



NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are Nouvel Catholic Central, called by Christ
to learn, love and lead... courageously.

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Welcome Back, Panther Families -

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary. I look forward to collaborating and working together to ensure high expectations and student success. As the summer winds down, it is my hope that your family found time this summer to play, rest, relax, worship and enjoy the company of family and friends.

It has been a very busy summer and we are so excited for another fantastic year of learning, loving and leading. There are great things happening here at Nouvel! As a result of our continued growth, we added another section of 3rd grade. You will notice a few new faces on campus this year, as we had a few open positions to fill. Our new staff members will be a fabulous addition to our already amazing staff.

Please take a moment to review the following information in preparation for a successful start to a great, new school year:

Opening of School

The first day of school is Monday August 24, for all students in Young Fives through 6th grade. Drop off begins at 7:15 a.m. and students should be in their classroom by 7:50 a.m. For the first day only, dismissal will take place at 11:30 a.m. Students should be in their school uniform on the first day of school. Preschool families will have orientation and begin phase-in during that first week of school, and will receive more details from their teacher about their child's first day.

Parent Meeting

A parent meeting will take place on the evening of Monday, August 24, at 6:00 p.m. We will begin across the parking lot, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, with a short presentation followed by 2 teacher-led sessions in the school. The same information will be reviewed in each session to allow parents with children in more than one grade level the opportunity to visit multiple classrooms. Teachers will welcome parents, go over classroom policies and procedures that evening, so please make every effort to attend. This meeting is for parents only and we ask that you make other arrangements for your children this evening.

Back to School Paperwork

We are required to keep updated paperwork on file for each student and as such, a number of forms must be reviewed and/or completed by parents on a yearly basis. As in the past, all required forms will be available online to be completed through Skyward Family Access. Once these forms are available, we will send an email regarding completion. If you need Skyward login assistance or have questions regarding the forms, please contact Mrs. Sprague in the office at jsprague@nouvelcatholic.org.

Homerooms/Swap Shop/Spirit Wear

- Homeroom assignments will be available on Skyward beginning Monday, August 17. If you need assistance logging into your Skyward account, please contact Mrs. Sprague in the office (jsprague@nouvelcatholic.org).
- The Swap Shop, our on-campus uniform sharing closet, will be open on 8/20, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and by appointment. Please call the school office (open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday) to set up an appointment if you would like to visit before the start of the school year.
- Spirit wear will be available to purchase on 8/20 (5:00-6:00).

Family Night

Our Home and School Association will be sponsoring a Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, August 20, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for students to meet their teacher before the first day and we encourage all families to stop by and say hello. Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet students and families but students should not bring supplies this evening unless otherwise instructed by their classroom teacher.

Parking Lot

It is our goal to create the safest experience for the students as they are dropped off and picked up each day. I ask that all families, both new and returning, to review our parking lot procedures using the link provided below. Also, please share these procedures with others who may be picking up and dropping off, ie. grandparents, siblings, baby-sitters. Patience is a virtue and I ask that we remember this as we return to our school routine.

[Parking Lot Procedure](#)

Before School/After The Bell Care (Latchkey)

We will again be offering before school care (7:15-7:50 a.m.) for preschool students, as well as after school care (3:15-6:00 p.m.) for all students, preschool through 6th grade. Due to rising costs in our before and after school program, we had to institute a modest price increase. Beginning this year, both before school (preschool) and after school care are \$5/hour, per child. Pre-registration and prepayment are required for both programs and can be completed on our website at: [Latchkey/After The Bell](#).

Directory

We will be sending a school directory to our families this year. If you **do not** want your name and/or phone number listed in the directory, please let Mrs. Sprague know via email (jsprague@nouvelcatholic.org) by Friday, September 4.

Uniforms

Please take time to review the school uniform dress code, available on our website, at: [Uniform Policy](#). There have been a few small adjustments made to the dress code to provide better clarification for families. All students are expected to be well groomed and dressed in a manner that reflects pride and a serious commitment to learning. Adherence

to the dress code, including acceptable footwear, is mandatory for all students. Please note that the only approved color for shorts and pants is navy blue, and the only approved colors for polos are gray and white.

Breakfast and Hot Lunch

Breakfast and hot lunch will be free again this school year for all students in preschool through 6th grade, through our partnership with Saginaw Township Community Schools Food Service. Milk is also available for purchase for \$0.75 for those who would like to purchase milk with their cold lunch. The monthly food calendars and full log-in details are available online at NouvelCatholic.org/ncccafeteria.

VIRTUS Training for Volunteers

If you plan to volunteer at the school, in any capacity, or coach/assistant coach any sports this year, you must have taken part in the **VIRTUS Training Program**. The Diocese requires this training program as well as a background check for anyone that will be working with children and must be completed prior to volunteering/coaching. Please visit the [VIRTUS Training Schedule](#) to find upcoming classes. Additionally, upcoming training sessions will be listed in our school announcements as they are scheduled.

Classroom Supply List

Classroom supply lists are available on our website, www.NouvelCatholic.org, and through the following links:

- [Preschool, Montessori, Young Fives, and Kindergarten](#)
- [1st-4th Grade](#)
- [5th-6th Grade](#)

I'm looking forward to a great year as we courageously learn, love, and lead together!

Best,

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NCCE Principal