

# Opening Days - PK 3-year-olds, PK 4- year-olds & Kindergarten

September 4th - 9th, 2019

Our littlest and newest students need extra support as they transition to school. Here at St. Margaret's we are always looking for the best possible start for them because a positive first day will set the tone for the remainder of the year and the next several years. (This goes for Mom's and Dad's, too!)

The first few days of school are intended to allow for a smooth transition by utilizing a "soft-opening." These days are critical to acclimating to school but allow for flexibility within limits. Here is the schedule for the first several days of school:

Wednesday, September 4th - Opening Day of Early Childhood PK3 & 4 ONLY

8:00 - 9:30AM

**PARENT MUST ATTEND WITH STUDENT**

- Play yard will be open at 7:50AM
- Teachers and Aides will greet parents and students
- At 8:05AM, students and Parents will be organized into classes and led to the classroom
- 8:10 - 8:30AM: Students and parents can explore the classroom and be introduced to staff members
- 8:30AM - Students will be escorted to the play yard. Parents will stay in the classrooms to hear from the teacher about various routines, expectations, goals and important policies.
  - Students will be taken on a tour of the school and shown important locations.
- At 9:15AM, students will return to the classroom, gather items and prepare to leave for the day.
- At 9:30AM, parents and students say "Goodbye" and return Thursday at the assigned time.

Thursday, September 5th PK3, PK4 & Kindergarten

8:00 - 9:30 & 10:00 - 11:30

The classes will be sorted into two groups for Thursday. Half will arrive at 8:00AM. The other half at 10:00AM. This will allow parents to learn the Drop Off procedures, separate from parents and begin to learn the morning transition process as they enter the classroom. First Group time: 8:00 - 9:30AM. Second Group time: 10:00 - 11:30AM

*Parents should look for an email from their child's teacher indicating the group and arrival time on Thursday.*

Parents are permitted to stay on-site, in the school cafeteria or join in the Orientation Day taking place for the school community in the Auditorium.

Friday, September 6th - PK3, PK4 & Kindergarten

8:00 - 11:30AM

All students meet in the play yard (PK - 8). We open with a Welcome by the Principal. Students are then escorted to class. Parents may accompany to the classroom door, but we ask them to say their "Goodbye's" quickly, so that we may begin the morning.

Parents/Guardians are to return at 11:15AM. We will begin Dismissal at approximately 11:20AM. This time is crucial to ensuring a smooth and safe Dismissal.

Monday, September 9th and Beyond! All Grades

8:00AM - 2:50PM

We will begin the Regular Drop Off Procedures at 7:50AM.

- The Play Yard Gates open at 7:50AM.
  - **Breakfast available starting at 7AM in Cafeteria**
  - **Use the Main Entrance**
- Welcome and Prayer at 8:00AM.
- Students proceed to class at 8:10AM
- Dismissal at 2:50PM in the play yard
- After School Care begins

We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation and assistance as we open the 2019 - 2020 school year with enormous energy and creativity!