



August 1, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 school year! I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming year and you have had time to relax and enjoy special moments with your family. I have to say it has been uplifting and inspiring to see many of the teachers getting their classrooms set up for the new year. Mrs. Brown and I are cleaning the office getting ready for our new floors and teacher workstation to be completed.

This coming school year, Mrs. Brown will communicate through weekly Wolf Posts starting Monday, August 5. The Wolf Post will include events, reminders, and due dates. Additionally, I will communicate each month through my principal newsletter. The teachers in grades PreK – 5 will communicate weekly in newsletter format; whereas, middle school teachers and specialists (music, PE, art) will post an individual monthly newsletter on upcoming events, reminders, and due dates through School Speak. The middle school teachers will continue to use School Speak where assignments, projects, and assessments are imputed on a weekly or daily basis before 4:00 P.M. each day.

Mrs. Brown has a couple of reminders for you. If you have not completed your Emergency information in School Speak and/submitted unpaid tuition from the 2018-2019 school year, please submit payment before the start of the school year and update emergency information.

I am happy to welcome Ms. Kolyne DeJesus, a student teacher from University of Portland. She will be completing her student teaching at St. Francis Catholic School in middle school science and assist in other areas. Mrs. Smith will be her mentor.

A reminder for the safety of the students and per Father Shane, all morning school drop offs need to be at the gym lobby door, unless your child is attending morning care, their drop-off will be at the library doors. Any students coming prior to 8:00 AM will not be allowed in morning care free of charge. You will be charged \$5.00 per child for morning care if you drop your child/ren off in morning care before the school bell rings at 8:00 A.M. Students will no longer be allowed to come to the office. There will be a teacher/administrator on duty at 8:00 A.M. to open car doors and another teacher will be stationed in the lobby to monitor students from 8:00 A.M. – 8:10 A.M. All **Pre-K students must be walked to their classroom. Pre-K parents please enter the door nearest the Pre-K classroom.**

Starting September 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Francis will offer Extended Care from 3:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday, early release, Extended Care will be from 2:15 P.M. -6:00 P.M. FACTS accounts will be charged \$5.00 per hour per child. There



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will be no half hour charges. The students will have a snack, start homework for one hour, and the remainder of the time will be socializing, playing board games, putting together puzzles, creating art, and involved in outside activities.

St. Francis Community should be pleased with the progress we have made together in updating and improving our technology infrastructure. Gray Wolf, I.T. support, has upgraded the telephone service system, improved the network infrastructure, and configured teachers' computers and set up the middle school students' Chromebooks. Gray Wolf will present at Back to School Night (BTSN) St. Francis's Five-Year Strategic Plan on September 11, 2019. Please note: BTSN will be held on one night this year. Please mark your calendars for September 11 for BTSN. Middle school BTSN will commence at 5:00 P.M.– 6:00 P.M. Followed by finger food and drinks from 6:00 P.M. -6:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall, and from 6:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. presentations from Father Shane, the principal, Gray Wolf., SAC, PSO, and Auction Committee. BTSN for grades Pre-K-5 will be held in your child/ren's classroom starting at 7:00 P.M. There will be two 20 minutes sessions for these grades. More information to follow in the Wolf Post.

I am looking forward to our school year together. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Regards,

Denise Gonzalez  
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