

August 20, 2008

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year at J.E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School. It has been an exciting and busy week for faculty, staff, and students.

This will be one of the few times a hard copy of the "Thursday" letter from the principal will be sent home from the school office. Due to rising prices and trying to conserve resources, we have decided to reduce our paper/ink usage. Therefore, all or most of the communications (Principal's letter, lunch menu, calendars, Student/Parent Handbook, etc.) from Mrs. Hunt or the office will be put on the Cosgriff website instead of being sent home in a Thursday take home folder. If you do not have internet access, please notify the office and a paper copy will be sent home with your child on Thursdays. The Cosgriff website is [www.cosgriff.org](http://www.cosgriff.org).

- Hot lunch will begin on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please download a copy of the lunch menu/calculation sheet from the Cosgriff website under the parent info link and return it to the office with payment by Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Please review the updated Student/Parent Handbook located under the parent info link on the Cosgriff website. Refer to it for questions concerning uniforms, grades, discipline, etc.
- The first All School Mass is Thursday, August 28 at 8:45am. It is the first formal dress day for all students. All parents are invited to attend.
- Thank you to Michael Hilton, Judy and Adam Warden, Barbara and Skip Schmiett, Leslie McGregor, Katie and Tomas Aguirre, and other helpful parents for putting together a fun and relaxing "Back to School Barbeque" on August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- As many of you know, a new computer lab located next to the library is currently under construction. The library will reopen the first of September. Our state of the art computer lab will be opening in the near future. Thank you for your patience.
- FYI-The lower level of the school houses the toddler and preschool students. The main level is for grades K-5. The top floor of McCarthey Hall is the home of the Cosgriff Middle School (grades 6, 7, 8).
- Homework Club will take place again this year beginning the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup> on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm-4:15pm.

Homework Club is for serious students who choose to extend their academic day by studying, completing homework, and asking questions. Students' grades 4-8 are encouraged to attend Homework Club. Special permission is required for younger students.

- The academic class schedule has changed this year. Core subjects such as Language Arts, Math, and Science are taught during the morning hours. "Specials" classes (P.E., Music, Art, Computer, Spanish, Latin, and Library) are scheduled for later mornings and afternoons. This change allows for a solid literacy block of time for teachers to meet in professional learning teams.
- Picture day will be Monday, September 15. Students may wear free dress, appropriate attire-no jeans.
- Just a reminder SAT testing is earlier this year. SAT week will be September 8-12. We encourage parents to make sure their child is well rested, and has eaten a good breakfast.
- The parking lot is always crowded before and after school. Please drive around until your child sees you at pick-up time. Do not get out of your car to retrieve your child in the pick-up lane. Thank you.
- The faculty and staff at Cosgriff are committed to offering every student an excellent academic education grounded in Catholic tradition and values.

Thank you in advance for a year of enthusiasm, support, and patience.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt  
Principal