



August 31, 2016

**WELCOME
BACK**



THE BIG ENVELOPE YOU RECEIVED THIS LETTER IN MUST COME BACK TO SCHOOL! We use this envelope every week to send home weekly letters and notices.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. I hope that the summer has given you time to relax and spend with family and friends. I would like to share with you a homily that I recently heard at one of my principal formation meetings. The homily was given by Father Joseph Newman of Saint Francis de Sales High School in Toledo. He started out telling a story about the first homily he ever gave, in 2013. Afterwards, he was outside shaking hands when a man approached him and asked, "Father do you know what the largest room in the world is?" He thought for a moment and answered, "Well I suppose it is a room in Saint Peter's Basilica." The man said no and then replied, "It's the room for improvement." Father Newman laughed, and thanked the man for his honesty.

As we go through this year let us pray for the growth of our students, parents, and staff. May we always look to improve what God is calling us to work on, and guide us to our ultimate goal of Heaven.

We ask God to guide us through this 2016-2017 school year together, and may all that we do be for His greater glory.

Mr. Linder
Principal

We would like to welcome these new students to Divine Mercy Catholic School:

Kindergarten - 13 students:

Nathan Benschneider
Simon Conley
Addilyn Davis
Kendall Folsom
Addilynn Gerardot
Michael Griffiths
Blaize Karhoff
Waylon McCord
Dashlyn Schweinsberg
Addison Sennebogen
Luke Stoller
Maxton Williamson
Skylar Young

Grade 1: Adrianna Mead
Grade 2: Carter Baumle
Grade 2: AJ Mead
Grade 3: Konnor Wannemacher
Grade 4: Rylin Moore
Grade 5: KatieAnna Baumle
Grade 6: Joseph Branham
Grade 6: Kristin Wannemacher

Welcome to these students and their families!
We are excited to have you as a part of Divine Mercy Catholic School! Let us know if we can assist you in any way.



PLEASE take time to fill out the email registration paper attached to this newsletter, and return it to the office. We will use your email

address to send out an electronic copy of the Wednesday newsletters. Once we have your email recorded a distribution list will electronically deliver the newsletter to your email inbox. This option should make it very easy to read the newsletter right on your cell phone.



Friday we kicked off our Fall fundraiser. Club's Choice

Fundraising is offering some individual and group incentives to encourage participation. Check out your envelope for the prize incentives and bonus prizes. New this year is a chance to win a trip to Disney World and keychain collectables (similar to the Hoops for Heart ones). This event will run through Friday, September 9th. Delivery of ordered items will be October 10th. **Please collect payment when your customers place their orders.** Our fundraiser helps keep our tuition affordable.



Absence - When your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school office before 8:40 a.m. Otherwise, our secretary will be calling you to verify your child's absence.



Weather Delays - If Paulding is delayed 2 hours for weather reasons, and Wayne Trace is on the regular schedule, Paulding buses will run 2 hours late. You

may bring your child in, safety permitting, or you may let them ride the Paulding bus running on the 2 hour delay. They are not counted tardy when it is a weather related 2 hour delay. If Wayne Trace is delayed 2 hours and Paulding is not delayed, Divine Mercy students arriving on Paulding buses will be placed in a monitored study hall in the Paulding school until they can be transported to Divine Mercy.

If Paulding closes for weather reasons, and Wayne Trace remains open, there will be **no bus** service to Divine Mercy. If you choose not to bring your child to school, they will not be counted absent for that day.

3-hour fog delays - Wayne Trace will implement the 3-hour fog delay when necessary. **A 3-hour delay would extend the school day by 1 hour, with dismissal at 4:15.**



Tuition and Book Fees - If you have not done so already, please sign up to the FACTS Tuition Management system:

<https://factsmgt.com/>



Lunch Money - Just a reminder you need to send in money with your child if they will be buying hot lunch. You may send in a lump sum of money and this will be placed on your child's lunch account. Lunch (which includes milk) is \$2.65. If your child wishes to purchase milk only, it is \$.50 a carton. If paying by check please make the check payable to Payne Elementary. Remember to place your child's money in a marked envelope that includes:

Their name, grade level, and the amount of money that is enclosed.

Please do your best to keep your child's lunch account current. A notice will be sent home with your child when more money is needed in their account.



Free and Reduced Lunch Forms -

This form was in the packet of papers you received at open house or on the first day of school. If you have not yet returned this form, please take time to look at the income chart to see if you qualify. No child on Free and Reduced Lunches will be singled out at lunchtime. There is no difference in how the count is taken or how they are served to the students. Federal Assistance funds our Title 1 reading and math programs.

The more students who qualify for free/reduced lunches help secure federal funding for our Title 1 reading and math programs. These programs are a very important part of our daily curriculum. Our students depend on these programs to boost their academic skills in all areas. **Please return the forms to school by tomorrow, September 1st.**



If you've been to Engrade's website you might have noticed that the accounts will no longer be accessible beginning December 31, 2016. Students who most used

Engrade in the past were grades 2-6. Instead of adopting a new online grade book midway through the school year, we will be implementing a new system within the next few weeks. The system we will be using is called AscendSMS, and will be a huge FREE upgrade for our school. More details coming soon.



Divine Mercy School Council is sponsoring the 8th Annual Nathan Rosswurm Memorial 9 Hole Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 10th.

