

St. John Vianney Regional School
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Greetings,

Welcome to the second year of St. John Vianney Regional School where we are anxiously awaiting your child's return. Our school year opens on Monday, August 29, for a full day of school for kindergarten through eighth grade. Enclosed are specific arrival and departure procedures for walkers for *the first week of school due to the Allentown Fair*. On the return to school after Labor Day, teachers will once again walk the Chew and Turner Street walkers directly to the respective corners to meet parents as indicated on the reverse side.

We have many updates to share that will help your child's transition run smoothly. Our school day and time will be slightly different this year based on a decision that is out of our control. Allen High School has changed their arrival and departure time which will greatly affect the flow of our school traffic. With this in mind, we made adjustments so students should arrive **after** 8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and report directly to homeroom. The first bell will ring at 8:20 a.m. followed by the second bell at 8:25 which will designate the start of classes after prayer. Our day will end at 3:07 p.m. with prayer followed by bus dismissal, walkers, and extended care. Car riders will start pick-up procedures at 3:10 p.m. Please do not arrive earlier since Chew Street backs up and we value everyone's safety.

Once again, our goal this year will be to continue to create community between students, families, and faculty. Our second goal is to promote academic achievement throughout all content areas based on the individual needs of each student. We thank you for the support and confidence you place in both administration and faculty.

A new cell phone policy has been established to alleviate distractions during the day. Your child will drop his/her cell phone in an identified plastic bag each day and your child's homeroom teacher will lock the phone away for safe keeping until dismissal. Phones will be released to your child at the end of the day and **will not be viewed**. You do have the option of keeping your child's cell phone at home rather than sending to school; however, if your child does need to carry his/her cell phone the above procedure will be in place.

We have incorporated many new programs for the upcoming school year and we will continue to keep you abreast through monthly newsletters and an updated webpage. In addition, each week on Wednesday, a parent information envelope referred to as the PIE will be sent home. The purpose of the PIE is to provide weekly grades, school news, and updated information. We ask for return of all signed PIE materials on the following day (Thursday.) In addition, you can view the website and the SJVRS handbook at www.stjohnvianneyschool.org. Your child's teacher will also have a weekly WIKI page that can be accessed through the school webpage on the toolbar. Please check each week for assignments and long-term project information.

Our cafeteria will open the first day of school. Enclosed is the lunch order and information which must be returned to school by August 15 to ensure your child receives his/her lunch on opening day. We partake in the National Lunch Program which provides free and reduced lunches as specified by the enclosed information. Should you have any questions on lunches, please contact Mrs. Jane Leonard at 610-435-6420.

Bussing information from all public school districts will be sent to the three churches ~ St. Francis, St. Paul's, and Cathedral, for posting in the vestibule for pick-up and drop-off times for your child. If you have not yet submitted bussing information and you are eligible, please contact the school office directly at 610-435-8981, extension 1002.

Tuition option #1 (full payment with 3% discount) is due July 31, 2011. Tuition option #2 (2 payments with 2% discount) is due August 30 and December 30. Option #3 is in effect with both eleven and ten monthly payments. If you have not yet submitted your financial information for automatic withdrawal, we ask you to do so immediately by contacting Mrs. Wylie at the Financial Office, extension 1003.

Uniforms are available at Flynn & O'Hara and please remember to submit a copy of your receipt for fundraising credit. The fundraising requirement of \$450 per family has been in effect since May 1st and quarterly statements prior to report cards will be sent home in the PIE. Also, the scrip cards are available at all parishes and will once again be available through school.

A few programs you can look forward to this upcoming school year are as follows:

- Spanish for grades 5-6-7-8 twice weekly
- After school German Club to meet on Monday's after school. More information will follow
- ACCHS will again provide tutoring support based on student needs. In addition, peer tutors from grades 7 & 8 will be available
- ACCHS will also offer an After-School Homework Club. More information will follow.
- Enriched math class for 8th grade students enrolled in Algebra who have demonstrated exceptional math ability and achievement.
- Respect/Anti-Bullying Programs provided by a grant from Mascaro & Sons
- And more...

The August/September calendar is enclosed for your reference along with your child's classroom assignment and homeroom teacher.

Thank you for selecting St. John Vianney Regional School to promote your child's spiritual and academic experiences.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robin Fredericks
Principal