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August 24, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We pray you and your family had a fantastic summer filled with adventure and family fun. We look forward to another fantastic school year. We are blessed to have a supportive community who is invested in Catholic education. Thank you for choosing Saint Catharine of Siena School.

Below are a few reminders that need to be relayed to all parents and guardians regarding this coming year.

- We are so excited for our school year to begin...we pray you are, too. We hope you will be able to join us for our Second Annual Back to School Picnic Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Church Pavillion. It is from 11 am until 3 pm.
- Anyone who wishes to volunteer must have all clearances. Please contact the office if you need a volunteer packet. We are glad to help, answer questions, and assist with this necessity.
- Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2018 in the gym. There will be an activities fair from 6:30-7:00. Many SCS groups such as HSO, CYO, Scouts and Safe Environment will be present for gathering valuable information. Come and check out all SCS has to offer.
- Drop off and Pick-up: Buses will drop-off and pick-up students on 23rd street.
- Commuter line will come down 24th Street from Fairview Avenue into the top entrance way and will depart the parking lot onto 24th Street from the lower entrance closest to Perkiomen Avenue. Commuter pick-up will begin at 3:10 pm. You may access Fairview Avenue from either 27th Street or 23rd Street. Please do not come up 24th Street from Perkiomen Avenue. Please drive cautiously.
- **For safety reasons, the walking line to the Chapel has been eradicated. After much discussion, research and consultation, a walking procedure has been put into place. All walkers will exit the building through door number seven and walk up "the hill" to 23rd Street. No walker will be permitted to exit the building at the side door. If you wish to meet your walker, you may do so on 23rd, thank you. Walkers may either use 23rd street to access Fairview Avenue or they may cross Perkiomen Avenue at the corner of 23rd and Perkiomen. Teachers will be monitoring our walkers.** We feel that this is the safest way to cross Perkiomen Avenue because there is a traffic light, teachers can monitor, and the students will not be walking through the construction zone. We thank you for your kind understanding regarding this change in procedure.
- Also due to safety reasons, **daily altar serving by the students at the Chapel will be suspended** until construction is done. Monsignor and I feel that it is not in the best interest of safety for our students to be crossing Perkiomen Avenue while the construction is taking place. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

Saint Catharine of Siena School has been approached by some stakeholders regarding the possibility of building an inclusive playground on our school grounds. We are actively investigating several grants and playground specific fundraisers for funding purposes. We value your feedback regarding the possible addition of a playground to our school. Please go to the following link [SCS Playground Questionnaire Link](#) and complete this survey if you have not already done so. We thank you for your time and consideration in this regard.

Saint Catharine of Siena is also beginning its re-accreditation process with Middle States this fall. Please be on the look out for a survey to complete regarding our strengths and what we can improve upon. These surveys provide valuable input. Please use your voice and complete the survey when it is released. Thank you.

For your planning purposes:

- August 25, 2018: Back to School Picnic, 11-3pm, St Catharine of Siena Church Pavillion
- August 27, 2018: Welcome back, Grades 5-8 (no school K-4)
- August 28, 2018: Welcome back, Grade K-4 (no school 5-8)
- August 29, 2018: Grades K-8 in session
- August 30, 2018: Grades K-8 in session
- August 31, 2018: No school
- September 3, 2018: No school, Labor Day Holiday.
- September 4, 2018: School resumes. Welcome, Pre-K!
- September 4, 2018: Back to School Night, 6:30-8:30. We will begin in the gym at 6:30 pm.
- September 28, 2018: Early Dismissal, noon.
- October 10, 2018: Registration for Parent Teacher Conferences opens
- October 12, 2018: Registration for Parent Teacher Conferences closes
- October 15-October 19, 2018: Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 18, 2018: Confirmation
- June 6, 2019: Last day of school.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Mkraycik@scsreading.org. Saint Catharine of Siena, pray for us.

All my best,
Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal

