



September 12, 2021

Dear Parents,

It was so great to see the kids last week! Thank you for your partnership as we return 167 students to in-person instruction. Through all the moves and shifts of the last 20 months, your support for the teachers, administration, students, families, and our community is felt and appreciated throughout the school.

Over the summer, many teachers attended professional development courses to implement best teaching practices. These practices will be used to instruct all learners at their level. You will hear more about this on September 23 at Back to School Night (BTSN). Please pay close attention to the *Wolf Post* for the 5th-8th grade BTSN schedule and K-4 schedule.

The faculty, staff, and parents are rising to the occasion to meet the new school year with patience, flexibility, and excitement. With new faculty and staff members and some existing teachers moving positions, we are enthusiastic about the opportunities the new year brings. As always, the energy from the staff is positive and energetic!

At this time, we find ourselves faced with some of the same challenges as last year. Please remember the goal of St. Francis is to have PreK – 8th grade students in school for in-person learning for the ENTIRE school year. We must be steadfast in support of one another to ensure in-person instruction. It is essential that we all dedicate our efforts to the success of our students, teachers, and school community.

Traffic flow in the morning with students being dropped off and parishioners attending daily Mass is a bit hectic. **Please see the attached new drop off procedure.** I am asking for ALL drivers to enter on Oregon Street and depart the school grounds after morning, drop-off at the gate on Langer Parkway. PreK, 3 and 4 will enter on Oregon Street and make a quick right turn and go around to the library to drop off. They will make a loop and exit out the gate on to Langer Drive.

Students in grades K, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will enter on Oregon Street and exit out the gate on to Langer Parkway. Please help us keep all safe and traffic flowing. It is much appreciated.

Pick up in the afternoon is the same.

STAR testing in reading and mathematics will begin this week and will conclude on September 24th. Results will be sent home two weeks after the last assessment day.

We look forward to seeing many of you on September 17th at our Back to School Picnic/Movie Night. Please pay close attention to the *Wolf Post* for more details.

The Auction Committee have been working diligently on making the evening full of fun, interactive, and procuring many exciting adventure items to purchase. This will be a great night to get together as a community to meet new families and reunite with those you know. Invitations will be sent soon.

Father Amal and I are committed to facilitate a faith-filled education for each student. Thank you for your continued support and entrusting your child/children with St. Francis Catholic School and Parish.

Sincerely,
Ms. Gonzalez
Principal