

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Families:

On behalf of our Pastor, Fr. Neil Sullivan, and all of our faculty and staff, I want to wish you all a very warm and enthusiastic Welcome Back to the new school year here at Saint Catherine Labouré! Our classrooms and the new Early Learning Center (ELC) are ready to receive our students and the teachers are ready to lead them along the Royal Way!

As many of you know, there are many new things here at SCLS. We welcomed 18 new families in grades 1 – 8, along with many new families in our Kindergarten and Preschool. This year we are happy to announce the first phase of an expansion of our Preschool Program, with the added option of full day Pre-K 4 on Monday-Wednesday-Friday. Our goal is to serve the needs of our families as best as possible. To that end, we will be exploring the option of full day, 5 day/week Pre-K for the school year 2019-2020.

Additionally, we also welcomed several new faculty to our school community and expanded the roles of two others. Mrs. Shannon Root will be joining us as our Music teacher; Mrs. Angela Standish will join the upper grades as grade 8 homeroom and Science teacher; Mrs. Stephanie Bader is our new grade 6 homeroom teacher and ILA Literature; Mrs. Pat Byrnes will be in grade 5; Sister Kathryn Teresa Clemmer has come to us for grade 3; Mrs. Yvonne Jackson will be teaching Spanish; Ms. Sue Spoljaric will be teaching both Pre-K 3 and Art; Mrs. Kathy James will be teaching both Technology and coordinating the Library. Despite the fact that there are several new faces, each new teacher has spent many successful years in Catholic education, most of them right here in the Harrisburg diocese. God has blessed us greatly in this! Lastly, I am new to this community. I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know some of you, either as you came in to drop things off, or at Dinner On Derry, or even at a few of the McDevitt functions. I look forward to meeting the rest of you at our Back to School nights on September 10th and 11th, or at our Ice Cream Social event. **Please note that the date for the Ice Cream Social had to be changed**, due to a conflict on our parish schedule. **It will now take place on Friday, September 21st.**

Ever mindful of the world we live in, we have instituted several new security procedures over the summer. All onsite staff now have numbered parking tags, so we can tell immediately if there is an unknown car on the property. We are limiting access to the building to either the main school door, or the arrivals door. We are also in the process of studying the end of day dismissal routine. You will be notified at Back to School Night of any changes in that procedure. Finally, car riders not picked up by 3:40 PM will be escorted to the Aftercare area, where there is supervision. (Applicable rates will apply.)

Again, welcome back, and I am so looking forward to getting to know all of you in the coming days and months!

Best Wishes and God's Blessings,
Colette Vail, Principal