

WELCOME TO THE BRUIN FAMILY!

We are so pleased that you have chosen St. Joseph for your student. We are really looking forward to a fabulous school year! I wanted to take a moment to bullet point some basic information for you to help you get ready for August 8, our first day of school.



- New student orientation is as follows: Grades 8-12 meet Wednesday, Aug. 7, 11-1. Wear your modest summer clothes. We'll provide lunch. 7th Graders will spend their first day of school in orientation to help acclimate them.
- Our school day is 7:55 – 3:00 every day. Twice a month, we'll have early release Wednesdays for teacher in-service days. The school calendar will be at the back of the Parent-Student Handbook that will be posted online. Also watch the weekly *Bruin Buzz* for those dates. It comes out every Friday. It's our primary method of communication.
- Uniforms are required each day. Check the website under *Bruin Life* for specifics.
- School pictures will be made the first day of school, 8/8. It's a regular uniform day.
- School supply lists for Middle School are on the website under *Academics – Middle School Information*. Grades 9-12 don't have specific lists. Come prepared with paper and writing utensil. Each teacher will tell you if you need something specific for their class.
- Carpool: enter through the gate next to the hotel. Exit through the main gate. The cafeteria is open for drop-offs at 7 am. We have after school care available until 6 p.m. for a fee. Any students not picked up and not in tutoring or after school practice will be sent to after school care. Academic buildings are open for students at 7:45 unless they have tutoring previously arranged with their teacher for earlier.
- Lunches are provided by MMI Dining. An email will be sent with your user code closer to the start of school for you to be able to set up your lunch accounts online under *Bruin Life - Cafeteria*. Light breakfast will be available each morning in addition to lunch.
- Class schedules with locker assignments, etc. will be distributed August 8. We begin that day in the gymnasium to have prayer and pledge together to start the school year off on the right foot!
- Our first weekly school mass will be August 15. Dress uniform will be required.
- You'll be receiving instructions on how to use FACTS to check your student's grades. This system is new to all of us this year, so there will be training in the auditorium after school starts. Watch the *Buzz* for more information.
- When questions arise about a particular class, please email that teacher first. Other questions should be directed to the counselors or grade level directors:
Counselors: Mrs. Carrington – grades 10-12; Mrs. Piazza – grades 7-9
Directors: Mrs. Cooper – Middle School (7-8); Ms. King – High School (9-12)

We're going to have a great school year, and I look forward to meeting you and walking with you as your child grows in knowledge and joy working ultimately toward graduation. Please enjoy the rest of your summer.

God bless,
Dena Kinsey
Principal