



ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Thursday, August 25th, 2016

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 2016-2017 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 your 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 since 2003; we have added a second preschool room; we continue to add more programming outside of the school day, 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. Tia Hanna joins St. Genevieve as a preschool teacher. She graduated from the University of Dayton and has previously taught preschool in Chicago, and an intergenerational classroom (K-2) in Cleveland, OH. This is Ms. Hanna's fifth year of teaching. Welcome Ms. Hanna!*
- *Ms. Mary Stroka joins St. Genevieve as the Advancement Director. She is replacing Ms. Maggie Shelledy. Mary graduated from Dominican University with a degree in journalism. She is excited to use her experience of writing for various publications to communicate our story to the greater Chicago area.*
- *Mrs. Teresa Ocampo joins us as a preschool aide in Ms. Hanna's class. Mrs. Ocampo was an aide at Our Lady of Charity prior to St. Genevieve, and has worked in Catholic schools for quite some time. Welcome Mrs. Ocampo!*
- *Ms. Nanichi Rodriguez joins St. Genevieve as a preschool aide in Mrs. T's classroom. Ms. Rodriguez previously taught in Puerto Rico and has worked in a daycare since permanently moving to the United States. Welcome Ms. Rodriguez!*

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.
- **Drop off** – Our 8th 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 walk your child into school, you must park in one of the parking lots.
- **Absences** – All absences must be reported to the school office no later than 8:30am.



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- Communication - We are thrilled to launch a brand new look to our website. Please check it out, www.stgschool.org. We communicate via email, Facebook, Twitter, School Messenger, 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 mstroka@stgschool.org to get on our school email list.
- Enclosed in this week's Thursday letter is a letter regarding lead testing that was done over the summer. We are happy to report that there were no significant findings!

Tonight is our annual "Meet the Teacher" night! This is for grades 1-8. We will begin at 6:30pm in the school hall, and then you will have a chance to see your child's classroom and talk further with your child's teacher.

- Learn about our long term goals for the school
- Celebrate our recent accomplishments
- Meet your child's teacher!

Let's have a great year everyone!

Sincerely,

M. McKenna Corrigan
Principal