

### Back to School Edition



We are looking forward to seeing everyone very soon. There are some important dates and events upcoming before school starts on August 19.

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting and student orientation. We will discuss the coming year and walk through a typical day for the students, room locations, lunch, lockers, and everything they need to know about their day. We will start the evening by meeting in the church sanctuary.

Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is the annual Parent Open House and BBQ starting at 6:00. We will briefly cover important information for all the parents and then enjoy some fellowship, food, and fun activities. It will be a great opportunity for you to meet the teachers and take a tour of the facilities. We have spent the summer cleaning, painting, and upgrading the facility and our curriculum and are anxious for you to see it.

This year we have adjusted our cell phone policy for the secondary students. Students will be required to check their phones in Mr. Gardner's room before the first hour bell and will only have access to it for emergency purposes during the school day. Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this change. Studies from the National Institute of Health, Department of Education, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization and our own empirical indicate the distraction cell phones are to the educational process.

If you have any questions about the upcoming year, please do not hesitate to call the school or my cell phone 507.676.1800.

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