

July 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

We hope that this summer is allowing some time for relaxation, family fun, and time to read. Welcome to our new students, and welcome back to all of our students who are returning to our school.

School Supplies

School supplies information may be found at stjamesmiami.net.

Schedule for the first week of school

Monday, August 22nd will be a 12:45 pm dismissal.

Regular dismissal schedule will begin on Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

Grades 3-8 will dismiss every day at 2:50 p.m. Grades PK-2 will dismiss every day at 2:40 pm. All classes dismiss at 1:45 pm every Wednesday.

Parent Information/Open House

All parents are required to attend the Home and School meeting for your child's grade level. **All the meetings will be at 6:30 p.m.** Mark your calendar for these very important meetings. Preschool-Kindergarten and all **NEW** parents: August 23rd in the school cafeteria, and Grades 1-8: August 24th in the Church.

Breakfast and lunch will be available starting on the first day of school. We do have the National School Free Lunch Program. Some families will have to fill out a new application for this school year in September.

After Care

After Care begins fifteen minutes after school dismissal and extends until 5:45 pm. The fee is \$5.00 per hour or any part of an hour. If a student is not picked up within fifteen minutes after dismissal, they are placed in AfterCare in the school cafeteria. **AfterCare will begin on the first day of school.**

Arrival and Dismissal

All students will enter and leave the school from the gate by I-95. Please follow the traffic pattern and instructions given by school personnel. **Drive carefully and watch for the children in the parking lot.**

Uniforms

Every student must be in proper school uniform, starting on the first day of school. **School and P.E. uniforms must be purchased at Continental Uniforms at 700 N.E. 125th Street.** All classrooms have air conditioning. **If a student desires to wear a sweater or a jacket, they must be school uniform sweaters or jackets (available at Continental Uniforms). No exceptions.**

UNIFORM SHOE POLICY

Girls: plain black Mary Jane style shoe with a strap and rubber soles. No flat slipper shoes.

Boys: plain black dress slip-on shoe (no laces).

PE shoes are plain black, white or grey with straps (no laces) only.

Students (grades 4-8) wear black shoes (no laces) to school every day.

Students in grades K-3 may wear plain black, white or grey sneakers with straps (no laces) on PE days only.

PK: Black, White or grey sneakers with straps (no laces) or black shoes (no laces)

School fees

All registration, educational fees, and the first tuition payment must be paid before your child will be admitted to the classroom. Tuition is divided into ten monthly payments. The first payment is due in August. All families, including Step Up for Students, must pay their monthly tuition fee.

Health Forms

All health forms must be submitted to the school office before your child **starts school.**

Students going into Pre-K, Kindergarten and 7th grade need new updated immunization forms before the start of school.

Office Hours

To eliminate long lines in the school office, I strongly encourage you to take care of your business with the office before the first day of school. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. starting Monday, August 8th.

Summer Reading

All students should read every day during the summer. Reading is a skill that improves with practice. The summer reading requirement is posted on **Stjamesmiami.net**. Please encourage your child to fulfill this school requirement before the start of school. The assignment is due the first week of school.

May God bless each of you for choosing St. James Catholic School. We look forward to assisting you in your efforts to provide your child with a Catholic education. We strive to promote a Christ-centered environment that will foster the religious, academic, cultural, and social growth of your child.

Peace in Christ,

Sister Stephanie Flynn, SSJ
Principal