



# ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4854 W. Montana St.,  
Chicago, IL 60639  
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Thursday, August 27, 2015

Dear Parents,

“We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for heaven.”

– Blessed Basil Moreau

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! I first want to thank you for choosing St. Genevieve as your child's home away from home. You have made a tremendous decision to sacrifice perhaps additional income because you want a Catholic school for you child. As Blessed Basil Moreau suggests in the quote above, we at St. Genevieve place just as much emphasis on our education program as we do in the spiritual life of our students. What a wonderful gift it is to teach the whole person; both mind, body, and soul.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, and Father O'Malley, our Pastor it is our privilege to help your child realize his or her God given gifts and talents during these formidable years. We have many exciting things planned for this school year, and already we are off to a great start! Our enrollment is at its highest in over 10 years, we have added more technology, and we welcome many new families from both public and Catholic schools. Now, let's get this year started!

Welcome new faculty and staff!

- Ms. Alexandra Davidson joins St. Genevieve as the fourth grade teacher. She graduated from Marquette University and has previously taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Blessed Sacrament in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Welcome Ms. Davidson!
- Ms. Maggie Shelledy joins St. Genevieve as the Director of Advancement. She is replacing Daisy Perez. Ms. Shelledy joins us from Baltimore, Maryland where she previously worked with an adult English Language program. Welcome Maggie!
- Mrs. Yessenia Lopez joins St. Genevieve and Mrs. T as the preschool aide. Mrs. Lopez has previously taught in Mexico and Puerto Rico. Welcome Mrs. Lopez!

Important information:

- Arrival – Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:45am to 8am. School begins at 8am. If students arrive after 8am they are considered tardy and must be signed in at the office. Our school handbook states, “tardiness is not taken lightly. It is a disruptive practice, inconsiderate of self and others.” Please be considerate of the teachers and other students and bring your children to school on time.
- Safety procedures – Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students serve as crossing guards in the morning and afternoon at the intersection of Montana and Lamon. Please drive cautiously. For your convenience, we have a drop off lane in front of the school. There is NO PARKING in the drop off lane before school. If you wish to park, please park in the parking lots.



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- Absences – All absences must be reported to the school office no later than 8:30am.
- Mark your calendars – Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Meet the teacher night 6:30pm grades 1-8.
  - Learn where the school is headed for the future
  - Hear new changes to this school year, including a new Math program
  - Introductions and visits with the teachers
- Construction
  - As you may have noticed the city of Chicago is redoing the sewer lines on Montana. I will communicate any transportation changes as I am notified.
- Communication - We are thrilled to launch a brand new look to our website. Please check it out, [www.stgschool.org](http://www.stgschool.org). We communicate via email, Facebook, Twitter, School Reach, and our website. Our school calendar is on the home page of our website and is updated frequently. If you are not receiving emails from the school please email [mshelledy@stgschool.org](mailto:mshelledy@stgschool.org) to get on our school email list.

Let's have a great year everyone!

Sincerely,

M. McKenna Corrigan  
Principal