



# SAINT CAJETAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Cajetan Families,

As an educator, parent, and parishioner, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your school principal and for the overwhelming support I've received in my first few weeks on the job. While my role here will be new, I am not "new" to this community, so I already feel very much at home.

As the Principal of St. Cajetan, my mission will be to build a school culture immersed in faith, one that empowers both students and teachers to reach their highest potential. With more than 15 years of experience -in the classroom, as a Reading Specialist, and as a school administrator - I'm confident that I can take our already thriving school to a new level of excellence.

When it comes to academics, my philosophy is simple. We are going to stop teaching textbooks and start teaching children. We're going to view every student as an individual and embrace the fact that there are differences in the way children learn. We will evaluate our current strategies, then ask ourselves if those strategies are effective in moving our students forward. If we find that they are not, we will eagerly implement change.

Our teachers will play an important role in growing our children and I look forward to working collaboratively with them to create a new vision for our school. We are lucky to have such outstanding educators at St. Cajetan, dedicated professionals who care about the emotional and spiritual well-being of our students and are invested in their success. It will be my privilege to lead them, praise them, and challenge them to embrace innovation within their classrooms.

My very first goal is to improve communication. My door will always be open and it is my priority to make sure that families feel valued, respected, and as though their voices are truly being heard. Please know that the best interests of our student body, which includes my own four children, will always drive my decisions and that the potential I see in our school will be my daily motivation.

I look forward to getting to know all of our St. Cajetan families and to working together during what I know will be a wonderful school year. Please be sure to scroll down to view upcoming events and information for the new school year and thank you for choosing St. Cajetan.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Michelle Nitsche  
Principal

*Here is a sneak peek into our upcoming events.  
Please know detailed information regarding each event will be  
e-mailed and posted on our website as it becomes available.*

### **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS FOR JULY**

The school office will be open from 9am to 1pm Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29.

### **MEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING ~ SATURDAY, JULY 30TH**

Come out and join our new and improved golf outing. Over 120 golfers are already in attendance. See the attached flyer for details.

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL ~ MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND**

All school families are invited to an FSA sponsored ice cream social from 6:00 – 7:30 pm on the parking lot. This event is important as it is the time you will receive your school packets containing all the necessary information to get your year started on the right foot. Representatives from our various school organizations will be there to assist you with questions or concerns. You can also drop off your child's school physical/dental/vision exams. We hope to see you there!



### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR K-8 ~ WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24TH**

K-8 students will attend from 7:45 am to 12:45 pm. **Before and After Care will be available.**



### **PRESCHOOL PARENT MEETING ~ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH**

Preschool parents are asked to attend a short meeting (parents only) on Wednesday, August 24 at 8:30 am in the **Primary Building, Room 13.**

### **PRESCHOOL BEGINS ~ THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH & FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH**

We welcome our preschool students. For those attending 5 Day and 2 Day programs – school begins Thursday, August 29. For those students attending our 3 Day program – school begins on Friday, August 26.

- Half Day hours: 7:45 am until 10:45 am
- Full Day hours: 7:45 am until 2:30 pm

### **PARISH PICNIC ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH**

Save the date for an afternoon filled with family, friends and fun. See the attached flyer for details

### **MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT ~ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST**

All parents, Preschool through Grade 8, are asked to gather in church at 6:30 pm for prayer and a brief presentation by Mrs. Nitsche on the school goals for this year. Following prayer, instructions will be given as to where to meet with teachers. This is a PARENT ONLY event. We look forward to seeing you!

### **SCHOOL PHYSICALS DUE**

Illinois State law states that any child who does not have their physical or vision form completed and in the school office by October 14 will be excluded from school on October 17. These forms can be downloaded right from our website.

- School physicals for new students, kindergarteners and students in grade 6 are due by October 17
- Vision forms for all kindergarteners are due on October 17

## UNIFORMS

I know some parents are eager to get their shopping done for back to school but I ask that you hold off for one more week. Our Leadership Team will be reevaluating some of the current policies in the handbook and there is a possibility that some *minor* changes may be occurring to the uniform. An eblast will be sent on August 1<sup>st</sup> if changes do occur.

## VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL ~ VIRTUS TRAINING

In order to volunteer at St. Cajetan School (including field trips and fun lunch), you must be in full VIRTUS compliance. In order to remain in full compliance, each volunteer must renew his/her CANTS form (in your packet you will receive at the ice-cream social). No adults may volunteer until this form is returned to the school office. If you are new to the school, you must complete the entire process. Please visit our website at [www.stcajetanschool.org](http://www.stcajetanschool.org). Under our "Parents" tab, scroll down to VIRTUS training. Please contact the school office 773.474.7820 if you have questions.



## QUICK VIEW CALENDAR

Monday – Friday	July 25-29	School Office Open 9am to 1pm
Monday	August 22	Ice Cream Social
Wednesday	August 24	First Day of School K-8, Early Dismissal 12:45 am
Wednesday	August 24	Preschool Parent Meeting, 8:30 am Memorial Hall- Parents ONLY
Thursday	August 25	First Day of School for 5 Day and 2 Day Preschool
Friday	August 26	First Day of School for 3 Day Preschool
Sunday	August 28	Parish Picnic
Wednesday	August 31	Meet the Teacher Night