

St. Genevieve Parish Schools

July 25, 2022

Dear St. Genevieve Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. As we begin to shift our thinking from summer to the exciting fall that awaits us, I'd like to keep you abreast of a few developments on campus as well as a few important reminders as we start this new school year together.

State of Art Science Labs

As a reminder, last year we were able to renovate the majority of our elementary classrooms, including adding a new art room, due to the generosity of a benefactor. This summer, we were able to turn the final wing of classes at elementary into 2 state-of the art science labs with brand new furniture and lab equipment. This upgrade will allow us to offer labs to our middle and high school students in exceptional facilities and better prepare them for college and career.

Elementary Office Renovation

The renovation of our office is now complete!

Inspiration Building

We are six months into our Inspiration Building construction and it will continue to be on-going through-out this school year. As a reminder, these new facilities will include band and choir rooms, a state-of-the-art theater, and a new parish hall that will double as the elementary lunch hall and afterschool space. During this year, we ask for your great cooperation in making appointments and adhering to drop off and pick up guidelines as space is tight all-around campus.

During construction, students in grades 6 will have classrooms in the bungalows. Students in grades 7 & 8 will have classes both in the bungalows as well as the first two classrooms on the east side of the high school hallway so middle school classes are close together. Parents in these grade levels, please be on the look-out for a separate letter with additional details.

Special Days of School

There will be two days with special schedules for the K-12 community. Please mark your calendars so you can attend along with your child. The dates are below and more information will be coming soon.

August 15 – Assumption Mass

Sept 1 – Groundbreaking Mass & Ceremony for Inspiration Building

REMINDERS

School Updates/Information

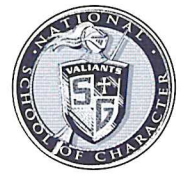
There are two main ways to get updated information regarding what's happening at SG. And...there's always a lot happening here. It's great to be a-part of such a vibrant and thriving community.

1. Website: www.sgps.org – scroll down for breaking news and calendar updates
2. Edmodo: Be sure to join your elementary student's homeroom and your high school students (period 1) Edmodo page. This is where teachers will post the weekly newsletter, and any other essential correspondence. You can simply download the app on your phone and set up alerts so you receive a text message when new information is posted.



**St. Genevieve
Elementary School**

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**St. Genevieve
High School**

CoVid Updates/Mask Requirements:

At this time masks are not required but the health situation continues to evolve. We will continue to follow the recommended guidelines of the Los Angeles County Department of Health and communicate out any changes as necessary. At present, there *may* be a return to an indoor mask mandate as early as July 29.

Scheduling Appointments

Please be sure to schedule appointments ahead of time when stopping by the offices or requesting to meet with a teacher/counselor. These individuals have been tasked with important jobs to help the schools run efficiently. Making an appointment allows them to schedule out their day as effectively as possible (the same way it does at your work, I bet!) and give you their full attention when you are here.

Uniforms:

Elementary uniforms and High School formal uniforms are available for purchase at Dennis Uniform. **All students must have the proper formal uniform to start the school year by Tuesday, August 9 (high school) Monday, Aug 15 (elementary).** Please coordinate to purchase the appropriate uniforms by calling 818.703.7493 (Dennis Uniform). High School daily uniforms can be purchased in the student store. Please make an appointment with the office at 818.894.6417. *If you are unsure what to purchase, please reach out to an admission's associate for help.*

Elementary: Kenya Hernandez hernandez@sqps.org High School: Bridgette Garcia garcia@sqps.org

Planning Vacations Around School Holidays

We recognize that during CoVid, we all found ourselves much more mobile with our work/learn from home situations. However, now that we are back in-person full-time, please only schedule vacations during school breaks. You are paying for an outstanding education...make sure you student doesn't miss any of it unless they are ill. You will notice ample break time below, including a three-week Christmas vacation.

Thanksgiving Week:	November 21-25	Christmas Break:	December 19- January 9
Retreat Week:	March 6-10	Easter Break:	April 7-14

Getting Ready to Start the School Year

This week, I will send a follow up letter with links to all the forms we need filled out prior to the start of the school year including the emergency card and the parent student handbook signature page. Please be on the look-out. Should you have any questions, feel free to call the main offices.

Elementary: 818.892.3802

High School: 818.894.6417

Accreditation

St. Genevieve Parish Schools underwent an accreditation review last year and, received the highest marks possible with a six-year accreditation from both WASC (Western Accreditation of Schools and Colleges) as well as WCEA (Western Catholic Education Association). Thank you for choosing our school, described by one of our visitors as "jewel of the Archdiocese!"

We are looking forward to starting this new school year with you soon. However, with all that is going on including construction and the incorporation of many of the events that were on hold over the last two years, we must ask, as we begin this school year, to please be prepared to be flexible, patient and cooperative this year as we enter an exciting and yet busy school year.

Warm regards,

Amanda Allen – Executive Director