



August 15, 2017

## *Beatitudes ~ Blueprints for Life*

Dear St Max Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! I hope you are enjoying your summer. The days are flying by, and the first days of school are right around the corner. This year will be an exciting year for St. Max!

The summer has brought some changes to our faculty and staff. We welcome Ms. Rachel Barbella, who will be teaching Kindergarten; and Ms. Aubrey Romanowski who will be teaching 5th grade. Ms. Rebecca McAllister will be teaching Pre K 3. We also welcome a new counselor, Mrs. Amy Musumici. After September 2nd, Ms. McGlynn's new name will be Mrs. D'Avanzo. Mrs. Nancy Clay is our new Spanish teacher. Spanish will be taught to all grades on Mondays and Wednesdays this year.

Our theme this year is: Beatitudes- Blueprints for Life. Mrs. Frantz has worked her artistic wonders to illustrate the theme in the lobby display case. To promote a better understanding, we will be working to incorporate the Beatitudes into our lessons and prayer services during the year.

The new year offers some new programs and some tweaks to the ones in place.

- Students will again be attending Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in addition to monthly masses, and masses during Advent and Lent.
- Enrichment continues with Ms. Vondran and Mrs. Apelian
- Genius Hour for grades 1 to 5 will continue
- Middle School Seminar with new topics will be offered.
- In addition to Middle School Seminar, we will be offering interested students the "gift of time" to work on projects and to participate in competitions /events. Our goal is to have more students participate in Computer Fair, History Day, Math Counts and other outside of school events.

- There are some uniform changes that are optional: a “track style” gym suit and a navy blue skort for girls in grade 1 to 5 to wear with their informal uniform. Both are available through Flynn & O’Hara. Tee shirts and gym shorts are still available at Kelly’s Sports.
- Piano Lessons will be on Tuesdays (and perhaps another day if needed)
- We will be sending home information shortly about morning and afternoon CARES.

Here are some important dates for the beginning of school:

**2017-18 Opening of School**

- Tuesday, September 5 – Teacher Orientation Day
- Wednesday, September 6 – Grades 6 to 8 – Full Day (no school grades 1 to 5)
- Thursday, September 7 – Grades 1 to 5 – Full Day (no school grades 6 to 8)
- Friday, September 8 – Grades 1 to 8 - Full Day
- Monday, September 11- K & Pre K Opening

**Back to School Nights**

- Thursday, September 7- @ 6:30pm - Pre K 3 & 4 “Back to School” Parent info night
- Wednesday, September 13 -@ 6:30pm - Grades 4 to 8
- Wednesday, September 20 – @ 6:30pm - Grades K to 3

Enjoy these last days of summer. Be sure to work on Summer Solutions and to finish your summer reading. Our teachers are in the building getting their rooms ready for a year of learning and fun! Call or stop by if you have any questions, or just to say “Hi!”

Respectfully,



Monica Malseed