

August 14, 2019

Dear Parents,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And I mean it! I've missed those beautiful smiling faces of your children all summer. I caught a glimpse of some of them at Vacation Bible School and I'm always happy to see my "children" at Mass on Sundays! I hope everyone had a very relaxing and restful summer! We certainly did get some outstanding weather this summer – a bit hot, but beautiful! I was able to get away for a week down the Jersey Shore and I have attended many professional development workshops that have recharged me for the 2019-2020 school year!

Our chapel remodel is moving along, but a little too slow for me. I want to thank Mr. Micklos and his crew who helped me removed the old pews from the chapel back in June. I couldn't have done that without his gracious and strong helpers. I also want to thank the ND Crusader Football team members (some Janer alum) and Coach Stambaugh who helped me move the old gym mats to the dumpster. They were very heavy!! Thank you to the dads who showed up at 7:00 a.m. to help move the new mats into the gym (Mr. Martinez , Mr. Vrabel, and one another dad who I didn't recognize -- I'm so sorry)! Thank you!

Thank you to the many student volunteers that assisted me in cleaning out the Conference Center this summer. There was at least three 30 yard dumpsters worth of "stuff" including old desks and chairs that needed to be cleaned out. I am so grateful for all the help and hard work!

A humongous thank you to the 26 students and Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schoefield, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Pelc and Mr. Heimbach that helped unpack 270 desks, and 300 chairs (I'm still waiting on getting 30 desks) on Friday, August 2, 2019. That was a great day.

Our school employed a brand new cleaning company that professional cleaned and waxed our floors, steamed cleaned our rugs and detailed cleaned both buildings! We are very excited to start school on August 26, 2019. I hope you are too!

Communication Folder – Each week on a Wednesday, I like to send out a short update with reminders for what's happening in our school community. Anyone wishing to submit a reminder about CYO events, HSA events, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Parish Activities, relevant community activities, must email them to me in Word Doc or PDF format **NO** later than Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. We need to compile this information and create a PDF for our website. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me and I will get back to you principal@stjaneschool.com

Class Lists – Are available today on PowerSchool. If you forgot your password, please first try to reset your password. If you continue to have issues, OR you do not have a PowerSchool Login, please contact Mrs. Korp in the office. She may give your child's homeroom for the 2019-2020 school year. I ask that you email Mrs. Salvemini at computer@stjaneschool.com so she can assist you with your PowerSchool login. New Students: we will get that information for you prior to the 1st day of school.

****Class assignments**** – In recent years, the teachers and I have been flooded with an ever growing number of teacher requests for the following school year. Many of these requests are made for no valid reason. As a result, a change in school policy is needed: Teacher requests will no longer be accepted via email. If you would like to make a request, you need to schedule a meeting with me and your child's current teacher in order to discuss your concerns. **NOTE**: For this school year, we are unable to make any changes. We did our best to

accommodate requests we received. We are asking that parents respect and trust our judgement in deciding which class your child(ren) are placed in. If, however, there is some aspect of your child's academic achievement, personality, or unique social/emotional need that you feel we may not be aware of, we can schedule a meeting to discuss. Thank you for the recognition that there are many difficult, yet thoughtful decisions that are made on behalf of your children to ensure they are placed in classrooms that will truly fit their needs as a learner. Thank you for your support and understanding regarding this matter.

Easton Busing – We have received the bus stops and times for the 2019-2020 school year. Due to safety reasons, we will not be posting on the doors of the school as we have done in past year. Mrs. Cahill will be on Thursday, August 15, 2019 for you to pick up the bus stop and times. I will be in school on August 16, 2019 around 9:00 a.m. So please stop in and pick up!

Faculty Updates: I have a few updates on teachers for the upcoming school year. But first, I must share with you that Mrs. Julie Darno, 4B has officially resigned as of today, August 14, 2019. She has taken position in the Lopatcong School District. We will miss Mrs. Darno very much. She is a wonderful educator and an ideal co-worker to all. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Darno the best of luck! Because of this short notice, I have asked Mrs. Rosemary Azzalina to start the year in 4B. Mrs. Azzalina worked 26 years for the Lopatcong Elementary School in Phillipsburg, NJ. She has taught grade 1st through 4th and 6th grade during her tenure. She retired in June 2016 and started working with St. Jane School as an aide during the Fall of 2016. We have been very fortunate to have Mrs. Azzalina with us! She is a graduate of Immaculata University and holds a Masters in English and a Masters in Elementary Education from Lehigh University. I will be interviewing for the for a full-time 4th grade teacher once school begins. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Azzalina as our long-term substitute in 4th grade.

