

July 23, 2018

Dear Parents,

I just wanted to share the good news. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Andrea Mitcheltree as our new first grade teacher. As mentioned earlier this summer, Miss Harry has taken a position in the Palmerton School District and Mrs. Kelton has moved up to second grade.

Mrs. Andrea Mitcheltee is a graduate of Lycoming College with a BA in Elementary Education and German. She and her husband reside in Nazareth with their 3 children who all attend Holy Family School. Mrs. Mitcheltree is very excited to be a member of our top-notch faculty! She cannot wait to set up her classroom and meet all her children in August. Please welcome Mrs. Mitcheltree!

Other Faculty Needs: we are still in need of a Spanish teacher and a Music teacher. If you know of anyone that is interested, we have a 3-day position here and a 2-day a week position at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for a full-time position. I am open to just a part-time position as well (3-days per week here). Thanks again for your help!

A few updates on our summer projects so far:

- our hallways at 1900 Washington Blvd. have been treated with a fresh coat of paint!
- our new phone system has been installed. The phones are a great addition to our school!
Thank you HawkWalk!
- the installation of our updated fire alarm system complete with smoke detectors in all classrooms and strobe lights is nearing completion. *Thank you HawkWalk!*
- the new key card system installation in the main building and the Bennett Building is also being worked on and will be completed shortly. *Thank you HawkWalk!*
- the installation of additional video surveillance cameras is scheduled to begin August 3rd.
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- the installation of the doors is scheduled for the week of August 13th. *Thank you HawkWalk!*

NOTE: We're having an Open House on Monday, July 30th -- 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. If you know of anyone looking to invest in their child's future, please suggest our school and have them come by for a visit! Thank you.

Our safety team, comprised of Mr. Dicker, Miss Mello, Mrs. Pizzuto and me, is scheduled to attend the National Association of School Resource Officers where we will be trained and certified on CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). We will be attending this certification August 6-8, 2018.

Important Dates for August

Thursday, August 9

New Student Welcome 6:30 p.m. IHM Chapel

Monday, August 13, 2018 Kindergarten Orientation and Back to School Nigh (adults only)
6:30 p.m. IHM Chapel

PowerSchool will be available to check your child's homeroom for the new school year.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 Back to School Night for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade -- IHM Chapel (adults only) **NOTE THIS DATE HAS CHANGED!**

Wednesday, August 22 Sneak Peek Day -- Come see your classroom and catch up with your friends 11:00-12:00

Monday, August 27 First Day of School 7:40 a.m. Opening Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our summer hours are from 8:00 to 12:00 noon Monday through Thursday. Beginning the week of August 20, 2018 our hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The week of August 27, 2018 we will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Note: bus schedules have not been sent. I will let you know as soon as I get them.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and recharging for the new school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula