



The Principal's Pen

Mater Dei Catholic School

September 10, 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first full week of school! What a change in the weather! I know this will be a more comfortable week for our children and teachers. God is good!

There are a few arrival and dismissal procedures that we needed to evaluate after the first few days of school. Please read this email carefully, so that everyone will be on the same page going forward.

Arrival for Pre-School Students

We are so happy to report that our Pre-K has a waiting list! What a way to start a new school year!

However, the Pre-K car line has been backed up all the way down Lansdale Avenue for the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. In order to alleviate the traffic situation, we are going to change the pattern beginning tomorrow morning, Tuesday, September 11th. **Please Note: Change in Procedures:**

Morning Procedures

Pre-K 3 - Beginning tomorrow, the parents of the children in Pre-K 3 (Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Bauder's classes) will drive into the school yard off Third Street, proceed to Mrs. Bauder's classroom back door. Two assistants from Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Bauder's rooms will be there to greet the children and to get them out of the car. If you have students in Pre-K 4 or older students, please drop all siblings off at Mrs. Bauder's door in the morning.

When leaving, circle the school yard and proceed to the driveway. Please be aware that buses drop the older children off at the cemetery entrance. The children enter the building on a straight path from the buses to the Lower Cahill door, therefore

there will be no children in the school yard. I will be sure the buses do not block the driveway so you can get in and out in a timely fashion.

Pre-K 4 - All Pre-K 4 students and siblings will continue to drop off in the front of school.

Close of the School Day Procedures:

Pre-K 3 - Beginning tomorrow, September 11th, Pre-K 3 children will be dismissed at 3:15 PM in the regular **PK car line** in front of school. Please be in line so that we can begin to put the children in the cars at a quarter after three. Siblings in Pre-K 4 will be dismissed with their Pre-K 3 brother or sister. If you have siblings in Kindergarten through Grade 8, I ask you to proceed to the Church parking lot to meet your children. Thank you for your understanding.

Pre-K 4 - Students will be dismissed at 3:30 PM in the front of school. Please allow time for the parents of the three-year-old children to go through the car line. Siblings of the four-year-old students will continue to be dismissed with the fours at 3:30 PM.

To all Pre-K parents: School personnel will walk your child to the car and put him/her in the car. Please remain in your car while waiting for your child. Then, please pull up as close as possible to the driveway and then get out of the car to buckle your child in his or her seat. Teachers and aides are not permitted to buckle your child in the car seat.

Kindergarten through Grade Eight Car Line

After reviewing the afternoon car line procedures, we are making some changes to be sure the children are safe. **Please review the procedure below:**

The students in Kindergarten through Grade Three will be first in the car line each day. The children will walk on the path with the yellow line. We will keep the children in line until you come to the line and take your child from the line. Since the children will be on the inside of the yellow line, please feel free to walk down the driveway to meet the them.

As the children in Kindergarten through Grade three are picked up, we will allow the older students to walk toward the parking lot.

Parents, thank you for your understanding regarding these procedures. We are doing our best to keep our children safe and to arrive and dismiss in a timely fashion. We will continue to evaluate the procedures and make changes as needed. Please be patient with us and one another until we get this worked out.

New Air Conditioning in the Cafeteria

Two new air conditioning units are being installed in the cafeteria this week. The students will be eating in the classroom from Monday through Friday. North Penn

will continue to serve lunches. We needed to make a change in the menu for Wednesday and Thursday. The new menu is listed below:

**North Penn Lunch Program
Wednesday and Thursday this week only!**

The meals for Wednesday and Thursday will be as follows:

Wednesday:

**chicken dippers lunchable with BBQ sauce
carrots
apples
juice
milk**

Thursday:

**Ham and cheese anytime (similar to a lunchable)
carrots
apples
juice
milk**

These are prepackaged cold meals that can be just taken back to the classroom.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Miss McCaughan

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