

August 26, 2018

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is the day! I know that it will be hard for me to sleep tonight because I'm so excited to see the students. It happens every year since I became a teacher in 2003...15 year of sleepless Sundays before school starts! I want to assure everyone it will be an awesome day and awesome school year! I'm so looking forward to it.

Couple of things to note:

1. There will no longer be a morning room in the IHM Chapel. Students arriving prior to 7:15 will be held in the Preschool Room, and then we will be dismissing all the students straight to their classrooms and their waiting teachers. This was a very important safety measure that we have made for our students and teachers.
2. Tomorrow a brand new updated Student Handbook will be sent home with every student. I urge you to read together. I would especially urge you to read through the brand new Code of Conduct section. Other sections that I would emphasize is the technology addendum, and the uniform/casual day section. There are three pages that need to be signed and returned to your child's teachers by September 14, 2018. Our hope is that we have tightened up some trouble discipline areas to make the rules of St. Jane School clear for all to follow and understand.
3. Please be advised that 24-hour video surveillance is being used inside and outside our school. It is being recorded and can be reviewed at any time.
4. Incoming phone calls to our school can be recorded for security reasons.
5. Mass tomorrow is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited. Please enter at through the main entrance of the school and sign in. We are still painting the new doors, so they are not ready for people to use as an entrance tomorrow. Going forward, when you enter our chapel, I will have a book that I am asking every visitor to sign before entering our chapel for Mass. (Reminder, we will be standing for the consecration, the kneelers have been removed for safety reasons.)

I have been terribly busy, so I'm about two weeks behind where I normally am this time of year. I ask the you please be patient with me as I catch up. I know we have received many phone calls regarding the beginning of the year forms. If you need hard copies, the office will be more than happy to provide them for you, just stop in and ask.

Our Diocese has had their share of very bad news lately, but I want to assure everyone, at St. Jane School, safety is our number one priority. We are all mandated reporters (24/7) and we take that part of our jobs very seriously. If you or anyone you know has any information about abuse, whether related to our church or not, please do not hesitate to come forward and report it. Please keep our Diocese, our Bishop, our Pastor and priests, and especially the victims in our prayers.

I will be sending out a formal Weekly Update on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Try to get some sleep tonight! See you tomorrow morning...I'm so excited!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Okula, Principal