



CHALLENGING MINDS

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Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! It was great to see so many of you at back-to-school night and so great to have smiles and laughter back in the building this week. Each Friday, we will be sending you an electronic newsletter full of school and parish happenings and events. There will also be flyers and links to further information and forms. This is an important part of our ongoing communication with you. If you are a Facebook user, please like our school page for more information. Beyond that, each classroom will be connecting with families and communicating with you through email and Schoology (our learning management platform). We don't mean to overwhelm you, but we also want to make sure that we are providing you with the information you need in a timely manner. The majority of our school communications are electronic, so please make sure to keep the office up-to-date with any changes to your email or contact info. And please, never hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We want to be your partners in the education and formation of your children and are always available to help.

The kids are settling into the routine of school quite nicely. Starting school for the first time or starting school with a new teacher is very exciting but it can also be a little overwhelming for some children. Adjusting to earlier bedtimes, the structure, new teachers and friends may cause some children to experience anxiety. While a little anxiety with the new school year is to be expected, it should fade after the first few days of school. If your child is experiencing anxiety which continues beyond the first few days, please contact me or your child's teacher so we can help you make sure they get off to the best start possible.

Fortunately, it hasn't been too hot, but even in cooler weather it is important to stay hydrated so please remember to send a refillable water bottle and a healthy snack to school each day with your child/ren.

We just learned that one of our students, Giuseppe Cutraro, was admitted to Children's this afternoon and will be having his appendix removed, so please keep Giuseppe and his family in your prayers this weekend.

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 6 No School; Labor Day
- 7 School resumes
- 8 All-School Liturgy 8:15 am - church
- 9 Spirit Day
- 13 [Blood Drive](#)

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Road Construction Update The work is not completely done, but the streets are paved. You should be able to drop off easily in the front as usual. If you still need to walk your child into the building, please park in the back lot and ring the security button to be let in.

We've Got Spirit! Spirit Wear that is. Order St. Mary School and/or Athletic spirit wear through the [Burghardt's Sportwear portal](#). Place your order on or before September 9th.



24th Annual Golf Outing Join us on Saturday, September 11 for a noon shotgun start at the Silver Spring Golf Course for our annual Golf Outing. Not a golfer? Help is needed with registration, or you can become a sponsor or donate to the raffle.

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In the Community



GO Riteway is actively looking for community-minded individuals to become school bus drivers.

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Donate blood at the St. Mary's and St. Anthony's Blood Drive on September 13th.

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Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes Fall session begin on September 22nd. Register your student today!

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