



June 29, 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family are having a wonderful summer! The 2023-2024 school year is just around the corner, and we want to welcome our new families and say welcome back to our returning families! How blessed and how privileged we are to partner with you in the spiritual, academic, and physical development of your child(ren)! We look forward to a tremendous year focused on engaging your child in the learning process utilizing a variety of teaching strategies. It is also our joy to mentor them and shepherd their precious hearts in a structured, yet loving, nurturing environment!

In the interest of keeping you informed of details and upcoming events surrounding the start of the 2023-2024 school year, please be attentive to the following announcements:

- The first day of school is Monday, August 14. Preschool (K3-K4) begins at 7:55 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. Many parents make use of extended care available with packages until 3:05 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Early morning care is available if pre-arranged as well. The school day for K5 begins at 7:55 a.m. until 3:05 p.m.; however, there is a 1:00 p.m. dismissal for K5-12 grade the first week of school to facilitate acclimation to school.
- A special Preschool Orientation (K3-K5) for parents only will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 10, beginning with a brief assembly in the chapel. This gives us quality time to communicate policies and procedures, which has proven to facilitate a smoother and more productive school year. This meeting will only last about 45 minutes total including classroom visits, so kindly make arrangements for childcare.
- Preschool (K3-K5) parents, please be attentive to the enclosed letter regarding Portfolio Assessments, our way of assessing and monitoring your child's progress and development.
- Books and school supplies for preschool classes will be issued on the first day of school.
- Please make sure that your child has a normal size backpack and a lunch box. Nap mats are required if your child is staying for naptime. Please purchase the ones with the built-in blanket and pillow. There are many online sites to choose from. We no longer allow the large homemade nap mats.
- Please make sure that everything is labeled with your child's name.
- The uniform dress code and appearance standards will be strictly enforced at ALL grade levels. Details of the uniform dress code can be found below.

Sincerely,  
Tim Shelton  
Administrator