

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**August 24, 2011,**

Opening Day is fast approaching and we are looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in September. Our official welcome back letter was emailed 2x this summer. In case you missed it check your July 22nd or August 4th email. Here are a few reminders before school opens:

- **First day of school for Grades 1- 8 is Wednesday, September 7th** - Students should wear uniforms. Dismissal is at 11:30 a.m.
- **School for Grades 1- 8 - Thursday, September 8th -Dismissal is at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Full day of school for Grades 1-8 - Friday, September 9th- Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.** Picnic Lunch. Students should bring their own lunch. We'll enjoy lunch on the grounds. More details will follow.
- Cafeteria begins lunch service on Monday, September 12th.
- Kindergarten Orientations are on Thursday, September 8th and Friday, September 9th (check previous email for details)-Students should wear uniforms.
- PreK- 4 Orientations are on Thursday, September 8th and Friday, September 9th. Letters were mailed home to families with details.
- PreK- 3 Orientations are on Tuesday, September 13th, Wednesday, September 14th and Thursday, September 15th. Letters were mailed home to families with details.
- If you need a form for a physical exam for your child it can be found on our website under the "Nurse's Corner."
- Value Drugs supply orders will be available for pick up from the cafeteria on Tuesday, August 30th from 6-8 p.m. Orders not picked up at that time will not be available again until the first day of school.
- SIS (**S**tudent **I**nformation **S**ystem) Usernames and Passwords for new families will be set up after school begins.
- Expired passwords of current families will be updated after school begins.
- Some families whose passwords did not lapse may have checked SIS for class placement. **Information in the system is not accurate.** If your child is in a grade that has 2 homerooms **SIS may indicate that your child is in one teacher's class but this may not be the case when they arrive at school on the first day.** In order to balance classes changes are made as necessary and this information may not be entered into the system until after the fact.
- Tuition- **Thank you, thank you** to our families who have remained current with tuition payments even during the summer months.
- For families who may not be current please accept this reminder that Payment #1 was due July 15th and Payment #2 was due August 15th. It is most important that we receive these payments before school begins. Next week separate notices will be sent to families in arrears. **Non-payment of tuition may prevent your child from attending class when school reopens.**

Please enjoy these last few days of vacation. Soon enough you will be waving good-bye from the parking lot!

**August 2011** Dear Families, During the 2011-2012 school year we will continue sending most of our communications to families via email. Please be sure to keep your email address current with Mrs. Conrad. Please also see the separate attachment sent with this letter for more information about all our methods of our electronic communications\*. Mrs. Ranallo will provide usernames and passwords for SIS (Student Information System) and IRIS (Immediate Response Information System) for new families in late August or early September. Our school office will be closed for vacation beginning **Thursday, August 11th**. **The office will reopen Monday, August 22nd.** **Important Events**

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Our Home School Association is hosting a Welcome Back Meet and Greet Coffee in the Cafeteria on **Wednesday, September 7th from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.** and a **Welcome Back Picnic on Friday, September 9th from 6:00 p.m. – dark.** All families are invited to attend these fun events. Greet old friends and meet new friends too. More details will be sent home from the Home School Association. **Please note the following schedules for the first weeks of school: School Begins for Grades 1st - 8th Wednesday, September 7th**

**Students assemble according to grade in the lower playground.**

**Wednesday, September 7th** -8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Thursday, September 8th** -8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Friday, September 9th** -8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**No Before or After Care available on these days. Bus service for 1-8 begins Wednesday, September 7th.**

**School Begins for Kindergarten- Thursday, September 8th**

**A letter with more specific information was mailed to families in July.**

Thursday, September 8th Two orientation sessions: -Group 1.) 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Child and Parent (enter through Cafeteria) -Group 2.) 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Child and Parent (enter through Cafeteria) Friday, September 9th Two orientation sessions: -Group 1.) 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Child only (enter Classroom door) - Group 2.) 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Child only (enter Classroom door)

**No Before or After Care available on these days. Bus service for Kindergarten begins Monday, September 12th. Once full schedule of classes begins, morning drop-off for Kindergarten students is between 8:00 and 8:10 a.m.**

**School Begins for Pre-Kindergarten – 4 Year Old Program**

**A letter with more specific information was mailed to families in July.**

Thursday, September 8th -Orientation Day - one session Friday,

September 9th

-Orientation Day - two sessions

A letter with specific information for each family was sent home during July. **No Before or After Care available on these days.**

Monday, September 12th

Classes begin

**Once full schedule of classes begins, morning drop-off for all Pre-Kindergarten students is between 8:00 and 8:10 a.m.**

**School Begins for Pre-Kindergarten – 3 Year Old Program**

**A letter with more specific information was mailed to families in July.**

Tuesday, September 13th

Orientation Day Wednesday, September

14th

Orientation Day Thursday, September 15th

Orientation

Day Tuesday, September 20th

Classes begin

**Once full schedule of classes begins, morning drop-off for all Pre-Kindergarten students is between 8:00 and 8:10 a.m.**

**September Meetings Nature's Classroom Parent Meeting - Cafeteria**

**Thursday, September 8th** - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. 6th and 7th Grade

Parents/Guardians.

