

May 28, 2020

Dear Parents,

#27-Last Edition

Dates:

Friday, May 29 - Last day of School - Grades 1-7 will return school materials

Thursday, June 4- First session of Kindergarten screening

Friday, June 5- Second Day of Kindergarten screening.

NOTES:

Week of Monday, June 1- Friday, June 5- The Administrative Offices of the school will be open. Offices will be closed beginning on Monday, June 8th. Please know that emails and phone messages will be checked throughout the summer time by the secretarial staff.

Return of Books- textbooks and library books, calculators and chrome books.

Drop- off areas:

- Grades 6 & 7- return tables are set up by the flag pole.
- Grades 3, 4 & 5- return tables to be set up outside of Emmaus Center doors.
- Grades 1 & 2- return tables to be set up outside of the connector wing.

If possible, we would like families with the last name A-L to return books from 9:00 AM to Noon, and last name M-Z noon to 2:30 PM.

- 1) *Please practice social distancing.*
- 2) *Access to the school is limited. If there is a need to pick up personal belongings the teachers have been instructed to let one family in at a time.*
- 3) *Students will receive yearbooks, spring pictures, report cards and Summer Solution workbooks when materials are returned.*

A big thanks to all of the students that sent me encouraging notes and letters the past two weeks. They are very much appreciated.

Mr. O'Loughlin will be taking over the reins on Tuesday, June 2. My last day will be Monday, June 1. Good luck, Mr. O.

I wanted to share with our families our [8th grade farewell video](#) as produced by teacher Ashley Schwieterman.

Final Thoughts:

What a whirlwind the last seven months have been! We have crossed the Finish Line! I hope everyone can take a deep breath, relax and take satisfaction that under these difficult circumstances we survived and did the best we could do! Thank you to our families and students who understand the importance of routine and sustaining the educational process. Your efforts were phenomenal! We have not been perfect in our remote instruction, but we have given a strong effort in continuing to develop the academic side of our students. It was difficult, but we endured and now we can say it is done. Let's just pray that we can start the 2020-21 school year on time- August 17 in a manner in which we are comfortable.

The past seven months, as the principal of St. Chris, have been extremely rewarding. It is such a pleasure to work in a Christian environment where you experience kindness, faith, hope, charity, patience and humility. As your new principal says, "We are about building God's kingdom!"

I share the last stanza of a poem that has guided my leadership over the years.

*"I can easily wreck in a day or two, what other builders have taken a year to do.
And I thought to myself as I went my way, which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder that works with care, measuring life by the rule and square.
Am I shaping my deeds to a well- made plan, patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker who walks to town, content with labor of tearing down?"*

Let's keep building St. Chris! Each one of us plays a role in making ourselves and this school a little better each day!

Best Wishes to All!

Paul Beyerle