

Dear Families,

We hope you are enjoying your summer. The summer school program is well under way and the 2017-2018 school year is right around the corner! We look forward to having everyone back soon! We would like to share the following information with you:

Summer Athletics

There are various camps and activities going on yet this summer. Please contact Coach Meyer at (414) 416-6701 or lance.meyer@stmarcus.org for more information.

Staffing

The following staff members are serving in new positions within the organization:

(MC = Main Campus; TNC = The North Campus)

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| Ms. Desiree Alge - K5 MC teacher | Ms. Delicia Washington - 1st grade MC |
| Mr. Matt Rieck - 3rd grade MC | Mr. Eric Sandow - 4th grade TNC |
| Mrs. Lisa Rouse - Academic Dean (K-4) TNC | Mr. Eli Riddle - 5/6 Science MC |
| Mr. Robert Ceasar - 5th Word of God MC | Mr. Cody Harms - 6th grade MC |
| Mr. Brad Reinhart - 7/8 Social Studies MC | Mr. Jon Boche - 8th grade ELA MC |
| Mr. Josh Lepke - Middle School Dean MC | |
| Mrs. Kessia Boche - Director of MS Operations MC | |

The following teachers are *new* to St. Marcus; please welcome them!

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| Ms. Erin Keese - K4 MC | Ms. Meg Poulson - 2nd grade TNC |
| Mrs. Megan Dills - K5 MC | Mrs. Laura Tyson - 6th Word of God |

Building Connections

We understand how critical the connection between home and school is for our scholars' success. We will have various opportunities throughout the year to communicate and build this connection. Listed below are a few of these opportunities:

- Have you signed up for our mass text option? With this option, you will have important school updates and reminders at your fingertips via text message. (Watch for more information at August parent meetings!)
- Would you like online access to your scholar's grades? This is an option with Parent Access through Skyward, our school database system. (Watch for more information at August parent meetings!)
- August Parent Meetings - this is an opportunity to connect before school starts! Please see the resource included in the mailing entitled, "**Information - Mandatory Parent Meetings.**" It is vital that you attend!

Billing/Athletics/After Care

In order to maintain an effective school, including a wide range of co-curricular activities, it is important that parents pay school fees in a timely fashion. Parents should be aware of three important school policies relating to student bills:

1. Students may only participate in co-curricular and athletic activities after school if their school bill is paid in full or if they have an active payment plan in place. Parents are encouraged to maintain a zero or positive balance so that participation in activities does not get interrupted.

2. Students who have an outstanding balance larger than \$25 may be denied use of aftercare. Students who are not allowed in aftercare must be picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal time. Students who are not picked up within 15 minutes are considered a "late pick-up" and may be suspended from school the following day.
3. All parents with an outstanding bill are required to have an active payment plan in place before the first day of school. Please call the Business Office at 562-3163 to set up a meeting before the first day of school. Business Office staff will also be available at the back-to-school parent meetings.

Middle School Girls: Uniform Policy Change

Creating an atmosphere where our students can be focused on academic and behavioral growth is essential. In order to help eliminate distractions and provide additional clarity in expectations for student appearance, all Middle School students, male and female, will **only** be allowed to wear navy blue dress **pants**. This change will help all of our students and parents to have a clearer understanding of our uniform policy as well as to remove distractions that can take away from our students ability to be as successful as possible in the classroom and in our school. Please see links below for Uniform Policies.

Links

We have included links to the following documents with this letter - All documentation shared here is also posted in the [Parent Room](#) - a web page for parents and guardians to view information related to their child's experience at St. Marcus School. This web page is where you can find access to parent news, the lunch menu and the student parent handbook.

- ❖ [Letter from the Principals: Back-To-School Parent Meetings](#) (mandatory)
- ❖ [School-Wide Student-Parent Handbook](#)
- ❖ [2017-2018 School Calendar](#)
- ❖ [Alternate Household Income Form](#) (reference only; you will fill this out at Back-to-School Parent Meetings)
- ❖ [2017/2018 Main Campus Supply List](#)
- ❖ [2017/2018 North Campus Supply List](#)
- ❖ [Media Release Form](#): Please read carefully as this form has changed. You will acknowledge receipt of this when you sign-in at Back-to-School Parent Meetings.
- ❖ Uniform Policies: [K4-K5](#) | [Primary Grades](#) | [Middle School](#)

Important upcoming dates: (Please note Parent Meetings in August are **mandatory**)

- ❖ June, July, August - Home visits
- ❖ 8/16 - MC Back-to-School Parent Meetings (see letter included for times and dates)
- ❖ 8/17- TNC Back-to-School Parent Meetings (see letter included for times and dates)
- ❖ 8/19 - MC & TNC Back-to-School Parent Meetings (see letter included for times and dates)
- ❖ 8/23 - First Day of School!

If you have any questions, please contact us!

Blessings,

April Richter & Erin Johnson

TNC & MC Principals