

August 15, 2019

Hello St Edward Families!

Can you believe school is just around the corner? Everyday new school supplies arrive and teachers are busy setting up their classrooms and workspaces. The hallways are buzzing with energy. Now we just need you!

I am so excited to announce that we have hired a fantastic teacher for Kindergarten, Mrs. Summer Craig, and wonderful assistant for our PM Extended Care Program, Mrs. Theresa Domingo. We are thrilled they chose to partner with the St. Edward community, and we can't wait for you to meet them!

Father Scott and I invite all our families to an OPEN HOUSE ice cream social this Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:00 Mass. If you can't make that, you can come check out the school on Sunday following both the 10:30 and 1:00 Masses. We encourage you to invite all of your friends and families as we celebrate, and market, our dear St. Edward School.

**Please note that there are a few changes to the school day, schedules and policies.**

We have a new SCHOOL START TIME this year. **School will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp daily.** Students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. will be considered tardy. Dismissal remains at 3:00 p.m.

Families who would like to use **Extended Care Program** MUST pay a \$150 DEPOSIT *in order to participate in either the morning or after school care.* Mrs. Tonel will keep families posted when their balance is near zero, so that they can send in another advance payment. Please be sure your deposits are made as soon as possible. Those can be purchased daily in our school office. *Families who have not prepaid for care will be called to come pick up their children immediately after school.*

**Morning Care** will be available from 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. daily in our Extended Care room in the basement. The fee is \$6.00 per day per student. Otherwise, students may be dropped off at school on the playground from 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. daily for free. Students who arrive AFTER 8:00 a.m. must enter school through the main entrance on Mead Street and will be marked tardy.

**Extended Care** will be available from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily and 12:00-6:00 p.m. after noon dismissals on First Fridays. The fee is \$6.00/hour/child. We charge \$1.00/minute/child for late pick-ups after 6:00 p.m.

**Study Hall Passes** are available for purchase in the main office for students in Grades 5-8 who wish to participate in after school Study Hall on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** The cost is \$3.00/day/child. Students *who are not picked up* by parents by 4:00 p.m. will be sent directly to Extended Care where further charges (\$6.00/hour) will begin to accrue at that point. Students who do not have a valid Study Hall Pass may not participate, and will have their parents called to come get them immediately or they will be sent directly to Extended Care where costs will accrue. STUDY HALL BEGINS September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Students are required to bring their own sack lunch daily to school. THERE WILL BE NO HOT WATER AVAILABLE for Cup of Noodles this year due to limited staffing.

First week details!

- School begins on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. sharp. School will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. There will be Extended Care available only to families who have submitted their \$150 deposits. **We invite all parents to a Back-to-School Assembly in the school Hall at 11:15 a.m.**
- Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> is a full day of school, 8:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. Each student needs to bring a sack lunch daily.
- Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is a full day of school, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We invite everyone to our all school weekly Mass which is at 10:30 on Thursdays throughout the year.
- Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is a half day 8:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. Extended Care is available only to those who have submitted their \$150 deposits. This afternoon, teachers will be joining St. George staff for professional development around curriculum mapping.

Save the date:

**Mandatory Curriculum Night for parents is on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** It is critical that you come and hear all that is exciting this year, and how you can help!

1. Superintendent Kristin Dixon will join us to discuss our school's progress as a fragile school.
2. I will address our year's work with the Accreditation Self-Study and new academic tools and programs that are being implemented.
3. Teachers will be introduced and will host parent sessions in their own classrooms to discuss this year's goals in each grade level.
4. Parents can sign up to volunteer for various roles and upcoming events.

**Every parent who comes earns a service hour AND can collect a FREE DRESS pass for each of his/her students for the following day to celebrate their involvement in St. Edward School.**

Our School Office hours for this year will be 7:30-3:30 p.m. We will be closed Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> so that all of our staff members can attend our Staff Retreat. The office re-opens Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for your needs.

Please feel free to email me at [principal@saintedwardseattle.org](mailto:principal@saintedwardseattle.org) with any questions or concerns. I just can't wait to meet everyone!

In peace,

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