

**CARDINAL SHEHAN SCHOOL
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July 28, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans to prosper, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

As I begin my first communication to you as principal of Cardinal Shehan School, the above scriptural quote comes to mind. Having spent nine years at CSS previously in the position of Assistant Principal, it is a privilege to once again serve within this school community. As shared with the school board in June, my vision for the school in collaboration with the faculty, staff, school board and parents, is to contribute and build upon what is already in existence at Cardinal Shehan, especially in the area of Catholic identity, peace-making efforts, academics and extra-curricular activities. It is my hope that our best efforts will produce a quality Catholic education for our children and a prosperous future for our school community. Please join me in praying for God's special blessing as we continue to prepare for our new school year.

These very hot July days have found us very busy at CSS! As part of my preparation for the new school year, I am meeting with all current faculty/staff, hiring new faculty/staff, assessing and addressing building needs, over-seeing the summer cleaning of the building, ordering of supplies and materials and other necessary tasks in preparation for the new school year. I am grateful to those who have been working with me, our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Corinne Davidson, our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Rose Long and our Secretary, Mrs. Yulander Bryd for their efforts to ensure that we are ready to begin the 2010 - 2011 school year.

Kindly give the following information your attention:

STUDENT ORIENTATION --- Please be aware of the following schedule for Student orientation:

Grades 3-4-5	Monday, August 30	8:00 - 12:00
Grades 6-7-8	Tuesday, August 31	8:00 - 12:00
PreK3-4 -K-1-2	Wednesday, Sept. 1	8:00 - 12:00
PreK thru 8	Thursday, Sept. 2	8:00 - 12:00
School Closed	Friday, Sept. 3	
School Closed	Monday, Sept. 6	
All Grades	Tuesday, Sept. 7	8:00 - 3:00

During student orientation days, students will be expected to purchase supplies that have been identified on the supply list as "purchase at school". Please note: An in-school bag has been added to the Middle School Supply list and is to be purchased at CSS for \$7.00. This bag will be used throughout the school day to carry books from one class to another and will remain in school. This bag does not negate the need for a "back pack" to transport books etc. to and from school. If there are questions regarding the supply list or you have not received the "Supply List", please call the school office.

SCHOOL OFFICE SCHEDULE --- The school office will be closed Thursday, July 29 thru Friday, August 6th. The office will reopen on Monday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. Office hours August 9th thru August 27th will be 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Regular office hours will begin on Monday, August 30th --- 8:00 - 4:00.

SCHOOL UNIFORM --- The school uniform is to be worn on orientation days. School uniforms may be purchased from Flynn O'Hara uniform store located in the shopping center located at Loch Raven and Taylor avenue.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT --- To assist in your future planning, please note that Back To School Nights will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 6:30 - 8:00 for grades 6 thru 8, and on Thursday, Sept. 16th, 6:30 - 8:00 for grades PreK3 thru 5th. Parents/guardians are expected to attend these very important meetings to receive information that will be helpful throughout the school year.

YEARLY CALENDAR --- The yearly calendar has been posted on the CSS web page to assist you in planning. A monthly calendar will be sent home and posted with any changes / additions that may need to occur.

TUITION PAYMENTS --- Please be sure your tuition payments are current. All financial matters must be up to date before beginning the new school year. If you have any questions regarding payments, please call on or after August 9th, Mrs. Long at (410) 433-2775.

In closing, I ask your support and prayers as we begin the new school year. I thank you for entrusting your most valuable "gift" from God to our care your child/ren. Let us begin this school year in a spirit of Peace and Hope. May God's love enfold you and those you hold dear.

Peace and Blessings,

Sister Rita Michelle, OSP
Principal