August 6, 2019

Dear Queen of Peace Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Queen of Peace Catholic School. I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing summer break and that the students are ready for another successful year at QP. Below you will find some important information regarding upcoming dates. Please review this packet carefully. Remember that as parents, we are called to be our children’s first teachers. God chose us to be living examples of his mercy, love, and grace.

**Monday, August 19th** is Back to School Night – The Annual “Back to School Night” will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. Following the introduction of the staff, remarks by Fr. John and a review of procedures, families will have the opportunity to briefly visit classrooms and greet the teachers. The Used Uniform Sale is going to start at 6:00 pm. Please enter the building that evening through the church entrance.

**Tuesday, August 20th** is the First Day of School - 8:00 am first day for students – 3:00 pm dismissal. Please send your student(s) to school in their regular school uniform. If your assigned dismissal row was previously Row 1, your assignment has changed. Please see the enclosed updated list to view your new assignment.

**Friday, August 23rd** is a Mass day. This is also the kick-off to our 10th Annual PeaceFest. Students are permitted to wear their PeaceFest t-shirts, a PeaceFest t-shirt from a previous year, or another Queen of Peace spirit wear with school appropriate shorts or pants. Please remember that all shorts must be at least fingertip length and if leggings are worn, the shirt worn over them must reach fingertip length.

**Puma Pals** – Our before and after care program will begin on Tuesday, August 20th. Like last year, families will drop off and pick up students using the main entrance door with the Puma Pal code. Registration will be taken at the Back to School Night. This program is available to all QP students. Your FACTS account will be billed a $15 registration fee the first time you utilize this program. After that you will be billed following the fee schedule as outlined on our website or in the Puma Pals brochure (which can be obtained from the school office).

**Parent-Student Handbook** – The Parent – Student Handbook can be found online at our website. The handbook was once again revised to reflect the new policies and procedures. Diocesan Policy requires that parents read the handbook and sign the Policy Handbook Acknowledgement Form contained in the first communication envelope.
**Lunch** – Hot lunch will be served during the first week of school (August 20-23). The prices are as follows:

- Pre- K-8 lunch - $3.00 (includes milk)
- Milk - $0.50
- Pre-K-8 extra entrée - $1.50

The open ordering dates are August 7-15th through Boonli (formerly known as OrderLunches.com see attached letter). Applications for Free/Reduced are included in today’s packet. Full instructions for completing the form and for qualification requirements are included. Please fill out and return the form before ordering lunches if you qualify.

**Grab and go Breakfast** will be served to any students who order it through Boonli at a cost of $1.50. This consists of a Main item (ex: bagel, cereal, muffins etc.) fruit, fruit juice and milk.

**Thursday – Sunday, August 22nd – 25th PEACEFEST 2019** – Please also note that the PeaceFest Rummage Sale tent arrives on Friday, August 16th evening and adds traffic and safety concerns to dismissal. Please read this carefully to address these concerns and to be informed of how dismissal will be different for the first full week of school and into the next week until the tent is removed. Row 10 is going to be moved to accommodate the Rummage Sale tent. Row 10 will line up facing the School doors and will exit following Row 1. We will have the rows marked and will have church and school staff out in abundance to help direct traffic. Please be respectful of those who are directing traffic and drive slowly through the lot at all times. Another reminder: *Proceed to the “Late line” adjacent to Father’s lawn if the students have already started exiting the building.* Our PeaceFest Rally will be Friday, August 23rd at 2:15pm. If you are going to attend, please park in your assigned row/line.

**Wednesday, August 28th** – Parent Night – 5:00-5:30 (Grades PK-2)
5:45-6:15 (Grades 3-5)
6:30-7:15 (Grades 6-8)

**Chromebooks** - Students receiving Chromebooks in grades 2 through 8, will get a separate email, letter, or phone call when the dates and times are set for the meetings to go over Acceptable Usage agreements and to receive their Chromebooks. We are currently working to get them all set up and labeled correctly before distribution can take place.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or send me an email at jmiller@queenofpeace.cc. I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday, August 19th at 6:00 pm.

Thanks and God Bless,

Jill Miller
Principal