

June, 2011

Dear Parents,

Summer is beginning and vacations are being planned and taken. We are looking forward to an exciting 2011-2012 school year. The classrooms will all have permanent Smart Boards installed in their rooms. This interactive technology will assist in making lessons more informative and engaging for our students. In addition, we will be implementing a new reading program in grades 1 and 2. The Super Kids program, created by Rowland Reading, will continue to build on the skills learned in the PreK and Kindergarten programs. Here are a few practical reminders that we hope will make the 2011-2012 school year a pleasant one. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER MAILING OVER THE SUMMER. AFTER AUGUST 15, 2011, PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES AND UPDATES. *The website address is olssparish.org.***

August/September

22 – 25 School office open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

29 – Sept. 1 School office open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

September

7 **Full day** schedule for all students in Grades K–8. Grade K should arrive at 9:00, Grades 1–8 students should arrive no later than 8:20 a.m. Dismissal for Kindergarten is at 1:30 and for Grades 1–8 at 2:50. **LUNCH BEGINS.**

*** There will be bus service for Grades 1–6. As of September, 2010, students in grades 7 and 8 are ineligible for bus service. No Bus Service for Kindergarten. Parents of all students entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade must call the school by September 1st to confirm if child is walker or will take the bus.**

Summer reading and Social Studies projects are due for students in Grades 5–8.
Meeting for lunch parents and all volunteers at 9:30 a.m. in O'Mara Hall.

8 **FULL DAY SCHEDULE FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K–8, 8:20 arrival time for K–8.** Kindergarten dismissal at 2:40 p.m. and Grades 1–8 dismisses at 2:50 p.m. There will be bus service for Grades K–6.

Early morning and after school programs begins for Grades K–8.
Math practice booklets are due for students in Grades 2–8.

9 **Pre K 4 begins.** Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. The half-day program will dismiss at 11 a.m. The full day program will dismiss at 2 p.m. Full day students should bring their lunch.
Reading/Vocabulary test for students in grade 5–8.

12 Pre K 4 regularly scheduled sessions begin.

13 **Pre K 3 begins with a Mommy and Child session.** The morning class will meet from 8:30–10 a.m. The afternoon class will meet from 12:00–1:30 p.m.

Grades K – 4 orientation

7:00 p.m. in auditorium
7:30 p.m. classroom orientation

15 **Grades 5 – 8* orientation**

7:00 p.m. in the auditorium
7:30 p.m. classroom orientation

September 15th (continued)

Grade 8 *Special orientation for ALL GRADE 8 parents to follow the classroom orientation in the auditorium. (8:30 p.m. auditorium)

16 Math test Grades 2–8

General Policies:

Uniforms: Students are required to be in uniform for the start of the school year on September 7, 2011. All uniforms **MUST** be from Flynn & O'Hara.

Boys: Boys must wear navy blue pants with BELT. A boy will be considered out of uniform if he is not wearing a belt with either pants or shorts. *Shirt must be tucked into their pants.* Blue uniform shorts are optional from May 1st through October 31st. Uniform school shoes are to be worn with dark socks. Solid white or solid black sneakers and white socks may be worn with the summer uniform or gym suit.

Girls: Uniform jumper is to be worn in grades K – 4. Uniform skirt is to be worn in grades 5 – 8. ***Skirts are not to be rolled and must be an appropriate length.*** Blue short sleeve knit shirt must be worn in all grades. Uniform shoes are to be worn with navy blue opaque tights. **KNEE SOCKS ARE NO LONGER PERMITTED;** tights are mandatory. The summer uniform, which consists of blue uniform shorts, navy skort, or full length khaki pants, with the blue short sleeve knit shirt, may be worn from May 1st through October 31st. Solid white or solid black sneakers and white socks may be worn with the optional summer uniform and gym uniform.

Hair Styles:

Boys and girls are required to keep their hair well groomed and clean. **NO DYED, BLEACHED, COLORED, HIGHLIGHTED, BEADED, OR FEATHERED HAIR** is permitted. **Bangs, for boys and girls, should not be so long that they impede vision. The boys' hair must not be over their ears or below the shirt collar. Haircuts are not to be buzzed lower than a 2 and are not to have designs/lines. If the haircut or hairstyle is not acceptable to the school's administration, it MUST be corrected within one week. If it is not corrected, lunch detention will be served until it is corrected.**

Jewelry: Girls are permitted to wear **one pair of post or small hoop earrings**, (one earring per ear in the earlobe). Earrings placed along the length of the ear or at the top of the earlobe are not permitted and the student will have to remove the earring(s) if it is worn in school or on any sponsored school outing.

Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.

Body piercing is not permitted for boys or girls.

Miscellaneous: Girls are not permitted to wear facial makeup. Nail polish or false nails/tips are not permitted in Grades Pre K–7. Light pastel colored nail polish and moderate length nail enhancers are permitted in Grade 8 ONLY.

We hope these reminders will allow us to start off the 2011-2012 school year in a relaxed and stress free environment. With all of us cooperating and working together, Our Lady Star of the Sea School will continue to be a school of which we can all be proud.

Sincerely,



Rev. Mgr. Jeffrey P. Conway

Pastor



Irma P. Cummings

Principal



Josephine Tortorella

Assistant Principal