



Head of School Notes

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Important Information, Please Read Entire Notes!

Welcome Back Social: Our Welcome Back Social is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 25. This is a great time for you to meet school families, tour your student's room and greet their teacher. It will take place from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. We ask that you finish your time at the school no later than 7:30 p.m. so that we will all be prepared for the start of school on Wednesday morning.

New Family Orientation: Prior to our Welcome Back Social we will have our New Family Orientation which will begin at 6:00 p.m. (this is a change from the last HOS Notes). This is a great opportunity for our new families to get to know each other as well as learn more about the day-to-day activities of the school. Childcare will be provided.

School Start Time: School will begin at 8:15 instead of 8:25 as it has in years past. This change has been made in support of the school's curriculum. Afternoon Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will begin school at noon. The 3:05 end time will continue to remain in place.

Little Pelican Start Dates: Our Wednesday/Friday Little Pelicans class will begin this Wednesday, August 26. The Tuesday/Thursday class begins this Thursday, August 27.

New Faculty and Staff: Covenant School is pleased to welcome several new faculty and staff to our school. Julie Marling is our new morning Kindergarten teacher replacing Julie Roberts. Julie has been teaching First Grade in the Rockwood School District for the past several years. Karen Owen is our new Sixth Grade teacher. Heidi Arkema is our new Art teacher replacing Annie Presker. Heidi has a degree in Art and has taught Art at the elementary level in a Christian school in Elgin, Illinois. Julie Frizzell replaces Sarah Lucas as our school librarian. We thank Julie, Annie and Sarah for their years of service at Covenant!

P.E. Teacher: Covenant is still in need of a P.E. teacher for the 2009-2010 school year working approximately ten hours per week (two afternoons). Should a permanent teacher not be in place by the beginning of our school year we have made arrangements for an experienced P.E. teacher to begin the school year for us.

Opening Chapel: Our Opening Chapel will be at 11:30 a.m. this Friday, August 28 in the church sanctuary. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Summer Improvements: A number of improvements to the school's facility and equipment took place over the summer and will continue into the fall.

- Carpeting was laid in five rooms including the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade classrooms, the Library and the school office. The carpeting in all other rooms was professionally cleaned. We plan to replace carpeting in the rest of our school rooms next summer.

- All classrooms that were not painted last summer were painted in early August. In addition, the school office was painted.
- New cabinetry has been donated for the school office. The new cabinets will be installed in the next few weeks. In the meantime there may be a bit of “messiness” about the office but just know that they soon will be alleviated.
- We began killing grass for the installation of the school’s prairie. The seeding of the prairie will be completed in December. In addition, the school’s “farm” (a series of raised beds surrounded by a wooden fence) will be constructed this fall for planting in the spring. These two projects are Phase I of the construction of our outdoor classroom.

“Big Future” Presentation: On Thursday, September 24 beginning at 7:00 school leadership will present “A Big Future for Our Small School” to our general school community. This will be a great opportunity for us to share our vision for Covenant School and solicit your feedback.

Student Information Sheet: If you have not yet updated your Student Information Sheet please do so as soon as possible. You may do this by simply writing on the sheet and dropping it by the school office or mailing it back to the school at the address at the bottom of this Notes, by emailing updated information to our Administrative Assistant, Laurabeth Medlock, at lmedlock@cpcstl.org, or by calling Laurabeth at the school. Please take time to do this as soon as possible!

Above & Beyond Registration: It is not too late for our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents to register for Above & Beyond. Above & Beyond is a supplemental program for children which meets twice each week (Wednesday and Friday) through the school year and is completely optional.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this packet (or anything else) please feel free to contact Laurabeth or me at the school at 314-787-1036 or at lmedlock@cpcstl.org or jroberts@cpcstl.org.

Thanks and God bless,

Rev. John Roberts
Head of School

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