

Holy Rosary Catholic School

"Where Faith & Education Meet"

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Dear Holy Rosary Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well and enjoying the last few weeks of summer 2019! As with each year, August is a time to start thinking about and planning for yet another school year. Holy Rosary School's first day will be **Wednesday, August 28**, with a full day of classes. **Full day preschool begins that day** as well, while **half day preschool begins Thursday, August 29**. The **first School Mass** will be held on the first day of school **at 9:00 a.m.** with refreshments following in the Welcoming Center. All are welcome to attend!

Prior to the start of school, we will host an **Open House on Thursday, August 22, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The Open House is a chance for students to meet their teacher, place their school supplies in their locker and/or desk, and get organized. This is also a good opportunity for parents to complete registration materials and pay fees. We find the Open House especially helpful for young children as it alleviates some of the anxiety students often experience the first day of school. If you are unable to attend the Open House, feel free to make other arrangements with your child's teacher.

Annual fees can be paid the night of Open House or at the school office prior to the start of school. Our school office will be open 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., the week before school starts, August 20 – 27. Dues Include:

1. **School Lunch:**

- Student lunches cost \$3.00 per meal; \$60 per month; \$498 year (166 days). This includes milk.
- Students who bring a cold lunch from home can purchase milk for \$0.25.
- Adults are welcome to join our students for lunch. Please call the school office before 9:00 a.m. so you can be included in the lunch count. The price for an adult meal is \$3.85.
- Annual Diet Statements are available in the office if your child has any food allergies. Lactose reduced milk will be provided upon request from the parent.
- Please complete the "Application for Educational Benefits" to apply for reduced-price or free meals. This must be completed each year and returned to the school office.

2. **Milk/Juice for Snack Breaks:**

- Every class has a snack during the day. Milk or apple/orange juice is available to each student in grades 1-8.
- You may purchase milk/juice, for students in grades 1-8, by the half-year for \$25 or the whole year at \$50. If you choose to pay for half of the year, the second half payment is due January 15th.
- Kindergarten milk, for their snack break, is paid for by the Minnesota Kindergarten Program. Kindergarten students do not have juice at snack time, unless they are allergic to dairy products.
- The preschool teacher will be in touch with preschool parents about snack days.

3. **Donation to PTO Pie Sales:**

- Each student in PreK – Grade 8 is asked to contribute \$5 towards the purchase of Crisco for our annual PTO Pie Sales.

4. **Daily Planners:**

- Students in grades 2-8 need to buy a daily planner through the school. The cost is \$5.

5. **Tuition:**

- New families should register with our online tuition payment system, FACTS. This can be accessed through our school website or through this direct link: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/4114J>

Miscellaneous to Note:

- Please return the **Registration and Fundraising Agreement** form before the first day of school. Forms are available on the school website www.holyrosarycs.org - under "Admissions" and then "Preschool and K – 8 Registration".
- Our head cook, BJ Herdzina, is having shoulder surgery the first week of school and will be out for a bit of time. Sarah Keizer could use an extra set of adult hands to serve the meals to our students during the first few weeks of school. If you would like to earn some volunteer hours, and can come serve meals between 11:15 – 12:15 any day of the week, please contact me or the school office.
- The **School Calendar** and **Supply Lists** are available on the school website also, under "Admissions" and then "Preschool and K-8 Registration".
- We will continue to provide an early morning room for the families who are in need of a place for their child before 8:00 a.m. on school days. A volunteer faculty member will be in St. Benedict/Scholastica every day of the week to supervise, **beginning at 7:30 a.m.**
- Students should be in their classrooms by **8:10 a.m.** on school mornings. Class begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. must stop in the office to obtain a late slip before going to their classroom.
- As you do your school shopping, please keep our **school dress code** in mind. The dress code can be found in the Student Handbook, located on the school website under "Admissions" and then "Preschool and K-8 Registration".

Safe Environment Requirements for 2019-20 School Year

- Anyone planning to volunteer for school activities whose involvement has the potential for **unsupervised contact with children**, must complete the Crookston Diocese **Safe Environment Training**. It's not difficult and really takes very little time. Go to our website www.holyrosarycs.org and click on the following:
 1. Resources
 2. Safe Environment
 3. Safe Environment (again, on the Diocese of Crookston website)
 4. Certification
 5. Click the appropriate link, whether you are a new or returning volunteer.
 6. Fill-in necessary information, take the online test, and submit.

** If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use a computer at school.

I would like to end by introducing our 2019-2020 Holy Rosary School Administration & Faculty. Please keep us in your prayers as we begin our new school year together with your children!

Administration and Faculty for 2018-2019 School Year:

Pastor & Superintendent.....	Msgr. Tim McGee
Associate Pastor.....	Fr. Michael Arey
Principal.....	Cathy Larson
School Secretary & Fundraising Coordinator.....	Terri Paskey
Business Office.....	Mary Hager
Youth Minister & Middle School Religion.....	Brady Borslien
Preschool.....	Sara Woytassek
Preschool Assistant.....	Pam Gobel
Kindergarten.....	Kimberly Goetsch-Oien
Grade 1.....	Debbie Averbeck
Grade 2.....	Lora Buntje
Grade 3.....	Katie Aligada
Grade 4.....	Lauretta Kapphahn
Grade 5.....	Katie Baker
Grade 6-8 Team.....	Melissa Lorentz - Language/Literature; 6 th Grade Religion & Homeroom Jessica Blasczyk – Math, Science, Health; 7 th Grade Homeroom Jackie Jenson - Social Studies, 8 th Grade Homeroom Cathy Larson – Religion
Middle School FACS.....	Jessica Blasczyk & Lauretta Kapphahn
Physical Education (K – 8).....	Jackie Jenson
Technology Teacher (PreK – 8).....	Ronnie Hill
Information Technology Support Volunteer.....	Dan Kapphahn
Library.....	Donna Kennedy
Art (1-8).....	Melissa Lorentz
Music (K-8) and Band (5-8).....	Terri Hutchinson
Hot Lunch Program.....	B.J. Herdzina and Sarah Keizer
Maintenance Crew.....	Chuck Loreth, Russ Schaefer, Jerry Bursaw, Bruce Buck

Enjoy your last few days of summer, and I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of our students back at school real soon! ☺ Blessings to all of you! *Mrs. Larson*