

*Saint Ann School
One Saint Ann Road
Wollaston, Ma 02170*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are having a wonderful and relaxing summer.

At this time I am welcoming you to the 2007-2008 school year. I welcome all of you but I especially welcome our new families who are joining our school community this year.

Sadly we said farewell to some of our faculty members who will be greatly missed. Mrs. Barry will be moving out of state and will continue her teaching career; Miss Bennett will be working as a Reading Specialist in the Weymouth Public School System; Miss Broderick will be retiring but will often return to help out at Saint Ann's; and Mrs. Crosby will be moving out of state and will be furthering her education to continue in the teaching profession. I wish them all God's blessings.

We welcome our new faculty members: Mrs. Camre will be our music/art teacher; Miss Foley will be grade seven homeroom teacher and teach science in the middle school; Mrs. LaBonte will be grade six homeroom teacher and teach social studies in the middle school; and Mrs. Sullivan will teach in grade four.

Mrs. McCarty will be homeroom teacher in grade eight and teach language arts in the middle school and Miss Coughlin will teach in grade three. All other teachers on the staff will resume their same teaching positions.

Each year at Saint Ann's we provide religious experiences and a strong academic program that help deepen our faith, strengthen our values and enrich our spiritual life and academic achievements. Together we parents, faculty and priests, must strive to continue to provide our children with a quality education in a Catholic environment. Education must be a positive growth-filled experience in our school. Each one of us, in our support of each other, is so vital in this endeavor. Please join us at Mass on Monday, September 10 at 10:45 a.m. in the school gym as we pray for God's blessings upon us as we begin our new school year.

The following information will perhaps answer some of your questions about the new school year. However, if you still need more information, do not hesitate to call the school at 617-471-9071.

OPENING DAY – Kindergarten I through Grade Eight

School will begin on Wednesday, September 5 at 8:10 a.m. Children in grades two through eight will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the gym with their grade. They will receive their assigned rooms from the teachers of their respective grades. We ask parents/guardians not to come into the gym at this time. The bell will be rung at 8:05 a.m. when all will process to their classrooms.

Children in grade one will meet at 8:00 a.m. downstairs where the Extended Day Program is held. The teachers will meet them and assign them to their rooms.

Dismissal for all the above grades will be at 12:00 noon for the first three days of school.

The kindergarten orientation will take place on the first morning, September 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The children will meet in their respective classrooms. During the orientation hour the parents may accompany the children to the classroom and stay with them. This will give the parents and children an opportunity to meet the teachers and become acquainted with the school environment. On Thursday and Friday the children must arrive at 8:00 a.m. and will be dismissed at noon. If any parents wish to walk their kindergarten children to the classroom for the first three days they should park on Old Colony Avenue. Health records for your children must be in the school office before your child begins school.

REGULAR ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL ROUTINES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

On the first full day, Monday, September 10 and all days following, all students must be at school by 8:00 a.m. Those in the main building should be let out of their cars at the front door of the main building where they will be greeted by a parent and then they will walk to the gym. No children should be let out of their cars across the street from the school entrance. The presiding teachers will meet the children in the gym where they will line up with their class and be taken to their classrooms. No parents should come into the building when the children are assembling for class in the morning.

The kindergarten children must be let out of their cars in front of the Scally Center (Kindergarten building) and they will be met by a parent who will lead them to the building where the presiding teacher will lead them to the large meeting room. We ask parents not to come into the building when the children are assembling for class in the morning.

At dismissal time on regular school days, 2:30 p.m., children in K1 through grade three should be met in the school yard. Older siblings of these children must also be met in the school yard. Drivers are asked to form lines of cars starting close to the school building and line up as you arrive. In order to make room for all I ask you not to leave spaces between the cars. Please do not park along the fence as we need that space for all cars to make the proper turn to get in the lines.

All other children, grades four through eight will be dismissed from the front doors of the school. If you plan on coming into the building for any reason, please park on Old Colony Avenue or Hancock Street. Please do not park and leave your car on Saint Ann Road at arrival or dismissal time.

PLEASE NOTE: ST. ANN ROAD IS A ONE-WAY STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30-8:30 A.M. AND 2:00-3:30 P.M. YOU MAY NOT ENTER ST. ANN ROAD FROM HANCOCK STREET DURING THESE HOURS. WHEN THE CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED AT NOON IT IS ALSO ONE-WAY FROM 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

MILK PROGRAM

If your child will be taking milk for lunch, if you haven't already done so, send a check for \$60.00 per child to the school to the attention of Mrs. Theresa Free. Please indicate whether your child wants whole milk, 2%, or chocolate milk. Checks should be made payable to Saint Ann School Milk Program. It is important to send the check as soon as possible so that the order may be placed for the first full week of school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform must be worn on the first day. Please reread the dress code so your child will be wearing the proper uniform. **The girls' jumpers or skirts must not be shorter than 3 inches from the middle of the knee.** School shoes should not have a heel more than 1 1/2 inch for the safety of your children. No high heel or sling back shoes, clogs or crocs may be worn.

EXTENDED DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The extended day school program will begin on Monday, September 10. Information concerning the extended program will be sent home on the first day of school. The registration fee must be paid prior to that day.

INFORMATION PACKET

An information packet will be sent home to each family on the first day of school. Please check it carefully. There will be forms included in the packet that must be returned to the school.

I hope you will enjoy the remaining days of the summer and be ready for a wonderful, productive school year.

May God bless each of you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Catherine

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