



## Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School

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Dear OLMBSS Families,

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Hello and happy summer to all... well, what is left of it anyway..... It's that time of year again when we all prepare for the upcoming school year. I am pleased to announce there have been some exciting changes happening at our school. All of the exciting changes will be made clear throughout the first weeks of school and in more detail at Meet the Teacher Night on September 14, 2018. In this letter, I would like to explain one of the changes as well as introduce some new faculty members. I want to tell each of you that I am looking forward to another great school year. I am once again honored to be the Principal-Lead Administrator of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School. I love working with our dynamic staff, dedicated parents and involved parish members to make OLMBSS a special school family of friends. Most of all, I look forward to once again working with the students. In all my professional experiences as an educator, I sincerely consider my most important job to be that of a child advocate. I make it my priority get to know their unique personalities, learning styles, and interests. I celebrate their successes and provide reassuring support to adversity. I will forever encourage them to "keep moving forward" and let them know they are valued in our school.

Together, alongside the school faculty, school families, and parish members, we will continue building on the core values that OLMBSS has always worked so hard to achieve. We support high standards of teaching and utilize the strong foundation of our faith in order to provide outstanding educational opportunities and academic excellence for all of our students.

I am happy and blessed with the way everything is "coming together". I would like to extend a warm welcome to a few new faculty members. Please do your best to welcome them into the OLMBSS Family. I think they are wonderful additions to our already AWESOME staff. *For your convenience, I have also included an attached copy of the 2018-19 Class Assignments for OLMBSS.*

Miss Kimberly Fisher is our new Pre-School 3-Year Old Teacher

Mrs. Heather Wike is our new Educational Assistant in Preschool

Mrs. Tracy Hodanich is our new 5th Grade Teacher

Mr. Michael Colligan is our new PreK-8<sup>th</sup> STEM Science Teacher

Mrs. Anita Gogniat is our new Phys. Ed / Health Teacher

Mrs. Kathy Greco (from SJHS) is teaching our Middle School Enrichment Science Research Class

Ms. Kathleen Guglielmi (from SJHS) is teaching our Middle School Art Classes

Ms. Susan Sullivan (from SJHS) is our new OLMBSS Athletic Director

Mr. Tim Graff is our new additional OLMBSS Assistant Athletic Director (with Mrs. Kreinbrook)

In addition to the new faces on the faculty, we are also revising the OLMBSS Extended Day Program (Before School Care and After School Care). Starting this year, the State of Pennsylvania is now requiring us to register our Extended Day Program as a "Child Care Facility" that is periodically assessed and given a PA Certificate of Compliance to operate. What does that mean to you the parents? To be honest, not a whole lot. Pretty much, you will now need to fill out some additional paperwork that is specifically needed for the Extended Day Program. You will also be seeing more



structure added to the program (please see Extended Day Handbook for specific details) and there must be a member that is certified and qualified in Education, CPR, and First Aid Training. The staff members will include OLMBSS teachers in addition to some other OLMBSS staff personnel. ALL good things!

The biggest change is the location of the Before School Care program. In an effort to always keep the safety of the children in the forefront of decision making, I have moved the Before School Care and After School Care location to Room #15 (The Preschool Room). ALL DROP OFF AND PICK UP WILL OCCUR AT DOOR #3 – the Preschool Door. Parents will need to park in the St. Joseph Gymnasium lot, walk their student to door # 3 and ring the buzzer. ONLY an Extended Day staff member is permitted to “buzz” you into the building and meet you in the hallway near room 15. Children also need to be signed in and out by an adult daily. Room 15 doors will be locked at all times and only OLMBSS Extended Day staff members are permitted to be in the room with the students. Breakfast for the Before School Care students will be offered inside the Extended Day room... not in the cafeteria. A daily snack will also now be provided in the Extended Day room for students using the After School Care service. Once students are signed in to either service, they will not be permitted to leave the Extended Day room (to run to their lockers, help teachers in their classrooms, etc. etc. etc.). I have attached the required OLMBSS Extended Day Program Forms as well as the Extended Day Program Handbook. If you are planning on utilizing the Extended Day Program this year, you will need to be sure that the required forms/registration fee are turned in within 3 school days of the first use. School begins on August 27<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-8 and August 28<sup>th</sup> for PreSchool and K. Feel free to print out, complete, and return the various Extended Day Program forms prior to the start of school OR on the first day of school. Any time there are significant changes to an existent program, too often they can be intimidating and confusing. PLEASE KNOW, we are here to help with anything you may need. This is very new to all of us here at OLMBSS. You may contact the school office via email, phone, or in person at any time. If we are unable to answer your questions, we will contact whomever necessary and get back to you with an answer.

As we tip-toe closer to the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, I truly feel more than ever that Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School is a special place to be. I am once again extremely honored to be along for the adventure and am grateful to have ALL of you in our school family. I am excited for the many opportunities that this year will bring. I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break and we come into the 2018-19 school year feeling rested, rejuvenated, and ready to go. We will do this together as a team of colleagues, as a family of friends, and always as supporters of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School.

Please enjoy the last few days of the summer sunshine and I will see you soon,



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