

## WELCOME TO THE BRUIN FAMILY!



We are so pleased that you have chosen St. Joseph for your student. We are looking forward to a fabulous school year!

I wanted to take a moment to bullet point some basic information for you to help you get ready for August 7, the first day of school.

- New student orientation is as follows: Grades 8-12 meet Friday, Aug. 4 11-1. We'll provide lunch. 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will spend their first day of school in orientation to help acclimate them.
- Our school day is 7:55 – 3:00 every day. Twice a month, we'll have early release Wednesdays for teacher in-service days. Watch the weekly Bruin Buzz for those dates. It comes out every Friday. It's our primary method of communication.
- Uniforms are required each day. Check the website under Bruin Life for specifics.
- School pictures will be made the first day of school, 8/7.
- School supply lists for Middle School are on the website under Academics – Middle School Information. Grades 9-12 don't have specific lists. Come prepared with paper and writing utensil. Each teacher will tell you if you need something specific for their class.
- Carpool: enter through the gate next to the hotel. Exit through the main gate. The cafeteria is open for drop-offs at 7 am. We have after school care until 6 pm. Buildings are open for students at 7:45 unless they have tutoring arranged with their teacher for earlier.
- Set up your lunch accounts through MMI Dining which is online under Bruin Life. Light breakfast will be served each morning in addition to lunch.
- Class schedules with locker assignments, etc. will be distributed August 7.
- Our first weekly school mass will be August 10. Dress uniform will be required.
- You'll be receiving instructions on how to use Parent Portals to check your student's grades. Those will be emailed to you the first week of school.
- When questions arise about a class, please email that teacher first. Other questions should be directed to the counselors or grade level directors:  
Counselors: Mrs. Carrington – grade 10-12; Mrs. Piazza – grades 7-9  
Directors: Mrs. Cooper – Middle School (7-8); Ms. King – High School (9-12)

Enjoy the rest of your summer and God bless,  
Dena Kinsey  
Principal