



August 16, 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Where does the time go? The days of summer are passing so quickly. I hope that you have managed to find time to rest and spend time with family.

Here at school we have been busy throughout the summer months. Thanks to the continued generosity of the Adelaide Breed Bayrd Foundation we have installed cameras for security purposes that will allow us to monitor activity in and around the school at all times. We can more clearly identify visitors to the building at all entrances and observe activity in the school yard and parking lot. This will greatly improve the safety and security of Cheverus. The installation of the playground will be completed by the time the children arrive in September. Mr. Scott Carbonneau has been about the business of cleaning classrooms, stripping and waxing floors, and making sure the school is ready when students arrive. Mr. Lane continues his outstanding work in admissions, ordering books and supplies, and financial aid. Mrs. Jaime Young, together with her staff, has provided our children with yet another summer of fun.

We will be saying good-bye to Mrs. Anita Aranha, Mrs. Chrisanne Gunderman, Ms. Linda Egea, and our school nurse, Mrs. Bonnie Walsh. We are grateful to these individuals for their service to the children of Cheverus, and we wish them well as they move on.

There will be some new faces at Cheverus this year. As many of you already know Father Mario Guarino is the new pastor of Sacred Hearts Parish. Father Mario has extensive experience as an educator. We welcome him to the Cheverus family. We are pleased to announce the addition of Ms. Mara Bettencourt who will be teaching music and Spanish to all grades, and Mrs. Diane Greenleaf who will be our new school nurse. Ms. Claudia Rascon originally planned on returning to Texas, however, there's been a change of plans. She will be returning to Cheverus to assist in the classrooms and with the Extended Day Program. We are currently engaged in a search to fill the vacant classroom aide positions.

It is encouraging to see the continued growth of enrollment. New registrations continue to come in on a daily basis. Please let families know that we are still accepting registrations for all grades. Those interested in the Early Childhood Education Program should register sooner rather than later because of limited space. Sharing this information may also provide you with an opportunity to take advantage of the Recruitment and Referral Program discount.

We are making all final preparations to welcome our students back. We begin the week of Labor Day. The schedule for the opening of school is:

- Tuesday, September 4 Half day for grades 1 – 8 7:50 AM - Noon
Parent Orientation for Pre-School, Pre-K, and Kindergarten at 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 5 Pre-School/Pre-K Open House 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Kindergarten Open House 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Half day for grades 1 – 4 dismissal at Noon
Full day for grades 5 – 8
- Thursday and Friday Full day of school all grades
September 6 and 7

Other important dates for the opening of school include:

- Monday, September 10 Gym and Art Classes Begin
- Thursday, September 13 Back to School Night Grades 1-8 Parents Only
- Friday, September 14 Opening Liturgy, Student Council Induction

You will receive more detail on these last dates as they approach.

Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Arria, Jr.