



August 2, 2011

Dear Members of the St. Patrick School Community,

The journey of a Lifetime begins at St. Patrick Catholic School. Summer days fade and we look forward to all that is good and wonderful at our school. These days are filled with positive energy and enthusiasm as we plan for the year ahead.

You will find enclosed information concerning the first few weeks of school. New Parent/Student Handbooks will be sent home the first day of school with the youngest child in each family. Until then, I hope that the following information will assist you, as we transition into the new school year.

School Times: The school day begins promptly at 8:15 AM and grades Pre-K through 4 dismisses at 2:50 and 5-8 dismisses at 3:00. Extended day services will be provided before and after the school day from 7:00 – 7:45 AM and from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Before Care will begin Wed. Aug. 24th and After Care will be available the first day of school.

Calendar: See enclosed

Website: Please visit www.stpatrickcatholic.org to find abundant information about our school, programs, and activities. E-mails will be forwarded to you keeping you up-to-date.

Accreditation: It is once again time to prepare for our next accreditation cycle. Our last visit was in the Spring of 2006. We passed and then continued to have successful 1st and 3rd year Reviews. Our next visit will be in the Fall of 2012 so we will be busy getting ready for it during this school year. As some of you may remember, we began with a survey to our school families. Enclosed you will find the two page survey to complete and return back to school by August 25th for our returning families. We appreciate your support throughout the year with the accreditation process for our great school.

Supply List: Your child's supply list can be found on line. Please make sure your child comes with all their supplies on the first day of school. If you have any questions the office staff would be happy to help you.



Lunch Program: We are pleased to announce that Joto's will once again be catering our School Lunch Program. They offer quality ingredients, generous portions that are prepared fresh daily to meet our students' taste and needs. A variety of menu selections with some new additions will rotate on a monthly basis (see enclosed). The hot lunch prices remain the same (includes milk) \$2.00 Pre – K and K and \$3.25 for Grades 1-8.

The program will start August 29th. The order form along with your child's selection must be returned to the school office by **Wednesday, August 24th** to reserve lunch for your child for the next week. The first week of school the students will need to **bring their own bag lunch**. Milk, ice cream and snacks will be available for purchase. Please note we **will not** be microwaving any lunches.

Office Hours: Beginning August 8th office hours will be from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

Fees: All registration, material and technology fees for the school year must be paid prior to the first day of school. Coupons are enclosed for your tuition payments.

Dress Code: Allen's Sports Center in Seminole once again will be handling our uniforms. Uniforms can also be purchased through Lands End www.landsend.com. Please see the enclosed Allen's price list.

Uniform Exchange: Will be held on Sunday, August 14th from 10:00 AM – 2 PM in the school cafeteria.

Fun Fair: Planning is well under way for our Annual Fall Event. Our Chairs Mr. & Mrs. Proni and Mr. & Mrs. Scully are doing a fantastic job. **See information enclosed with this mailing.**

PTO Directory Form: See enclosed



Open House: The school Mass and Open House for the new school year has been scheduled for August 21st. Mass will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Everyone is expected to attend. Immediately following Mass at 1:30 PM Pre – K and Kindergarten Orientation Meetings will be held in their classrooms. Open House for grades 1-8 will also take place at this time. Stop by your child(ren)’s classroom and meet their teachers. This will be our only scheduled Open House for the new school year so it is my wish that you all can join us. In conjunction the PTO is hosting a Reception for all new and returning families in the Msgr. McCall Parish Center. Come meet old friends and make new ones too. It should be a delightful time.

All that is good and wonderful in a St. Patrick education is a gift from God. May all students, faculty and parents strive to reflect that grace by word and deed. I look forward to seeing each of you soon. I know that with God’s Blessing this will be another amazing year at St. Patrick Catholic School.

Sincerely,

Sr. Veronica Visceglia, SSND
Principal