

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Friday, August 26, 2016

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The mission of Little Flower Catholic Elementary School is to cooperate with parents to provide our children a strong foundation, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in academic excellence, for a life of faith, integrity and service.



Saint Therese,
the Little Flower,
patron of our school,
please pray for
ALL in our
Little Flower School
family.



TO: Parents, Students, Staff and other L.F.S. family members

FROM: Principal Knutson

Welcome to Little Flower Catholic School. We are glad you have decided to be part of the Little Flower School family. At Little Flower School we believe the emphasis should be on Catholic education in everything we do. We are here to help parents instill a strong Catholic faith in their children, while at the same time, we provide an academically excellent elementary education. We realize, as Catholics, we are becoming more and more a minority in American society, but we also believe strongly that God's kingdom will be "the winning side" when all is said and done. Our goal is to help you place your children firmly on that winning team.

Although we will emphasize Catholic beliefs in everything we do, we will also strive to give your children the necessary skills for success in a secular society. Being "in the world, not of the world," your child will receive quality instruction in a strong academic curriculum along with various enrichment activities.

This will be Little Flower Catholic School's 75th year of operation, so there are obviously many things being done right. Personally, I am in my fourth year at Little Flower, and I am excited to be a part of an organization with such a proud tradition. I look forward to a great school year and the continued success of our school.

I hope every parent will be actively involved in our PTO (Parent / Teacher Organization). I also hope that you will not hesitate to discuss with me any concerns or suggestions for improvement that may occur to you during the year. My door is always open. I am here to serve the learning community that is Little Flower Catholic School.

I also want to welcome our Staff as part of the Little Flower Catholic School family. Many are returning after having served here so faithfully before; however, some staff are new this year, namely two new cooks. (We will feature each of them in upcoming publications.)

+++++ **Additional Information For You To Know** +++++

+++ **School is dismissed** at 3:15 pm. The buses will start at R.H.S., then L.F.S., & lastly at Ely.

+++ All **Wednesdays** are **Late Start** days, except for Preschool. If your children need to come to school before 9 AM, please have them report to the school office. Thanks! The first late start is August 31st.

+++**NO SCHOOL** on Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

+++**PRESCHOOL** starts with its 1st day at 8:15AM on Wednesday, September 7th.

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Of All The School Supplies This is The Most Important One! It's Even More Important Than a Back Pack

After weeks of splashing in the sun and running through the back yard the kiddos are heading back to school. That means that we definitely need to make sure that they are covered in **prayer** as they board the school bus this year. But before you send them off or before you drop them off say this simple prayer and you'll be able to experience the peace of God and have confidence that He is with your children. Then before you know it, they'll be jumping off the school bus or running toward you at the end of the day!

A Back to School Prayer

As you head off to school today, this is what I'm praying for you:

I'm praying that your day will go smoothly — that your locker will open, that you'll get to class on time, that you won't forget anything, that you'll find friends in your classes.

I'm praying that your teachers will know just how to teach you in a way that you will love to learn.

I'm praying that you will make friends who will have your back, make you laugh and will make you better.

I'm praying that you'll have the opportunity to be the light of Jesus to someone.

I'm praying that you will always be kind, even in the face of conflict or disagreement.

I'm praying that you will seek out the new person or the lonely person and help them find their place.

I'm praying that you'll learn to be a leader.

I'm praying that you will do everything to the best of your ability — even when you don't want to.

I'm praying that you will be focused on the things your teachers are trying to teach you.

I'm praying that you'll have confidence from knowing you are a child of God.

I'm praying that if things go wrong, you'll always remember that God loves you and so do we.

I'm praying that you'll laugh a lot during your day.

I'm praying that you will follow in Jesus' footsteps and grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Most of all, I'm praying that this year will be filled with learning, growth, joy and fun. Have a great year!