



**CEDAR VALLEY**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

July 2020

Dear Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Families,

My hope is that each of your families are enjoying summer vacation. The first day of school will be here soon and the school staff looks forward to another great year with your children! We have plans in place to welcome back and facilitate the learning of the students. The specific plans will be sent to the families in near future.

At Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta we strive to educate the whole child. This includes social emotional learning, academics, and the Catholic faith. We do this through our focus on our core pillars of faith, discipline, knowledge, and service:

- **Faith-** How can I work to better know Christ? Do I recognize the presence of Jesus in all that I do?
- **Discipline-** Do I recognize that my choices matter, small and big? Do I exercise courage, temperance, and accountability?
- **Knowledge-** Do I recognize the gifts that God has given me? Do I embrace a growth mindset? Do I push myself to be the best version of me?
- **Service-** How do I view Christ in every situation and opportunity? Do I understand that my gifts are necessary to lift God's kingdom?

Due to COVID-19, this school year presents a challenge unlike any other in recent years. Working together, we will have a fantastic school year filled with learning opportunities, celebrations, bonding, and growth. I look forward to greeting all of the students on the first day of school.

**Reminders for this coming school year:**

**Morning Drop-Off/ Afternoon Pick-up:** For the safety of everyone in the parking lot areas, do not make u-turns during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up. Once a student is dropped off in front of Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta, the expectation is that the driver proceeds east towards Columbus Catholic and either drives through the turn-around in front of Columbus Catholic, or simply continues east and exits campus by driving all of the way around the campus to St. Francis Drive.

**After School Program:** This program will again be offered. It will run from 2:35 pm to 5:00 pm. There is a fee to attend the After School Program this year. Please see the sign up sheet for further information.

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**School Hours:** Classes will start at 7:30 and end at 2:25 this school year.

**New Student/6th Grade Orientation:** On August 17th, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, parents and students of **new students and 6th grade parents and students** can stop by and pick up schedules, locker assignments, drop school supplies off, and meet their teachers. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that only the parents and the students attend the event, other siblings should not attend. **Everyone will be required to wear a mask while in the school building.**

Group one- 6th Grade with last name beginning with A - P 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm:

This group will enter through the gym entrance (Door # 25) and go to the gym to begin the orientation. After a short introduction, the parents and students may walk around the building on a self-guided tour. This first group should exit the building by 6:30pm.

Group two- 6th Grade with last name beginning with Q-Z and new 7th and 8th students 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm:

This group will enter through Door #22 (back parking lot) and go to the comms to begin the orientation. After a short introduction, the parents and students may walk around the building on a self-guided tour. This second group should exit the building by 7:00pm.

**Student Illness:** If a student becomes ill during school, they are expected to report to the school office. The office will contact parents for pick up. Students should not be emailing or texting parents.

**Communication from the office:** The school newsletter will be e-mailed on Friday afternoons. The newsletter will contain information about upcoming events, reminders from the office, and other important information. Most frequently asked questions can be answered by carefully reading the newsletter. Time-sensitive information will be communicated immediately.

**Mass:** School Mass will be offered at 9:00 am on Tuesdays in the commons. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have parents, grandparents, siblings, or family friends attend the weekly Masses. In attendance will only be students and staff.

**Standards Based Grading (SBG):** Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade language arts, religion, math, and science will again be using a SBG system to report student progress. This is part of the Archdiocese expectation that all K-8 grades are SBG in all content areas by the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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**Weather-related Closing & Delays:** Early dismissals, late starts, and school cancellations will be posted on KWWL and will be communicated through the Remind App.

**iPads:** Students will receive iPads on August 20th, the first day of class. Students will be issued iPads when their parents have signed and returned all forms and completed e-registration, including the mobile device agreement in this packet.

God bless each of you and your loved ones as you enjoy the last weeks of summer break,

Aaron Ferrie, Principal/Middle School Activities Director  
Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Catholic Middle School

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