



St. Hubert Catholic School

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Dear St Hubert Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! It is with much excitement that I write this year's "Welcome Back" wish to all students, parents, guardians and staff. Thanks so much to all of you for your patience once again as we begin the new year with a number of Covid protocols still in place as well as the excitement of working towards more normal activities while still keeping the health and safety of all as a continued priority.

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer. I have enjoyed the less hectic pace of the summer months and have appreciated the time to catch my breath from the year of "firsts" at St. Hubert School. But most definitely am looking forward to the students returning and the joy and love of learning that they bring each day.

The absolute best thing about working in education is that each new school year brings with it the opportunity to start again with a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm and the promise of success in so many areas. With the new school year upon us I once again feel a sense of excitement and eagerness for the wonderful things that lie ahead in this new school year. I hope that as you read through this letter you all feel the same sense of excitement and anticipation as we begin what I know will be another great year at St. Hubert Catholic School!

Strength for the Journey- We embrace this year's theme from the Office of Catholic Schools. The school year ahead will continue to challenge us with changes in protocols and directives as we navigate through the pandemic. But we know with God's love and protection He will provide us with all that we need to find strength for the journey ahead. When we find ourselves in times of need and uncertainty our faith and our knowledge of God's love for all of us will carry us through whatever might come our way on this journey together. We are the strength for one another providing the support and encouragement we all need to help us along this wonderful journey.

St. Hubert School says thank you and goodbye to some of our staff members -

Congratulations are in order for our wonderful music teacher, Mrs. Campion. After more than 4 decades serving in Catholic education she has decided to retire. We are so very grateful to her commitment and dedication to our students and the music she shared with all of us. Congratulations and God Bless you Mrs. Campion!

Ana Leira-Jimenz, our beloved Spanish teacher, has decided to continue spending time at home with her beautiful daughter and will not be returning to St. Hubert's this school year. We wish her well and are happy that she has this time to share with her little girl.

St. Hubert School welcomes new staff members: - This year we are pleased to welcome a couple of new staff members to St. Hubert School!

- We are excited to welcome Ms. Nicole Cooper as our new Music teacher. Ms. Cooper will be here for music classes for grades Pre-K through 4th grade. Welcome to St. Hubert School Ms. Cooper!

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- We are also happy to welcome Ms. [Romina Robbin](#) as our new Spanish teacher. Ms. Robbin comes to us from Fun Fluency. We are so happy to have you with us Senorita Robbin!!!

We have a few internal movements to share as well:

- Mrs. Stephanie Celik is on maternity leave to begin the new school year to take time to enjoy her new baby, Charlotte. We will miss her to start the year but look forward to her return soon.
- Mrs. Lori Norman will be joining Mrs. Viverito in our Resource Department to help provide academic support and enrichment for our students. Mrs. Norman has a Reading specialist degree and will bring that experience to help our students become lifelong readers. She will also be team teaching ELA classes in the Junior High grades.
- We have 3 Junior High homerooms this year: Mr. [Andrew Llaneza](#) will be our 6th grade homeroom and Junior High Social Studies teacher. Mrs. [Kelly O'Hara](#) will be our 7th grade homeroom teacher and 6th and 7th grade Math, 8th grade Algebra, and Science teacher. Mrs. Heidi Gorr will be our 8th grade homeroom teacher and Junior High Literature and ELA teacher. All of our middle school teachers will be teaching their grade level Faith classes. Mrs. Viverito will not have a homeroom but will teach our 8th grade Math class.

Supply Drop Off and Meet and Greet on Friday, August 13th from 8:00-10:30

We are very excited to see everyone on supply drop off and meet and greet day. Students and families should enter their individual classrooms through the outside fire doors from the playground parking lot to drop off their school supplies and to meet their classroom teacher. Kindergarten and preschool students will enter through **Door 12** off the playground parking lot. Used uniforms will be available for purchase outside the library door. In an effort to keep movement throughout the hallways to a minimum, if you do need to visit the office please do so through the library door, **door # 21**.

Up-coming and Exciting Initiatives-

- I am also very excited to share that St. Hubert School is one of 15 Archdiocesan schools that are part of an academic focus group. We were chosen as a school that provides a strong academic program but is surrounded by public school offerings that are similarly strong. With that said we are being supported with some one on one coaching from a dedicated "Academic Director" from OCS to help St. Hubert School to reach its greatest potential and the ultimate academic goal of successful students and Blue Ribbon status. We are strong academically and this will help to take our school to the "next level". More information will be provided as we move forward with this wonderful initiative.



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- In addition, I am thrilled to share that we were given a donation to provide robotic and coding devices to our students in our technology program here at St. Hubert's. Be looking for examples of our students in all grade levels using these tools throughout the school year.

There are so many wonderful things in store for us this year to help our students grow in knowledge and in their love of learning.

- We also have exciting things happening to welcome our students back to our school community, a place where they are safe and valued. Teachers will be incorporating a set of practices from the Responsive Classroom approach to teaching that emphasizes academic, social, and emotional growth in a strong school and classroom community. How students learn is as important as what they learn and academic success is tied closely to social emotional learning. Each day our students will be part of morning meetings in their classrooms. These morning meetings have 4 components: Greeting, Sharing, a Group activity or energizer and a message displayed by their teacher including a warm up for the day or another way of greeting the new day ahead. Building strong relationships equates to feelings of worth and value and gives our students confidence in their abilities while respecting that each of us are different and important. These are the concrete messages that we share in Catholic Education. That all are loved and valued by God and by each other.

As you can see the new school year brings with it many new and exciting things.

Along with this welcome back letter are the beginning of the year forms that all families are required to complete and turn in on supply drop off day on **Friday, August 13th**.

I hope that many of you were able to take a look at the What to Expect video for this school year with some of the new protocols in place. Please see the attached School Re-opening 2.0 FAQ hopefully addressing any questions or concerns you may have. This will also be available on our school website. In addition, all families will be receiving communication from the Archdiocese with the Archdiocese guidance and protocols for the upcoming school year. Please take some time to read through both of these documents as they cover much of what will be happening to begin this year as we keep health and safety of all as our top priority. These documents will also be on our school website for future reference.

Additionally, we ask that any of our students who have received the Covid vaccine provide proof of that vaccination. We realize that at this time only our older students have been given the opportunity to receive the shot and are asking that parents of these students bring the card in to be copied in the school office and kept on file. You are welcome to take care of this on supply drop off day if you would like.



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We are looking forward to a wonderful year! As always if you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to give the office a call. Enjoy the last few days of summer. The entire St. Hubert School staff and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at "Supply Drop Off/Meet and Greet Day" on Friday, August 13th!!!

God Bless us all as we begin the new school year,
Mrs. Martin