



TO: All Parents
FROM: Marguerite Grimm, Headmaster
DATE: August 16, 2010

Providence continues to bless St. Monica Academy with increased enrollment, excellent teachers, and devoted parents. With an enrollment of 178, we have expanded our use of Neighborhood facilities and will continue to use classroom space at Scott Methodist, the gym at New Revelation Baptist, and the sports fields at Brookside Park to ensure that our students have room to play, grow, and learn! We are about to embark on a new academic year full of the joy faith brings and riches the classics bestow. Mindful of the sacrifices our families make to educate their children at St. Monica Academy, particularly during this time of economic upheaval, we are confident the classical education offered by St. Monica Academy in all its facets is worthy of your sacrifice.

NEW SCHEDULES!

- Weekly masses will take place at 8:15 am at **St. Andrew on Wednesdays** except for the Wednesday of each month that falls two days prior to the first Friday of each month. We will need parent drivers to transport students back to school after every Wednesday mass.
- First Friday masses will take place at **1:45 pm at St. Andrew** on the first Friday of each month. Parent pick-up will be at St. Andrew at 2:35 pm once a month.
- PE for Grades 1-10 will take place Mondays and Thursdays. **No PE on Tuesdays.**
- Afterschool detention will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

NEW TEACHERS!

- Miss Jennifer Rigsby, Grade 4 teacher, comes highly recommended from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in San Diego County, where she taught third grade for two years. A credentialed teacher and a candidate for the Carmelite Sisters of Alhambra, Miss Rigsby also taught Grade 4 religion for two years.
- Mr. Joseph Thompson, Grade 9 Lit., earned his MA in Literature from the University of Mississippi, where he also taught World Literature to undergraduate students. Classically trained at Thomas Aquinas College, he will also teach high school Poetry/Debate, and middle school Latin and math. Mr. Thompson is married and expecting his first child.
- Miss Cecelia Lemmon, teacher's aide, served as teacher assistant for Mother of Divine Grace Academy for one year. A graduate of Thomas Aquinas College, she has experience tutoring Latin, conducting choirs, directing plays, and choreographing various levels of Irish dance.

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First Day of School

Wednesday, September 1 will be the first day of school. Students should arrive between **7:45 am – 8:00 am** and proceed directly to their homerooms:

GRADE SCHOOL

Grade 1	Miss Zepeda	Room 1
Grade 2	Mrs. Goodwin/Mrs. O'Donnell	Room 2
Grade 3	Miss Donofrio	Room 5
Grade 4	Miss Rigsby/Miss Lemmon	Room 25
Grade 5	Miss Miranda	Room 6
Grade 6	Miss Anderson	Room 4
Grade 7-8	Mrs. Cornejo	Room 24

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9	Mr. Bradley	Room 3
Grade 10	Mr. O'Donnell	Room 21
Grade 11/12	Mr. Halpin	Room 23

Welcome Back Coffee!

Parents are encouraged to attend the first Morning Assembly immediately followed by the Welcome Back Coffee to ask questions, meet new parents, catch up with old friends, and find out how you can help the school.

Uniform for the First Week

Friday, September 3 is a First Friday with Mass at St. Andrew at 1:45 pm. On Friday students must wear the **Dress Uniform**. New procedure: Students will walk to the church from school at 1:30 pm escorted by their teachers. Parents will pick-up their students in front of the church at 2:35 pm. Parents are welcome to attend mass with the students!

Finally, I would like to welcome all our new families to St. Monica Academy! I hope you are enjoying a refreshing summer while your students are dutifully completing their summer reading. I look forward to seeing all families, old and new, at the St. Monica Academy annual picnic, on Sunday, August 29 at 2:00 pm!

Sincerely,



Marguerite A. Grimm
Headmaster