Profits from this event will benefit the tuition assistance program. We still have openings for teams. The cost breakdown for a team (**4 players**) is:

\$30/player (\$120 team) payment required in advance - includes green fees, 1 cart per team, food and drinks

\$40/player (\$160 team) payment required in advance - includes green fees, 2 carts per team, food and drinks

Tee off time will be at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. You can call Ed Stuart (419-263-2219), or the school office (419-263-2114) to register a team for this event. If you are unable to play, but would still like to contribute, you can show your support for our school by purchasing a "Tee or Cart Sign." You can have your family name listed on a tee sign for a \$15 donation and/or a cart sign for a \$25 donation. To purchase a "Tee or Cart Sign," you can send in your donation along with your family name to the school.

Please have all Tee/Cart sign information into school by Wednesday, September 7th. If you have any questions call the school office.

Wanted - Golf door prizes - If each family could donate 1 or 2 small items it would really help! The prizes do not have to be expensive things. Some examples might be - golf balls, golf tees, golf towel, Bath & Body lotions, tee shirts, gift cards, or candles. Thank you for your help!



Box Tops for Education - cut these out and send them to school. They bring in extra funding for our school. Last year we raised \$484.10. Thanks for all of your help!



School Pictures - The school pictures are scheduled for Monday, September 19th. Info will be included in a future envelope. We will once again be going with Lifetouch Studios. These pictures make up the composite pictures for our annual yearbook so all students will be photographed.



Notification of upcoming PTA meetings will be included in the Wednesday newsletter sent home each week. The PTA sponsors many fun activities throughout the year. Our first meeting of the 2016-2017 school year will be **Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm** in Mr. Grant's room. Other dates are:

- Tuesday, October 25th @ 6:30
- Tuesday, December 6th @ 6:30
- Tuesday, February 7th @ 6:30
- Tuesday, April 11th @ 6:30

Please plan on attending PTA meetings this year. This organization is what you make it to be, and we have a great PTA!



If you received Honeywell Instant Alerts last year, you should still be receiving them this year too. This is used to notify you of school delays. New students and any new kindergarten family will be added to the system, using the phone number you provided during registration. Any newly registered family, and any new family who is coming from Payne Elementary is already in the system too. **If you do not receive a notification during our first school delay, let us know so we can resolve the issue.**



Last Friday, August 26th, your student probably told you about the school losing power. AEP came around 5:00 and fixed the problem. There was a damaged wire coming from the electric pole into the meter box. A big thanks goes to the students and staff for handling the unplanned event so well!



Next Tuesday, September 6th, kindergarten through second grade students will be taking the fall MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Tests required by the Diocese. The tests will

measure the progress of our students as well as the performance of our school. Students in grades three through six will complete their fall testing the week of September 12-16.

Upcoming Events:

- Thurs. 9/1: School Commitment Mass
- Friday 9/2: No school - Teacher In-Service
- Mon. 9/5: No school - Labor Day
- Tues. 9/6: Preschool First Day
- MAP testing for K-2 (through 9/9)
- PTA meeting 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room
- Friday 9/9: Fundraiser Sale Ends - send in packets to school office
- school Mass @ 9:15
- 5&6 Grade Field Day at Paulding Fair Grounds 9:00-2:30
- Sat. 9/10: 8th Annual Nathan Rosswurm Memorial Gold Scramble 9:00 start time
- Mon. 9/12 MAP testing for 3-6 (through 9/16)
- Thurs. 9/15 School Mass @ 9:15
- Fri. 9/16 2 hour delay - teacher in-service
- Mon. 9/19 School Pictures
- Weds. 9/28 1st quarter midterm reports will be sent home

Many thanks go to:

- **Father Poggemeyer and Mrs. Conley** for all of their time spent with the students throughout the year teaching the Faith.
- **Mr. Grant** our new 5/6 teacher. He has already done an outstanding job getting things ready for this year.
- **Mrs. Gerardot, Mr. Grant, Mrs. Lopshire, Mrs. Gideon, Miss Kuhlman, and Miss Kaufman** who had to rip their rooms apart and then put them back together when building updates were being done. They had to help with our interview process, do summer SMART board training, attend Diocesan meetings, and much more. Thank you.
- **Mrs. Kuhn** and **Mrs. Stuart** who do **MANY** tasks in the office. Even during their summer break.
- **Mrs. Black** who runs the school library. She donates so much of her time, and does a great job helping the students find books they like to read.
- **John Morse** who will again be donating his time and talents for band instruction.
- **Ernie and Donita Lopshire** for making the floors sparkle, moving furniture, painting, and all their hard work!
- Our school council members: **Ed Stuart, Rachel Treece, Sarah Noggle, Jason Williamson, Jennifer Rust,** and **Patty Lee** and the **Rosswurm family** who are working TIRELESSLY to get the Nathan Rosswurm Memorial Golf Scramble ready.
- **Steve Crowley, Jake Ekland,** and **Peter Grodi** for helping install the new white boards and take down the old blackboards.
- **Elizabeth Cox, Michael Schweinsberg, Angie Slade, Rachel Treece, Julie & Ed Stuart, Jan Brandehoff, Lisa Benschneider, Maria Roddy, Kylie Folsom, Chase Gideon, Mrs. Gideon, and Mrs. Gerardot** who volunteered to spend time painting the classrooms, student restrooms, and staff restroom. They look amazing.
- **Schweller Electric** for putting in our new security latch on the front door, and taking down all of the projectors in the rooms.
- **Kris Gerardot** for fixing our laminator!

Bob Franklin for donating \$5,000 to our PTA account to be used for the students at our school!! Mr. Franklin has also made another donation to purchase an Under Armour jacket with the school logo for all students and staff at Divine Mercy Catholic School! We cannot thank him enough for his generosity! More information will be coming.

Patty Lee for buying Dilly Bars for all of the students and staff on their first day back to school.

THANK YOU!