



**Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help**  
Catholic School

July 29, 2019

Dear OLPH Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer. As we approach the beginning of a new school year, I would like to introduce myself as the new principal of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School**. I am eager and excited to partner with you as we begin this new chapter of your child(ren)'s formative years together. Along with our experienced and caring school staff and faculty, we have already begun preparations for a busy year ahead. Please read on for important information for you and your child(ren).

- To kick-off the new school year, Father Lopez and I would like to invite you to join us for a "Back-to-School" community celebration on **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** as follows:
  - **4:00p-4:30p:** New-family welcome & informational meeting (OLPH gym)
  - **4:30p-5:00p:** "Meet & greet" the teachers (for all students; in classrooms)
  - **5:00p-6:00p:** Mass (church)
  - **6:00p-7:00p:** Picnic-style dinner (gym); *please RSVP to Maria Arteaga @ (214) 351-3396 or via email @ [marteaga@olphdallas.org](mailto:marteaga@olphdallas.org) by Thursday, August 8th*
- **Parent-teacher handbooks**, including school-related forms to be completed, will also be distributed on August 10<sup>th</sup> (those unable to attend will receive them in their child's first "Friday Folder").
- **Uniform requirements:** while these have not changed, some items have been made optional; an updated list has been enclosed with this letter.
- I am also enclosing a copy of our **school calendar** for 2019-2020. Please note that our first day of school will be on **Monday, August 12**. *This will be a **half day of school, with 12:15p dismissal**. There will **not** be lunch service, however breakfast will be provided on that day.*

I look forward to getting to know each one of you. Thank you for entrusting your children to our school community. We will work diligently every day to ensure that each child has what he/she needs to meet their full individual potential; contribute productively to their community; and develop a life-long desire to be of service to others.

We are looking forward to a year filled with great learning and great success!

Sincerely,

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