

St. Adelaide Catholic Academy
Family Newsletter
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Welcome, St. Adelaide Families! I pray that you enjoyed an exciting and fun-filled summer with your loved ones. I hope all are recharged and ready to start the new school year. We welcome our new families and look forward to partnering with all our families in the education of your children. We are celebrating the 60th year as a school and hope to find many ways to celebrate this landmark year. In addition, we will focus our year on the theme: *Learning to See the Face of God in Each Other*. We will use this theme to guide many of our activities throughout the year.

As we begin a new school year, I am particularly grateful for the blessing of this community of staff, students and families and am eager to see you again on the first day of school, **Monday, August 23rd**. We have spent the summer working hard to strengthen and enrich our academic program, fortify our identity as the only Catholic school in Highland and put systems in place that will facilitate teacher/family communication. We are proud and excited to launch the 2021-2022 school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and your ongoing support and partnership! I would like to welcome Ms. Casillas as our transitional kindergarten teacher. She comes to our school with experience working with children of many different ages. She is also an alumnus of our school. We also welcome Heather Guereca as our third-grade teacher. She previously worked at Our Lady of the Assumption School and has a great passion for teaching. Also new to our staff is Frank Parks who will be teaching sixth grade and middle school Science. He most recently worked with students in the Rialto USD, and he will be a great asset to our middle school team. Please help them feel welcome in our school family. We wish Mrs. Suquett, Mrs. Pettitt and Mrs. Kluge all the best as they enjoy retirement.

Let us begin this school year grounded in the mission of St. Adelaide Catholic Academy:

Saint Adelaide Catholic Academy fosters personal academic success and spiritual self-awareness in each student. We are dedicated to building a Christ-centered community that promotes respect, diversity, and dignity. Our mission is to provide students with the specific skills they need to be successful Catholic stewards, scholars, and leaders.

I thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and all that you do to support St. Adelaide Academy. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. If you have resources that would help our school, please let me know. Below please find some important notes and reminders about the start of the school year. Thank you in advance for your attention to the details in this newsletter.

Blessings,
Mrs. Malouf Gustafson
Principal

First Day of School

Monday, August 23rd is a minimum day. School begins at 8:00am and dismisses at 11:45. Please note that the remainder of the week will be a full day schedule. Extended Care will be available beginning August 23rd. Extended Care is available for K-8 until 5:30pm. Students are to be in uniform the first day of school. They should also have their school supplies and emergency bag. For your convenience, the supply list is posted on the school website. Our first School Mass will be Friday, August 27th. Students are to wear Mass attire. Parents/family members are always welcome and encouraged to join us for Mass.



Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Health screening must be done at home and students should not come to school if ill. Students should be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.

Morning care (between 7:15-7:30) will be limited and must be prearranged with the administration. Drop off is between 7:30 and 7:55am. You will drive up to the south gate and drop off students by the cones. Parents are not to exit their vehicle. Students will go directly to the school hall where they will be supervised by a staff member. Parents will exit onto Church Avenue. Preschool parents will park in the spaces to the left of the Blessed Mother statue and sign your child in at the preschool classroom.

Dismissal will be similar to our "rainy day" pick up. Parents will drive through the south parking lot and proceed through the upper playground in one row. Students remain in the classroom until the teacher, who is standing at the classroom door, sees the child's car. The student goes to the car and the parent leaves campus, remaining in the single row. Cars exit onto Church Avenue.

Any office business must be done by appointment only.



School Uniform Requirements

Our school uniforms can be purchased online at <http://stadelaide.studentstore.net>. Students have the option of wearing the school PE uniform on their PE days. All students are expected to be in school uniform for the first day of school. Uniform shirts, ties, jackets, and sweaters must have the school logo. All students need to have proper Mass attire uniforms for our first school Mass on August 27th. Students will only be allowed to wear cardigans with Mass attire on Fridays.



Monthly Masses for the School

We will be having monthly school Masses on the last Sunday of the month at 9am. All families are invited to choose this Mass for their Sunday obligation. Students should wear school uniforms. Our students will be participating in the Liturgy as lectors, choir members, and altar servers. We are excited for this opportunity for our school and hope to see many of you at our first Mass on Sunday, August 29th.

Our students will still attend Mass as a school every Friday at 8:15am.



Back to School/Meet and Greet

Save the date for our Back-to-School Night/Meet and Greet: Wednesday, September 1st @ 6pm. We will have a casual gathering at the lunch tables near each of the classrooms. Teachers will provide information to you; you can meet the teacher and meet other parents in your child's class. There will not be a formal presentation. We will have food available for purchase, so you do not need to feed the kids before the meeting. Please be sure to stop by the School Board/PTG table to meet members of these groups and discover ways you can get involved, earn your parent hours, and be an integral part of our school community. More information will be sent out through Remind.



Beautification Day

We need your help to make our campus shine for our students' return to school. Please join us for our Beautification Day on Saturday, August 14th from 8-11. There are many projects that we would like to accomplish during this event. We would like to do cleaning, gardening/tree trimming, sanding & painting, and simple repairs. There is a job for everyone. Please bring tools, gardening equipment, and your energetic spirit. This is a great way to earn your parent hours. Can't make it on the 14th? Let us know when you can come to help, and we will try to accommodate your schedule. If we work together, we can accomplish a lot.



Volunteers/Parent Hours

All school families have a 30-hour service hour requirement. There are many ways on and off campus to meet that requirement and help your child's school. See a list of possible opportunities on our website or call the school office. We will have some signups for committees at our Back-to-School Night. Anyone who volunteers on campus with students must wear a mask, show proof of vaccination and be background cleared.



Scrip

Scrip is a great way to reach your fundraising goal. We have several gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, retail stores, home repair stores, restaurants, and Amazon. You purchase the gift cards at face value and the school receives a percentage of the sales. Call the school office or contact Virginia at vhernandez@sbdiocese.org to make arrangements to purchase Scrip. Order forms with a list of available cards are on our website. All physical cards must be purchased through the office. If you have a special order that we may not keep in stock, let us know. You can also purchase e-cards. Look on our website for details on how to sign up for that part of the program. Our school enrollment code is: 3AA6463B4216.



School Advisory Board/Strategic Plan

Our School Advisory Board has been busy this summer working on our Strategic Plan. This plan is the vision and goals for our school for the next few years. Once this is finalized, it will be published on our school website. We want all in our school community to be a part of implementing this plan. Please speak with one of our Board members at Back-to-School Night to see how your gifts and talents can help to make our school even better for our children.



PTG

Do you like planning events and fundraising? You are the right person to be a part of our Parent Teacher Group. Members of the group will also be liaisons between the teachers and parents. All Room Parents are part of the PTG. We will meet monthly to plan. If you would like to be a Room Parent and/or part of the PTG leadership team, please contact the school office. This is a fun way to earn your parent hours, too!



Mentors

We are welcoming many new families to our school year. In order to make them feel welcome and help them learn the culture of our school, we would like to partner them with some of our "veteran" families. If you would like to be a mentor, please let the school office know and we will provide your phone number to some of our new families. You could be a great resource for our new families when questions arise..." What is Buck-a-Jean day? When do the students go to Mass?



Lunch Orders

A September lunch menu will be sent through Remind when it becomes available from the SBCUSD. Hot lunch will not be offered in August.



Parent Handbook

Handbooks will go home on the first day of school. Please sign the acknowledgement and return the following day.



Carnival

Save the Date! We are hoping to have a mini-Carnival on October 22 and 23. Please let Mrs. Malouf know if you would like to be involved. All families must work a minimum of 5 hours for this event.

