



August 1, 2016

Dear St. Constance School Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our current school families, as well as extend a sincere welcome to our new school families. In addition, I would like to officially welcome Mr. David Gottstein (Kindergarten p.m.), Ms. Elizabeth Pictor (4<sup>th</sup>), and Mr. Jeffrey Lind (8<sup>th</sup>) to our wonderful teaching staff.

It's hard to believe, but the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year is just a few weeks away. The first day of school for students in grades 1-8 will be Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.

All children are required to be in uniform beginning on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. If the weather is warm, students are encouraged to wear the blue walking shorts as described in the uniform dress code. Please note that the regular school uniform, as well as the gym uniform should be purchased through Schoolbelles. The nearest Schoolbelles store is located at 7254 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, Il. 60656.

The first day for (3) Preschool, (4) PreK, and Kindergarten students will be Friday, August 19, 2016. This will be a half-day of school with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal for these students only. Preschool/ PreK, and Kindergarten students will begin full days of school on Monday, August 22, 2016. Our Preschool/PreK and Kindergarten teachers will be scheduling an orientation for their students and parents prior to opening day. Parents of these students will be notified of their orientation appointment in a separate mailing.

Please note that hot lunch service for students in grades 1-8 will begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 and on Monday, August 22, 2016 for the (3) Preschool/ (4) PreK, and Kindergarten students. Our school participates in an on-line lunch ordering system called Order Lunches.com. Please refer to lunch ordering notifications sent to you in previous weeks for specific due dates.

Families interested in our Extended Day Program may request an application from the school office. The Before/After Care will begin on Wednesday, August 17 for grades 1-8, and on Monday, August 22 for Preschool/PreK and Kindergarten. Information regarding Extended Care and fees are included with the application form. The necessary form and \$10.00 registration fee must be returned to school prior to any child participating in this program.

We are very excited to once again be offering additional Extended Day Enrichment Courses this school year. Please watch for further information regarding these new opportunities. Please note that any child attending an enrichment class may also utilize the extended care as necessary, or until 6:00 p.m.

Please note that the completed Medical Forms for (3) Preschool/ (4) Pre-K, Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> graders or any new student are due in the office by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Dental Forms for Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are also due in the office by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Kindergarten students are also required to have an eye exam prior to starting school. All students will need to be in compliance in order to start school on opening day. A copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate are also requested at this time for any new student to our school.

I look forward to a wonderful, new school year. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

Eva M. Panczyk  
Principal