Ms. Christi Johnstone is our new Pre-K teacher. Ms. Johnstone was recently employed by St. John Vianney Regional School in Allentown as the K-Power Teacher. Ms. Johnstone is a graduate of Kutztown University. She and her son Collin are members of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church. We are so excited about Ms. Johnstone joining our team! She has already transformed our Pre-K room. Welcome Ms. Johnstone!

Mrs. Cynthia Vinovskis is joining our school as the Music Teacher. She is employed by Northeaster Music Company and will be with our school on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mrs. Vinovskis is a graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has over 30 years musical experience specifically in general music, recorders, choir, band, orchestra, guitar group and hand chimes (I so excited about the hand chimes!). She is very excited to work with the student of St. Jane School and to get the hand chime choir up and running again! She has some great plans for the upcoming school year! Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Vinovskis (don't worry – it's easier to say once she teaches you the right notes to use!)

Mr. Steve McNally will be our part-time custodian. Steve is a devoted Catholic School alum graduating from Easton Catholic and Notre Dame High School. He has been working hard with us all summer getting everything ready for us on August 26, 2019. Please join me in welcoming Mr. McNally.

City-Wide Cleaning Service – is a management company that collaborates with medium sized business to offer building maintenance solutions. We have been assigned a wonderful group of people that have spent the summer really cleaning our school. Our daily cleaning crew is a family that has already made a great impression on our faculty and staff. Please join me in welcoming Jose and Ana and their family cleaning crew!

Update on Summer Remodel – So no matter how much planning goes into a project, I continue to hit roadblocks. This summer was no different, but sometimes things just can't be helped. Our chandeliers are down

and our dropped ceilings are in place. The painters are working this week on painting everything. Our electrician has run into an issue with our special 2x2 LED lighting panels. They seem to be stuck somewhere. We are hoping they come in by tomorrow so that he can wrap up the electrical portion of the job. Rugs are being installed on August 19th. And our new seating will be arriving on 8/23/19. Fingers crossed and prayers appreciated!

Lunch Room Volunteers Needed: We made a switch to our lunch times this year in an effort to control the volume and safety aspects during lunchtime. Starting on August 26, 2019 our new lunch times will be:

10:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Grades 5 and 6

11:20 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade

11:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Grades 7 and 8

12:20 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Grades 2, 3, and 4

We are in need of parents to assist as lunch monitors from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Timm Schoenfield at librarian@stjaneschool.com or tk Schoen@ptd.net. A \$15 stipend is given for each day worked and paid on a monthly basis by check.

Thank you!

Bennett Building/Father Farrell Hall – My continued safety efforts has led me to install an alarm in FFH. If you are a member of a Parish Organization, have not met with me regarding getting a unique alarm you will not be able to enter the building. Please contact me and we can schedule a convenient date and time for orientation.

Important Dates for August

Tuesday, August 20 Back to School Night for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade -- FFH (adults only) **NOTE THIS DATE HAS CHANGED!**

USED UNIFORM SALE 5:30 P.M.

Friday, August 23 Sneak Peek Day -- Come see your classroom and catch up with your friends 11:00-12:00

Monday, August 26 First Day of School 7:40 a.m. Opening Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. (stay tuned – we are a little behind schedule with the completion of the chapel. I will let you know by 8/23 if we can have Mass or not.)

Friday, August 30 No School – Labor Day Weekend begins.

Looking ahead to September ...

Monday, September 2 No School – Happy Labor Day

Thursday, September 5 8:15 a.m. Mass/EXTENDED CARE IN IHM CHAPEL
Tricky Tray set up in FFH

Friday, September 6 Tricky Tray Weekend!/EXTENDED CARE IN IHM CHAPEL

Tuesday, September 10 Back to School Night for Grades 1 to 5 only. 6:30 p.m.
IHM Chapel

Thursday, September 13 8:15 a.m. Mass

Thursday, September 27 8:15 a.m. Mass

I am attaching the [stationery list](#) and [supply list](#) in case you want to take advantage of the early school supply sales. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Beginning the week of August 19, 2019 our hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The week of August 26, 2019 we will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Only 12 more days! See you soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula