

July 21, 2017



Dear Parents,

As we enter this final month of summer vacation, I pray that all of you have had a restful and enjoyable one.

The *School Handbook* and Calendar can be found online only this year. You will not receive a paper copy of either. (This was one way to cut costs and save trees.)

Here are a few reminders for the beginning of the school year:

- Homerooms were indicated at the bottom of last year's report card. Please call the office if you do not see the classroom indicated.
- Supply lists were sent home at the end of last year. These lists are also located on the School's website. Our Uniform Resale Shop is open on Sunday, August 6th from 10:00-12:00 and Monday, August 7th from 5:30-7:00. A special thanks goes out to Joy Krankowski for organizing this event.
- New Student Orientation and 1st Grade Welcome is any time between 9:00-10:00 on Monday, August 21st. This is only for students NEW to St. Mark School and our 1st Grade students who are now in the main building this school year. They are welcome to bring supplies with them at this time.
- School begins on Wednesday, August 23rd. This is a full day of school (8:00-2:50) except for Kindergarten (8:00-11:30).
- Children may enter the building beginning at 7:30. Please do not send children to school earlier than this. School begins at 8:00, so children should be seated and ready to begin at this time. All students enter the building by the school offices.
- Parents are welcome to walk their children to their classrooms for the first few days of school. This is good for several reasons: It allows you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and assists your child with all the materials he/she needs to bring to school.
- For school pick-up in a vehicle, parents are welcome to wait outside their vehicles parked on the blacktop for their children. Once your child meets you, I ask that you get back to your vehicle quickly because traffic will not move until all children are safely in their cars. **Because we strive to be a good neighbor in the neighborhood, I ask that when waiting to enter onto the blacktop in the morning or at dismissal, you do not block the driveways of our neighbors trying to pull in or out from their homes. Please leave driveway spaces open for them. We have had several complaints from them.**
- School uniforms are worn on the first day of school. Navy blue walking shorts or skorts are acceptable until September 30th. Ties for boys in Grades 5-8 are not required with the shorts uniform. **Hair must be of the student's natural color, free of dye or highlights, and appropriate length. Please consult the Handbook for more details.**
- Aftercare forms are available online. If your child is attending our Aftercare program, please complete and return the form to school prior to the first day of school.
- Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 31st from 6:30-8:30. A Parent Meeting will be held in church from 6:30-7:30 followed by two classroom visit sessions; Classroom presentations will occur from 7:30-8:00 and will be repeated from 8:00-8:30.
- I request that all of you register on our Ohio Alert System. This system will notify you via text message and/or email of any notifications regarding school closings or other emergencies. If you are already registered, there is no need to re-register unless you have a change in email address or phone number. Please use this link: <http://www.ohioalerts.org/stmark>.

Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
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