



# TRANSFIGURATION

*Leading all those in the East Metro to Christ,  
the Source and Summit of our daily and eternal lives.*

## Transfiguration Catholic School Newsletter August 23, 2023

### A Prayer for Our School

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of rest and renewal, and time with our families. Please help us to prepare well for the transition to school, and to remain always in You. Amen.

### Special Dates

- Thursday, Aug. 24** Pick up Registration materials, 9am-2pm
- Tuesday, Aug. 29** Preschool Parent Meeting, 5:30pm
- Wednesday, Aug. 30** Rev. William Baer Lecture Series with Dr. Jessica Chastek, 7pm (Church)
- Thursday, Aug. 31** Back to School Night, 4-6pm
- Tuesday, Sept. 5** First day of school, grades 1-8
- Wednesday, Sept. 6** First day of school, Preschool - Kindergarten
- Thursday, Sept. 21** Parent Curriculum Night

### Save the Dates

Transfiguration has several important events planned for this year - be sure to put these on your calendar now! Any event with a star is also an opportunity to volunteer.

- Sept. 21** Curriculum Night - for parents only, please
- Oct. 7** Walk-A-Thon\*
- Oct. 29** Trunk or Treat\*
- Dec. 14** Advent Concert
- Feb. 3** Black and Gold Gala\*

### Back to School

**Preschool Parent Meeting** – If your child will be in Preschool this year, please plan on attending the Parent Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 29 from 5:30-6:30pm. This meeting will include all of the information you will need for a smooth transition and successful year.

**Back to School Night** Parents of children in grades K-8, please plan on stopping by the school between 4pm-6pm on Thursday, Aug. 31 for Back to School Night. Students may drop off their school supplies, and parents can drop off their completed forms from the registration packets.

If you have not picked up your [registration packet](#), please stop by the school office from 9am-2pm tomorrow, Thursday Aug. 24 so you will have time to complete the forms before Back to School night.

Be sure to review the [Parent Handbook](#) online as well, as there were changes made in several areas, including the Uniform Policy.

### Welcome!

We are excited to announce a new addition to our staff: Mrs. Maddie Van Havermaet will be our music teacher for 2023-2024! She is a familiar face at Transfiguration, as she is currently the director of the Children's Choir. Here is more about her:

*Hello! My name is Maddie Van Havermaet, and I am so excited to teach music at Transfiguration Catholic School this year. I hold a B.A. in Music from Benedictine College, and an M.S. degree in*



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*Teaching from the College of St. Scholastica. I began my formal teaching career as a Band director, before transitioning to K-5 general music & Middle School Choir. After receiving my master's degree, I taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade English Lit. and 4th grade. I spent this past year as the Children's Choir Director for the parish, and I look forward to continuing that work in conjunction with my work at school. When not working, you can find me crafting (embroidery/crocheting/knitting), hanging out with my son and my husband, experimenting with bread and dessert recipes, or watching my favorite musicals.*

### **Mrs. B.'s Bulletin**

I am very excited to be welcoming back our teachers next week for Workshop Week. The time is typically filled with meetings, cleaning, learning, organizing, and camaraderie. It also is a good time for us to get used to earlier starts to the day, as some of us like to sleep in over the summer! While a few teachers will start "cold turkey" with a 5am alarm, others like to gradually work their way up. Please help your children with this adjustment as well, to make their transition to a school schedule more comfortable.

Many staff members worked hard over the summer to help clean out and organize different spaces in the school to ensure we are using all of our resources well. I am confident this will help us transition more easily. We have a remarkable, dedicated staff, and I am excited to see what this year has in store for us!