



ST. MARIA GORETTI Catholic Elementary School

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August 24, 2026

Welcome Back to School!

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year!

To all our returning families, thank you for the trust, partnership, and support you continue to share with our school community. We are delighted to welcome you back and look forward to building on the relationships and successes we have celebrated together.

To our new students and families, a special welcome. We are excited that you have joined our school family and hope you quickly feel a strong sense of belonging, connection, and support. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing all that makes our school such a special place to learn, grow, and thrive.

As we begin this year together, our division theme, Rooted in Joy, invites us to reflect on what grounds us in faith, hope, and community. In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul reminds us:

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness...”

Galatians 5:22

Just as a tree draws strength from deep roots, we are called to root ourselves in Christ and in the values that help us flourish. Joy is not simply a fleeting emotion or the absence of challenges. Rather, it is a gift that grows when we live with gratitude, faith, compassion, and purpose. When we are rooted in God's love, we are better able to share joy with others through our words, actions, and relationships.

Throughout the school year, we will encourage our students to cultivate the fruits of the Spirit in their daily lives. Together, we will create a learning environment where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to reach their full potential. We will celebrate achievements, learn from challenges, and support one another as members of a caring Catholic community.

The partnership between home and school is one of the greatest strengths of our community. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and faith formation of your children. By working together, we can ensure that every student experiences



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success, develops meaningful relationships, and discovers the joy that comes from learning and belonging.

As we open the doors to a new year, let us embrace the opportunities ahead with open hearts and hopeful spirits. Together, we will continue to grow as a community of learners, rooted in faith, strengthened by meaningful relationships, and inspired by the joy that comes from learning and serving others. May we remain rooted in Christ, rooted in community, and above all, rooted in joy.

On behalf of our entire staff, welcome back to our returning families, welcome to those joining us for the first time, and welcome to another wonderful year of learning, growth, faith, and community.

Blessings for a wonderful year ahead,

Please note the details for our first week starting on September 2nd:

Wednesday, September 2nd:

- First full day of instruction for Gr. 1 – Gr. 6
 - *Please ensure your child brings a lunch*
- Staggered entry for Kindergarten (email sent Aug. 20)
- Class lists will be posted at the following locations:
 - Front door of the school
 - Outside between the main building and portables
- Bus service will begin. Please check PowerSchool for your pickup/ drop off times and location. If you are picking up your child on the first day, please let the office know as attendance is taken before they get on the bus.

Thursday, September 3rd:

- Staggered entry for Kindergarten (email sent Aug. 20)
- Regular programming for Gr.1-6

Friday, September 4th:

- Staggered entry for Kindergarten (email sent Aug. 20)
- Regular programming for Gr.1-6



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Our Bell Schedule:

- M-F - First bell - 8:36 Am
- Classes begin – 8:39 Am
- Dismissal – 3:15 Pm
 - Thursday dismissal – 12:10 Pm

School Fees:

- Kindergarten: \$30
- Gr.1 – 6: \$45

**We kindly ask school fees to be paid on PowerSchool by Oct.15, 2026. Fees will be live on PowerSchool on Sept.15, 2026. Please call Mrs. Fabiano in the office for any questions or arrangements you may need. 780-475-0158*

Please also mark your calendars for our upcoming **Meet the Staff Night on September 10th at 6:00pm** where you will have the chance to meet your child's teachers, learn about the curriculum, and connect with other families. We will also be hosting various events and activities throughout the year, so stay tuned for updates. Finally, we invite you to keep informed by visiting our [St. Maria Goretti website](#), particularly our [calendar page](#) where we will continue to post updates throughout the school year. [School supply lists](#) are also listed on the school website as well.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

With gratitude,

Dane Sadownyk
Principal
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Elementary School

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