Parents/ Guardians of 6th and 7th Grade

students are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Nature's Classroom staff will visit to speak about the trips to their sites in Connecticut. 7th Grade students will travel to Ivoryton, Connecticut from September 20th – 23rd. 6th Grade students will travel to Lakeside, Connecticut from November 7th – 10th. For many years our students have enjoyed these indoor/outdoor science based instructional trips. Certified Nature's Classroom teachers conduct classes while some of our own dedicated faculty attend to provide a familiar presence for our students away from home. Please see the attached letter for 6th and 7th Grade families\* with more information and payment / deposit requirements for these trips. Students are also invited to attend this meeting but they must remain in the cafeteria with parents during the meeting. **Back To School**

**Nights Monday, September 12th**

- 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. for 4th Grade – 8th

Grade Tuesday, September 13th

- 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. for Pre-K 3- through

3rd Grade

Please note these meetings will enjoy an earlier start time than in previous years. This will allow more time for teachers to share information regarding class routines and expectations.

One parent/guardian from each family is required to attend. A general session will be held in the cafeteria. Father Raaser, Ms. Harten and Members of the Home School Association Executive Board will welcome families and present an overview of the year ahead followed by time to visit the classrooms to meet the teachers and receive some forms from Class Parents. After the general session Jr. High classes 6th, 7th and 8th will remain in the cafeteria to allow all Jr. High teachers to address the group. Parents and Guardians will then proceed to their child's homeroom to meet homeroom teachers

and receive some forms from Class Parents.

**Due to lack of space and the length of the meeting, children are asked to remain home on these evenings.**

**TACHS Meeting (Test for Admission to Catholic High School) Monday, September 12th 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Parents of students in **8th Grade** are required to attend this meeting in Mrs. Reda's Homeroom # 207 on the 2nd Floor with Mrs. Reda and Ms. Harten. We will walk you through the process of applying to Catholic High Schools. Parents of students in **6th and 7th Grades** are invited to attend this meeting. It is not too soon to learn about the process. Did you know that 6th and 7th Grade performance including grades, attendance, effort, conduct and ITBS scores are reported to high schools on the required 9th Grade Applicant form? In June information regarding TACHS Preparation classes conducted by Mrs. Reda was sent home to parents with students who will be in 8th Grade this year. This info has been attached to this email\* just in case you missed it earlier. Please note that the **Back to School Night** and the **TACHS** meetings have been scheduled on Monday evening. This was done in order to limit the number of evenings parents and teachers would need to be away from home. We hope this helps simplify schedules and/or babysitting arrangements. **Miscellaneous**

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- Before Care and After Care Programs begin on Monday, September 12th.
- Scholastic Book Fair begins on Monday, September 12th.
- Students should return to class in Summer Uniforms.
- Supply Lists and Summer Reading Lists were sent home before the end of the school year and are also printed on our website [www.icschoolonline.org](http://www.icschoolonline.org) <<http://www.icschoolonline.org>>
- Please remind your children to finish up Summer Reading selections before returning to class. Check our website or previous emails if you lost your copy.
- Applications for Before and After Care are available at the main office and on our website, [www.icschoolonline.org](http://www.icschoolonline.org) <<http://www.icschoolonline.org>>
- We continue to complete our Calendar for 2011-2012 and it will be available soon.
- The Building Commission of the Archdiocese of New York conducts routine semi-annual asbestos inspections in all of our schools. Once again we will participate in the inspections during the 2011-2012 school year to insure that we remain in compliance with regulations for asbestos containment.

### **Home School Association**

Please contact Susan Tiso or Sally Rugai on the HSA website [icsisthebest@yahoo.com](mailto:icsisthebest@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer your talents at the many events throughout the year. Here are the first two events planned:

- **September 7th – Welcome Back Coffee –8:15 – 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria**
- **September 9th - Welcome Back Picnic**

Jump on board with our theme for the year:

**“Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold!”**

**Tuition Rates** Because of the many tuition rates we are using this year it is possible that a few errors could have been made. If you believe that you have been assigned an

incorrect rate please contact Mrs. Parinello at the Rectory. Please remember if you have been assigned a parishioner rate you are required be a registered parishioner and to contribute weekly and at Christmas and Easter at expected levels to Immaculate Conception, Assumption, Sts. Peter and Paul, Sacred Heart or Christ the King Churches. Contributions will be monitored and adjustments will be made if contributions do not meet the required level. (see tuition rates sheets previously distributed) Please enjoy the rest of the summer, and remember to attend Mass – see you in September! Sincerely, Maureen J. Harten Principal **\*attachments - 3** [1.\) Electronic Communications - All families](#) [2.\) TACHS Prep Course - 8th Grade families](#) [3.\) Nature's Classroom - 6th & 7th Grade families](#)

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