



June 17, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you very much for a wonderful 2018-19 school year, one filled with learning, faith, and fun! The next two weeks will be busy, with our G6-9 students writing their PATs and Finals! We are well into preparations for the 2019-20 school year and send this letter to share a few important details.

School Times

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri

Registration 8:40 a.m.

Lunch 12:20 –12:50 p.m.

Dismissal 2:55 p.m.

Thursday

Registration 8:40 a.m.

Dismissal 12:04 p.m.

Tuesday September 3

Kindergarten – Staggered Entry – students will attend at the times specified by Ms. Cowen.

Grades 1-9 – This will be a regular full-day Tuesday. Students will meet with their homeroom teacher, get to know their classmates, and begin the transition from summer to school. Activities/items will include reviewing expectations & routines, locker assignments, textbooks, schedules, etc. Of course, such matters only take so long so students must also be prepared to begin their new academic year!

Transportation – Yellow School Busses will be running on their normal schedules.

Junior High Academies begin today!

Wednesday September 4

Kindergarten – Staggered Entry – students will attend at the times specified by Ms. Cowen.

Grades 1-9 – This will be a regular full-day Wednesday.

Transportation – Yellow School Busses will be running on their normal schedules.

Elementary Academies begin today!

Thursday September 5

Grades K-9 – This will be a regular early-dismissal Thursday with students dismissed at 12:04 p.m.

Transportation – Yellow School Busses will be running on their normal schedules.

Friday September 6

Grades K-9 – This will be a regular full-day Friday.

Transportation – Yellow School Busses will be running on their normal schedules.

Bus Passes

Both Yellow and ETS bus passes will be available for purchase at the school starting Tuesday August 27. Note though that on the first day or two of school, ETS will allow students to ride to school for free on the understanding that they purchase their September bus passes forthwith. Yellow Bus drivers are even more flexible and will be satisfied if the passes are purchased in the first week or so. Prices for either the Yellow Bus or ETS are **\$33.50/month** for G1-6 (\$29.25/month if a family needs to buy 3 or more) and **\$56.50/month** for G7-9 (\$52.50/month if a family needs to buy 3 or more). Payment can be by cash, Visa, or MasterCard.

Replacement passes are \$5.00 for Yellow and \$75.00 for ETS as the initial ETS cost is subsidized by our District. Kindergarten students get free bus passes when attending their designated school (i.e. live within our catchment area). Also, students living more than 2.4 km from their designated school will be eligible for a free yellow bus pass this year or an ETS pass for only \$18.50 (Elem)/\$21.00 (JH). Note that this does not apply to students living outside our catchment area who attend a program of choice (i.e. an Academy).

Lunchtime

Our lunch is just 30 minutes in length, and we have a closed campus which means that students are not allowed to leave the school grounds. However, older students living very nearby can go home for lunch if we have written permission from parents. As we have a limited number of microwaves, please avoid sending food that requires heating. We anticipate that our health-conscious Junior High canteen will open on September 9.

Supply Lists

These are posted on our school website under “School Information”.

School Fees

These too are posted on our website under “School Information”.

We truly appreciate your ongoing commitment to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. This is a special and unique site and it was a blessing to work here these past four years! As you know, Mr. Pat Lema will be the Principal starting in the fall as I move across the river to my new posting at J.J. Bowlen Junior High School. Despite this change, the Mount Carmel pledge to you remains the same; everything possible will be done to make this the best school it can be so your children can flourish in mind, body, and soul!

Kindly note that our office will re-open Monday August 19. In the meantime, may you have a wonderful and joy-filled summer!

Sincerely,



Kevin S. McGoey, Principal

on behalf of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Staff