



St. Timothy Catholic School

July 30, 2015

Dear St. Timothy Catholic School Families:

A warm welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! Our preschool teachers are joyfully anticipating the arrival of the students. We look forward to hugs from returning friends and to welcoming new families with open arms to our learning community.

Lots of back-to-school information to update you on:

- Join us for **Fun Fridays** on the school playground on August 7th and August 21st from 10:00-11:30.
- St. Tim families are headed to the **bowling** alley at 4525 Stonecroft Blvd. in Centreville on August 10th at 1:00. The cost is \$6 for a game including shoes.
- Please join us for a **back-to-school reception** in the school cafeteria following the 9:00 Mass on Sunday August 30th. Deeply discounted new uniforms as well as those from the Tiger Closet will be available.
- Each family must sign up for an orientation appointment through SignUp Genius with your child's teachers on "**Come and Visit**" Day. Please make every effort to attend – families will meet your child's teachers, visit the classroom, and review the paperwork required before a student may start school. Students with incomplete paperwork may not begin preschool. Please review the checklist at the end of this letter.
- All preschoolers use a St. Timothy **tote bag** to help the entire school staff quickly identify them as preschoolers. Please bring \$10 to "Come and Visit" Day to purchase your child's tote bag. If you have one from a previous year, you are welcome to use it again.
- Full day students will need a **nap mat**. These are also purchased at school during orientation for \$25.
- The **first day** of preschool is one week later than the rest of the school. This ensures that our youngest learners get off to a smooth start.

Starting September 8th: Three-year-olds (Bunnies), full-day students (Frogs and Birds), and Mon.-Fri. morning students (Owls)

Starting September 9th: Monday, Wednesday, Friday students (Fish)
- On the **first day** of school you are welcome to park your car on the side of the church and walk your child into the classroom. Please cross the carpool line in the crosswalk. Parents are invited to a **reception** immediately after drop off in the McGivney Room.

- Preschool families have a **designated drop-off area** during morning carpool. Preschool families will stay in the right lane upon entering the parking lot, take the loop to the side of the school, and drop off all their students outside of the cafeteria. The first two days of school you are welcome to park your car on the side of the church and walk your child in.
- **Lunch Bunch**, an optional program for the half-day students, will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays this fall. Parents will have the option to sign up by the semester or to use the event on a drop-in basis.
- The preschool **supply list** is found on the school website under Parents Resources.
- The **Tiger Closet** (used uniform store) will be open on 8/5 and 8/12 at 10:00. Deeply discounted new uniforms as available as well.
- All St. Timothy families **volunteer** to support the learning community. Full-time families volunteer 12 hours and part-time families volunteer 6 hours. Volunteers must participate in the Virtus class and complete a background check process before volunteering in the school setting. Please see the information concerning Virtus under Parent Resources, Volunteering on the website.
- Many **questions** you may have are answered either on the school website, in the Preschool Handbook (which is found under Parent Resources, Handbook on the website), or at the preschool orientation.

Thank you for entrusting your child to us during the upcoming year. I welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and feedback. Please stop by any time.

May God Bless you abundantly this year and always,

Mrs. Julie Evans
 Preschool Director
 St. Timothy Catholic School

Required paperwork before your child may start school:

- Commonwealth of Virginia Health form complete with updated immunizations
- Emergency Contact Form (Licensing requires two local non-parent emergency contacts. A full address and phone number must be provided for each.)
- Preschool Student Handbook agreement signed. (provided in an upcoming email)

Please bring \$10 to orientation to purchase a tote bag and \$25 for a nap mat (full-time students only).