



Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK! We are incredibly excited to begin this new school year! It will be a year full of new opportunities for our students:

New Math Series New Chrome Books New Teachers Outdoor Education Camp, Grades 6-8 New Preschool/TK Play Equipment

This will be a year of engaging and meaningful work in our classrooms with an emphasis on **STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.** Teachers will be receiving inservices with the help of ListoAmerica, an affiliate of MIT University. Additionally, teachers will create STEM projects each month for students using the science lab materials, including robotics.

Our lower grade teachers are also involved in a **Blended Learning Fellowship** to provide guided training on how to best utilize technology to support differentiation and support student learning. It will include group work, use of technology, and new teaching strategies.

The **THEME for this year is TEAM:** Together Everyone Achieves More. Students will be learning more about this in the days ahead. Again, we welcome you to a positive and productive year together, walking with Jesus and Mary.

Here are the dates to remember:

September 4, Tuesday

September 5, Wednesday

September 6, Thursday

September 10, Monday

September 11, Tuesday

August 28, Tuesday: **Daycare begins,** 3:00pm Dismissal

Bring a sack lunch all week (No lunch program)

August 30, Thursday Pizza Lunch (\$6.00)

August 31, Friday School Mass at 8:30 am, all are welcome!

Wear Mass Uniforms

September 3, Monday NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

Spirit Shirt Day

Band begins, Lunch Program Begins

STAR Testing all week

Picture Day, wear Mass Uniforms

NOON Dismissal, Teacher Inservice

Sports Meeting, 6:30 pm

Mandatory **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT,** 7:00 pm