service from the Philadelphia School District, also at this time.**
- **Dress Code Reminders: Students wearing warm weather uniforms must have solid white sneakers (no trim or decorative designs in any color) and solid white crew (not ankle) socks. Hair should be conservatively and neatly cut for the boys, nothing distracting, trendy, sporty (you are not paid professional athletes, yet) colorful, unevenly shaved, or creatively sketched on the head, e.g. logos, initials, Fortnite strategy, emojis, etc. are not permitted. Girls are expected to be neatly groomed with streak-free, minimal non-distracting accessories to their hair (e.g. no bows bigger than their heads) no make-up or multiple earrings in one or both ears.**
- **Cell phone activity, e.g. texting, instagram, facebook, snapchat, twitter, etc. should be gradually diminished as the approach of the lengthy school day looms ahead. A recent quote to keep in mind while navigating cyberspace should be: “Tweet unto others as you would have them tweet unto you.”**

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

- **This September there will be 3 scheduled Parent Nights. Grades K & 1 will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd, Grades 2, 3, 4, & 5 will meet on Wednesday, September 4th, and Grades 6, 7, (classrooms) & 8 (Lower Church) will meet on Thursday, September 5th. The teachers will be available in their classrooms from 6:30 to 7:30 on your scheduled parent night. From 6:30 to 7:00 the teachers will meet with all of you in the homeroom about grade and subject specific information. After the presentation you may meet the teacher(s) privately to discuss any matters of importance. (Grades Pre-K & Kindergarten parents will see your teachers at your respective orientations as indicated in the letters from your child’s teacher.)**
- **Wednesday, September 4th – Grades K (staggered attendance) to 8 will report to school in uniform at the regular class time (between 7:30 and 7:45 A.M.).**
- **DISMISSAL ON WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY WILL BE AT 2:45 PM – FULL DAYS. Please send students to school with a recess snack and lunch. Friday will be a half day with dismissal at Noon.**

- **CARES will begin on Wednesday (9/4) the first full day of school. Registration forms may be sent in on the first day your child comes to school.**