



July, 2019

Dear Frassati Eagles:

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and excitement as we move to one campus. It has been a great summer with building improvements, and some redesign of old spaces. It is hard to believe school is just over a month away! We want to welcome all of our new Eagles to the school. We are on target to meet our enrollment goal of 256 and will be welcoming at least 34 new students this fall.

This packet includes important information for upcoming events and items that may still be needed to complete your child's registration.

*Forms included are family specific. This may include an invoice, health requirements, Kindergarten screening and the ANNUAL CANTS form.*

**Academics:** As you may recall, we are working through a 5 year curriculum alignment and update. This fall we will be introducing new social studies textbooks and curriculum opportunities for our students in K-8. We will also be introducing a new English Language Arts program for our students in K-2.

**Social-Emotional Wellness:** We will be introducing a program called Second Step for students in K-8 to continue to promote social-emotional wellness. You can check out the program overview at [www.secondstep.org](http://www.secondstep.org).

**Assessment:** We will continue to use Aspire as our summative assessment for students in third through eighth grades in the spring. The Archdiocese, through the AdvancED process, has an initiative to provide an assessment for students at the K-2 levels, to ensure early learning target success. We began using a program called iReady in the winter last year to assess students and then provide intervention or enrichment at their individual learning target areas. We are expanding this program this fall to students in K-8. This will allow for assessment three times a year to check student progress on grade-level standards as well as provide those online lessons and guidance for small group lessons to target individual student goals. Students will work with this program 45 minutes a week in each subject (reading/math).



**School Mass:** School masses will take place for our PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday at 9:15 and for junior high students on Friday at 2:00pm. There are a number of weeks where we will have combined mass and our students will come together as one faith community.

**Classroom Updates:**

With our move to one campus we have had the opportunity to update some spaces around the school, and to move some locations around to better serve the students.

- In junior high students and families will notice that Spanish and Math has switched room locations. This will allow our Spanish teacher to have one classroom to serve elementary and jr high students and the room location is near the top of the hallway, so our elementary students can access the room easily.
- In the elementary wing: 4 classrooms got new carpet this summer and all the rooms got a paint upgrade!
- In the 4/5 wing we are working to create a Makerspace for students to explore their creative and critical thinking skills. **Please note in the packet you will find a list of household/recycled items we are looking at for donation.**
- Our resource and enrichment teacher will have a room in the 4/5 hallway as well.

We are looking forward to a great school year ahead. There has been much thought and planning into bringing everyone together and continuing to grow stronger in our faith, and academics. Thank you for your continued support and growth of our school community.

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### Upcoming Important Dates

**July 31<sup>st</sup>/August 1<sup>st</sup>: Kindergarten Assessment:** Enclosed in this packet (if you have a kindergarten student) is information regarding Kindergarten screening and meet the teacher time.

**August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Mr. Suhling, Athletic Director and I will be hosting a coaches meeting at 6:00pm for anyone who is interested in coaching sports this school year. This meeting is mandatory.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>: Back to School Night:** This is A **Parents Only** event for families to finalize paperwork, payments and check in with Athletics, FFA, pick up your school supplies if you ordered them, and look at the uniform exchange. All families should plan to stop by between 4 and 7pm.

**Following this event at 7:00pm we will have campus orientation for any new families or families new to the Wauconda campus that want to learn about the space, talk about lunch, drop off/pick up and other school year events.**

**August 19<sup>th</sup>: 2:00-4:00pm: Supply Drop Off and Ice Cream Social:** From 2-4pm teachers will be working in their classrooms and would love if students and families want to stop by and say hi, drop off their school supplies, and then head to the playground for ice cream treats and social time with fellow school families. Jr high students are able to come in and organize their lockers if they want.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School!!!!** Following drop off, join parent ambassadors in the lunchroom for coffee and donuts at 8:30am.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Opening Mass for the school year at 9:15 for all students. Families are always invited to join us for school masses.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>: 4pm Frassati School Family Mass:** Annually, we hold a Frassati Family Mass to welcome all of our families and honor our school community. We will host mass at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church. Refreshments to follow.

**August 27<sup>th</sup>: Curriculum Night:** More details to come! This is an opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about grade level expectations and curriculum, and get more information about events for the coming school year.