



AVE MARIA ACADEMY
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Our first week is complete.

That seems like a simple statement, but when you consider that the preparation for this past week started last Spring, and moved straight through the Summer, with the contributions and efforts of so many people, well...

If you could see past the precautions, you got see the enthusiasm, hear children's laughter, understand that learning has begun and that our Academy is now more than just a name.

I got to visit our classrooms multiple times this past week, including those who join us from home. We are learning again. I have seen so many of you at both of our campuses each day, during arrivals and departures. Thank you for your kind words of support. Without you, there is no Academy.

Funny thing that, I am still looking for lunch and recess assistance at our Mount Lebanon Campus (to the point of exporting our Bethel Park volunteers to cover Mount Lebanon). Imagine, just for a moment, asking someone who may have been inside a house for the past six months, to step outside and listen to children laughing and playing. Come out and join us, it does wonders for the soul.

Finally, many (most) of you have heard (read) me speak of *Shared Values* and *Academic Excellence*, our Academy's motto. Your children will now begin to hear about *Protectors* and *Mentors*. A Protector is an individual who is blessed with an abundance of physical or mental strength. The Protector uses these gifts to protect and assist others. Mentors are those blessed with natural leadership or charisma who use these gifts to include others who may feel that they are making this journey alone. These are a part of our Shared Values, yours and ours.

It was a great first week.

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