

September 5, 2017

Dear St. Germaine families,

Welcome back! We have been very busy this summer planning and preparing for this upcoming year. Many improvements have been made throughout the school building and we are READY! It was so nice to see everyone this morning!

Again, I would like to welcome our new teaching staff members, Mrs. Esler—4th grade, Ms. Mulrenin—5th grade, Ms. Schaaf—Middle School, and also Mr. Talia—Physical Education grades 1 - 8. Please offer them a warm welcome to our school community!

- Many forms will be coming home today. Please read them, complete them, and return them to school by Thursday, September 7—these forms are required to be on file.
- A healthy morning snack (optional), lunch, and a drink for your child(ren) must be provided until our hot lunch program begins on September 19. Hot lunch orders will come home today and are due back with payment by the 7th.
- Our fall **Morley sale** begins today. Mr. Morley will be here to kick off our sale! Please participate by selling/purchasing as much as possible. If **every** family sold a minimum of \$100 we would have a very successful fundraiser and reach our goal! And don't forget, **Yankee Candle** online ordering is open and will count toward our earnings through January 2018!
- **Meet the Teacher** night for grades Kindergarten through eighth will be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. Go directly to your youngest child's classroom to meet their teacher and receive more specific information. Following that meeting, you may go meet your older child's teacher(s). This is a parent-only evening—plan on 1 hour or less.
- **Festival news (September 15, 16, 17):** Volunteers for festival are becoming more and more difficult to recruit—please remember that **each school family is required to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours** for festival (4 hours for partial day students). While assistance is needed in many different areas of our festival, our games tent is probably the most “kid friendly.” I suggest that parents of our younger students (Pre – 3) complete their hours in the games tent. Your children can work right alongside you OR at least be in the games tent while you work. Sign up here for the games tent: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-games>
Sign up for festival kitchen here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaac2da64-festival>

Here's a look at our first week:

Tuesday, September 5	WELCOME BACK! Half day dismissal; Morley sale begins
Wednesday, September 6	Mass 8:30 am (grades 1 – 8); Half day of school 11:40 dismissal grades 1 – 8 Full uniform for all
Thursday, September 7	Full day of school (grades 1 – 8)—full uniform; all school forms are due, hot lunch orders due
Friday, September 8	Full day of school (grades 1 – 8). Spirit Day—wear your green/white/Spartans
Monday, September 11	is Patriot Day—wear your red, white, and blue—we will begin our day with a short prayer service outside, around the courtyard flagpole.

Have a wonderful first week/weekend.

Blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez