

Dear Holy Family School Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Holy Family School!! We hope that you and all of your family had a wonderful summer. It has been very busy here and there is much news to share.

I am very pleased to be opening this new facility at Holy Family. I can't wait for you to see all the new improvements and to be with you all again - especially our students. I must begin by saying that I am truly grateful to Msgr. Keane and the entire staff at Holy Family for a beautiful welcome and a very thorough introduction to the community. Their efficient work has enabled us to feel confident that this will be a very smooth transition for all of us. Primo, the entire cleaning staff, and Paul, the parish custodian, have been working very diligently to prepare the building for your arrival.

We say good-bye and good luck to Mrs. Chiera, Ms. Capel, and Ms. Reyes. We will miss them greatly, but are very happy for them as they move on to new opportunities. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Lisa Amarosa and Mr. Anibal Rivera to the main office. Mrs. Russin will be our new Art teacher and afterschool moderator with Ms. Valerie Amarosa. Be sure to say hello when you see all them in the hallways.

The first day of school for students in grades K-8 is Wednesday, September 5. The schedule for the first day is attached and on the website. Parents of children in grades K-8 should plan on attending our **"Meet the Teachers Night"** on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the **Holy Family School Cafeteria**. We will have tasting samples available from our new lunch service vendor as well. You may be receiving an email from our new company, Preferred Catering, chef Richard Romani. Ms. Dahlia Jackson will be the moderator for our Parent Fundraising Committee. We look forward to working with all of you as we plan the fundraising events for the coming year. Please sign up to chair at least one exciting event and help make a positive difference in our school community.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00-1:00 pm until September by appointment only. I have attached pictures so that you can see how some of the rooms are coming along. They all look beautiful. Our teachers have been working very hard to decorate and plan our their new spaces. We are so grateful to the Iona College community for their donations of furniture and service hours to our new building and we look forward to being a part of this wonderful new community partnership. Enjoy the rest of the summer!!! We look forward to seeing you again, very soon.

Please keep checking the website for further updates and follow us on Twitter to see what's happening on a daily basis and to see photos of the new building!

May God bless you always,

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