



July 23, 2018

Dear MMSA Families,

Greetings! I hope your summer is going well and you are enjoying the wonderful summer weather. We are busy in the office getting ready for a new school year!

Staffing Update:

- I am happy to report that we have no changes in our teaching staff for the upcoming school year.
- We are in the process of interviewing an Extended Day coordinator as well as Extended Day assistants. I will update you and introduce you to the new team when they are in place.

Enrollment Update:

I am happy to report that as of this mailing, we are welcoming 6 new families to MMSA for the upcoming school year. We have 2 new students in Kindergarten, one in first grade, two in third grade, one in 4th and two in 6th grade. We also have 12 new families joining our preschool. I have been giving preschool tours this summer and expect those numbers to increase! We are growing and we could not be more excited!

A reminder: MMSA offers a referral discount of \$1000. Each time a new parent registers their K – 8 child at MMSA, and lists a current MMSA family as the reason they registered/heard about MMSA, the referring family will receive \$1000 off of their 2018 – 2019 tuition credited in January 2019. The family referred will receive \$500 off their 2018-19 tuition also credited in January 2019. Spread the good news about your school!

If you are on **Facebook**, be sure to “LIKE” our page: MMSA Catholic School. Feel free to post a review of our school to help us get the word out! You may use any social media platform that you use to share about our school. **On Twitter:** @MMSASchool and on **Instagram:** maternityofmaryst.andrewschool

Change in our Hot Lunch Program

MMSA is changing caterers for our hot lunch program for the coming year. Lancer Catering will be preparing our meals this year. Please find included in this mailing, a letter from Lancer introducing themselves. We are very excited about this change and feel it it will boost interest and help our students develop good eating habits with fresh

produce, more variety in menu selections & quality. The price of our hot lunch will remain at \$3.00/day.

NEW FINAL REGISTRATION PROCEDURE THIS YEAR:

We will not have packet pick-up weekend or packet turn-in week because of online registration this year. As with anything new, unanticipated glitches have come up. So, while we will not have packet drop off week, we will need you to stop in the school office on ***Greet Your Teacher Night***, (see below) to:

- **Sign a couple of forms** (St. Paul Public School forms for textbooks/Nurse and Counseling Services)
- **Pay**
 - Classroom activity fee (K - 8), (\$10 per child)
 - Home and School fee (PreK - 8), (\$5 per family)
 - 4th – 7th grade families, purchase planners (\$7)
 - Put money in lunch account
- **Middle school students:** receive locker number and combination

Greet Your Teacher NIGHT/ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

WEDNESDAY, August 29; 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Families may bring their school supplies to their classrooms and say hello to their teachers, stop by the office, and then head to the cafeteria to greet friends and enjoy an ice cream sundae.

If you can't make the Greet Your Teacher Night or would like to stop by sooner to take care of these things, our office hours are:

Monday – Friday; 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Beginning the week of August 20, we will back to regular office hours;

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with the exception of Wednesday 8/29. Our office hours will be 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. on that day.

Free and Reduced Lunch;

Forms are included in this mailing. ***They are due in the school office by August 24.*** Families that qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, help our school! As more families qualify, we will raise our Free or Reduced Lunch percentage, which in turn will increase the money we receive through grants and aid from the Archdiocese and other programs. *Even if your child does not plan on ever taking hot lunch, simply qualifying will help our school.* We encourage families Pre-K-8 if they think they are close to qualifying, to please complete the paperwork. **All applications are completely**

confidential. You will receive a letter from the office regarding your eligibility for Free or Reduced Lunch before school begins.

School Supply Lists: School supply lists are posted on our website, under “Quick Links.” www.mmsaschool.org. Don’t forget SCHOOL TOOL BOX as an option for ordering school supplies. Go to www.schooltoolbox.com. **You may place your order up to 3 weeks before the start of school.**

Uniform Exchange

Our uniform exchange will be available beginning the week of August 20. Feel free to bring in uniforms that don’t fit and pick up what you can use. Please be sure that any uniforms you bring in are clean and in gently used condition.

Work Off Tuition:

If you are interested in “Working Off” part of your tuition by working different events in the stadiums in town, please contact Linda Huey at minnesota1122@yahoo.com or by phone at 651-488-1222.

Fall Sports Sign-up: Grades 5 – 8

Included in this mailing are registration forms for soccer and volleyball. Please return those with payment to the school office by **Friday, August 10**. You may stop by or mail them in.

School Calendar

An updated school calendar is on our website under “Quick Links.”
www.mmsaschool.org

August volunteer help is needed: *(It’s never too early to get started on those K-8 volunteer hours)!*

- **Greet Your Teacher/Ice Cream Social:** (August 29); We will need a few volunteers to scoop ice cream, serve, and clean-up. Please email or call the school office if you can help. principal@mmsaschool.org 651-489-1459 Thank you in advance!

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!! Please don’t hesitate to call with any questions.

In His Love,

Maggie Quast
Principal