

Wyoming Area Catholic School

“Where we Live, Love and Learn by Faith”

August 2017

Dear Wyoming Area Catholic Families,

Look around you. The stores are advertising “Back to School” and are all stocked up with brand new school supplies and even Halloween items!! It seems like we just closed for the summer and now we are about to open our doors and welcome back our students!! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer. We have been so busy getting ready for your return. We have made some great improvements to our building.

Normally we paint two classrooms in the summer, but this year we devoted all our energy in refreshing and improving our computer lab. The lab had computers and monitors replaced, the walls got a fresh coat of paint and the carpeting was replaced! You will not even recognize it. As we do every year, we had all the floors in the school stripped, cleaned and waxed as well as all of the carpets cleaned in the office, library and the classrooms with carpeting. The gym floor was also updated with a professional and thorough cleaning and buffing. The doors to exit the building in the sports entrance are being repaired and the partition in the gym will be repaired and updated.

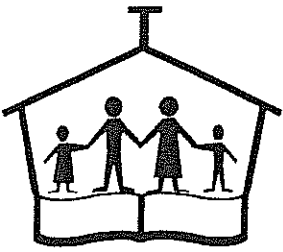
In last year’s August letter, I stated I hoped to have a new time clock and stage curtain installed. Completed!!! I can say without a doubt that the building and grounds of the school are in the best shape they have been in years. Our STEM garden is flourishing. Many thanks to Mrs. Colleen Madar who spearheaded this project as well as all of our families who volunteered to water the garden. We had our first produce picked and brought into the school. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the vegetables we harvested. Our garden will be the focus of ongoing STEM projects and assignments throughout the year. Without a doubt we have had a productive summer.

As we begin our new school year we only had one change in our faculty and staff. Mrs. Evelyn Owens, our third grade teacher, who was out on family leave, decided to retire. Ms. Stephanie DePhillips, long-term substitute for Mrs. Owens, applied to fill the position in our school and was hired full-time. After discussion with Ms. DePhillips and Mrs. Rosencrance, the decision was made to place Mrs. Rosencrance in 3rd Grade and Ms. DePhillips in Kindergarten.

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year our enrollment remains steady and we have enrolled several “new” students. We remind you to share our Facebook page with all your contacts and most certainly encourage others to join our family. Any family who refers a family who enrolls a student will be awarded a \$1,000 tuition credit upon the completion of the new student’s school year. This is a great incentive and more information can be found on the DOS Catholic School’s Facebook page. Like and Share.

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The first week of school will be all ½ days. We will follow a special schedule so that all students will meet their “special” teachers BUT we ask that no student wear their gym clothes the first week. Just a reminder that all students are required to wear a “Mass Uniform” to church when we attend. Our first mass is Friday, September 1, 2017. Boys in Grades 1-8 must wear long uniform slacks, dress shirts and ties to mass. No shorts. Girls in Grades 1-3 will wear blouses and jumpers and girls in Grades 4-8 must wear skirts, blouses and either the weskit (which is the coolest option) or a pullover uniform sweater or sweater vest.

As school is just a few weeks away I would like to remind all of our students that any kind of “hair coloring” you may have done over the summer months must be gone before you report to school on Monday, August 28th. I know it is fun to change up and have some crazy colors, but if it doesn’t wash out, then either it must be cut out or re-dyed to a natural color. According to our handbook, nail polish is not allowed nor is bracelets or Fitbits and Apple Watches. Necklaces are limited to small religious medals and we ask that headbands are the school regulation headbands as stated in the handbook. No large bows or hair ornamentation is permitted.

We will be updating all our families about activities and events planned for the first couple months of school at our Back To School/Meet the Teachers Night which is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M. Please make every effort to attend.

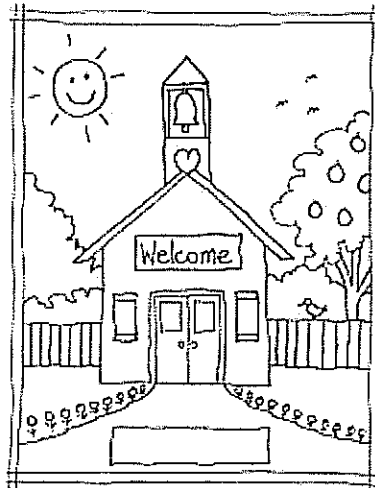
I know that you will be very pleased when you see all that has been done. We hope you will join us for our Family Drive-In-Movie Night on Friday, August 18, 2017 beginning at 7:30 P.M. We will serve hotdogs and some other goodies and this will be a chance to gather as a school community before school begins. More information is in this mailing about the movie but it is very important that you *give us a call* if you plan on attending with the number of people in your family attending so we have enough hotdogs to feed everyone.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Rishcoff".

Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff
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