

Dear Parents,

I hope each of you had a wonderful summer and feel re-energized as we begin this new school year. Please see below for some important items for parents.

Booth for Festival- Prospective Families and Alumni

This year our school will sponsor a booth at the Parish Festival Family Night on Thursday, August 1. Several members of our school team will be there. We encourage you to bring by any of your friends who are looking for a school community. Also, we will be updating contact information for any St. Gabriel alumni.

PowerSchool and Homeroom Teachers

PowerSchool is now available for parents to access. Through this portal, families will view their child's teacher(s) by going to "Quick Look Up" and look for "Attendance". Login information will remain the same for returning families. Class lists are not posted publicly for security reasons. Kindergarten and new families should have received an email previously with account information. If you have questions about your account, please contact Sheryl Kremer at skremer@stgabriel.net.

Bus Routes

Bus routes are being finalized. Bus families will receive a separate email with bus assignments, route information, and pick-up/drop-off times next week. You will also receive a Reach Alert based on your child(ren)'s bus color. Please note some of the bus colors have changed.

Carpool and Parking

Carpool routes for morning drop-off have been modified. Please see a [map <add link>](#) of morning dismissal. It is important to use the designated areas for the safety of all children. Afternoon carpool remains the same except the exit onto Bardstown Road will be right turn only. There will continue to be a designated area available on the church side (Bardstown Rd) for early pick-up. Please note students may not meet parents outside designated areas. Staff will be stationed throughout the campus to direct parents. During the day, the parking lot next to the play park will be gated to ensure the safety of the students as they travel to and from the building. Thank you for your patience as we all adjust to these changes.

Facilities Update

Our facilities team has been hard at work this summer. We now have a shared entrance for the parish and school offices. The doors to the parish and school offices will be locked. Visitors will be buzzed into the office. A new entryway has been added in the school office that leads into the main hallway. Double doors have been installed at the end of the hallway and may be accessed with keyless entry.

Water bottle filling stations have also been added in the main hallway and will be added to the junior high wing. These were a gift from the Class of 2019.

The 5th grade hallway and stairwell received a fresh coat of paint.

Communication

School News: We will continue the Trumpet email newsletter weekly. Please let us know if your email address has changed or if you would like an email address to be added. Our emergency notification system will continue to be Reach Alert. You are welcome to make updates in your account for your communication preferences. School news will continue to be posted on [News You Can Use](#). We are updating our website this year. We will be sending a communications survey for parents later this fall.

Classroom News: Teachers in grades 3-8 will use Google Classroom to post homework and long-term assignments. Google Classroom allows parents to opt in to receive [email summaries](#) at a frequency of your choice. Summaries will include information from all the student's classes so it will not be necessary to check updates from each teacher individually. Teachers in K-2 will continue to update the website with class information. Many of them also utilize apps such as SeeSaw or Class Dojo to communicate with parents.

Curriculum Changes

Third graders will now switch classes for three subjects. They will have their homeroom teacher in the morning for reading, spelling, math, and religion. Then they will switch classes in the afternoon. Ms. Hunt will teach social studies, Mrs. Link will teach language arts, and Mrs. Mattmiller will teach science.

We have adopted [Dreambox](#) as our math enrichment program for K-5. Dreambox Learning is an adaptive formative assessment software that personalizes instruction in a game-based, online platform. This software will be used to supplement in-class math instruction. Dreambox is also accessible off campus.

The Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Schools, including Saint Gabriel, will begin [NWEA MAP](#) testing this year. Students in grades K-7 will be tested in the fall, winter, and spring. This assessment adapts according to student's answers in order to best assess the child's understanding of varying concepts and measure growth over time. It is completed on the computer or iPad. Grades K-2 will complete a reading fluency assessment. Grades 3-7 will be tested in reading, language usage, and math.

Handbook

The 2019-2020 handbook will be released later this week.

New Staff

We are excited to have wonderful new staff join our school community. We will send a separate email with their biographical information. They are Mrs. Jayne Kraemer (instructional coach), Mrs. Sarah Eaton (counselor), Ms. Oliva Hadorn (Kindergarten), Mrs. Dawn Fouts (2-K instructional assistant), Mrs. Pamela Mundt (2-R instructional assistant), Ms. Kelsey Humpert (4th grade language arts), Mrs. Martha Falkner (6th language arts), Mrs. Amanda Brown (7th/8th literature), Ms. Tess Collins (7th/8th language arts), Ms. Anita Brooke (7th/8th math), and Mrs. Kristin Lococo (administrative assistant).

Mrs. Susan Adams will teach 1st grade this year. Mrs. Kathy Wood will be our School Communications Coordinator.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 1st

- Homeroom teachers posted in PowerSchool

Aug. 8th

- **New Student Orientation** from 9-11 a.m. (For new students only, grades 1-8)- hosted by Student Council
- **Kindergarten Orientation** (Parents only) 6-7:30 p.m. in the library

Aug. 12th

- **Meet Your Teacher**- Drop off supplies for grades K-8 (3-6 p.m.). School Kidz supply kits can be picked up in the library.
 - Stations will be set up for various committees in the cafeteria, athletics information sessions will be held every half hour in the gym, spirit wear and uniforms will be available for purchase
- **Mandatory meeting for 6th grade students and parents and new 7th or 8th grade students and parents** at 6:30 p.m. in the gym (Internet Safety). These students and at least one parent must attend to be issued an iPad during the first week of school.

Aug. 14th

- **First Day of School- 1:00 dismissal**

Aug. 15th

- **Opening All-School Mass, 8:15 a.m.**
- **1:00 dismissal**

Aug. 30th

- **Mini Schedule Night:**
 - Opening with Principal Lara Krill at 6:00 p.m. (church)
 - Parents are invited to the classrooms grades K-8 for an informational session. There will be two sessions offered. In classrooms: Session one: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Session two: 7:30-8:15 p.m.

Oct. 4th

- **PTSO Walk-a-thon**, Kick-off begins in the gym at 9 a.m.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at lkkrill@stgabriel.net.

Blessings,

Lara Krill
Principal

