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

Transfiguration Catholic School Newsletter August 30, 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. 31 Back to School Night, 4-6pm
Tuesday, Sept. 5 First day of school for grades 1-8
Wednesday, Sept. 6 First day of school for Preschool and Kindergarten
Thursday, Sept. 21 Curriculum Night for Parents, 6-7:30pm

Upcoming Events

Back to School - Tomorrow is our Back to School night! Students and families are invited to come and drop off paperwork and supplies, meet their teachers, and ask questions! Please be sure to bring:

- Completed paperwork from Registration packet
- Labeled supplies (kleenex, wipes, paper towels, and copy paper do not need to be labeled)
- A big smile for your new teacher

Classroom teachers will be welcoming families, as well as two new additions to our staff: Mrs. Amy Doucette, Preschool Assistant, and Ms. Molly Wistl, our new Physical Education teacher. You can also meet our new volunteer Athletic Director, Mr. Jim Berthiaume, and our music teacher, Mrs. Van Havermaet. Come anytime between 4 and 6pm!

Curriculum Night - Thursday, September 21 will be our Curriculum Night for Parents (no children, please). Teachers will discuss curriculum, classroom environment, and communication with families to give better insight into each classroom. Please mark your calendar for this event as the information shared is essential for a smooth school year.

Athletics

Soccer - Registration for soccer for grades 4-8, boys and girls, will open tomorrow. If your child is interested in participating, stop at the Athletic Director's table at Back to School night for information.

Volleyball - Registration for grades 4-8 girls' volleyball opens tomorrow as well. If your child is interested, please stop at the Athletic Director's table at Back to School night for information.

**We are still in need of a volleyball coach. If you are interested, please contact Sue Berthiaume. Coaching does satisfy the 25 hour volunteer requirement.

Lunch Program

You may have heard about the legislation passed this spring regarding free breakfast and lunch programs in schools. Transfiguration has spent the past several months determining if this program would benefit our school. At this time, we - along with some other schools - are choosing not to participate for a variety of reasons. First, we must ensure that this program in no way impacts our environment or curriculum through mandates that are counter to Catholic teaching. Second, the state has not provided an official reimbursement rate per student. A "free" school lunch is actually an amount of money paid by the state (from taxes) to a school for the cost of the meal. However, the amount that is reimbursed may not be



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enough to cover the cost of food, cafeteria staff, and food delivery fees. If the amount is not enough to cover this, the school must make up the remainder. This could end up impacting tuition rates as we would not have lunch accounts to cover these expenses. Without a solid reimbursement rate from the state, we cannot assess the financial risk that may be involved. Finally, as with any state program, the first year is the most tumultuous as all of the details are worked out. While we will not be participating this year, we absolutely have the option to participate in the future, and we will reassess the program when more information is available.

Mrs. B.'s Bulletin

Back to School Night is here! Last night I had the pleasure of being with Preschool families at their parent meeting, where we talked about how to help our littlest learners be comfortable and ready for their big year. Tomorrow night we welcome families again as our students bring in supplies, drop off paperwork, meet our excellent teachers and staff, and say hello to many new families that are joining our community. I am so looking forward to the sounds of children's voices in the hallways again! The past few weeks have felt like the busiest of the summer, and a lot of information has been shared and updated. Please feel comfortable asking me any questions you may have, either in person, via email, or phone. I am happy to discuss our school, and always love getting to know families better! I hope to see you tomorrow!