

August 26, 2025

## Dear St. Anne's families:

As we approach Labor Day weekend, and we enjoy the remaining days of summer with our families, I welcome you to the start of the 2025-26 school year here at St. Anne's School. Our parish maintenance staff has been working tremendously hard cleaning and preparing our school building, and teachers have been coming in over the past several weeks preparing their classrooms and curricula. We are committed to continuing the growth and success of our academic, athletic and enrichment programs, and as a faculty we have discussed the importance of "focusing on the basics" as we continue to reinforce high academic and behavioral expectations for all of our students in a safe and supportive environment. We are happy to welcome many new families to the St. Anne's family this year. We say all the time that we respect and appreciate the sacrifice and the decision you have made as parents to entrust your children to us here at St. Anne's.

We will continue to expand our partnership with Catholic Health Services to enhance learning opportunities across the grade levels. We plan to continue all of the wonderful programs and initiatives that have taken place, many thanks to the support of our incredible HSA (Home School Association). We will also continue to teach and to reinforce the importance of our Catholic Faith in the lives of our young people. While so many forces in our secular world do not value, and in many ways seem to undermine the importance of family and Faith, here at St. Anne's there is nothing more important. We need to work together to teach and to reinforce everything that enables our young people to grow responsibly in their learning, in their friendships, and in their Faith.

We look forward to welcoming our students in grades K through 8 to their classrooms on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 3rd. As a reminder, the first three days, Wednesday, September 3rd, Thursday, September 4th and Friday, September 5th are all early dismissal days (11:10 AM). Our first full day of classes is Monday, September 8th, and on that day, we will attend school-wide Mass together at 9:00 AM. Our Nursery and Pre-K programs also begin on that day, and those parents will hear from their teacher with more specific information shortly. Back to School Night will be Tuesday, September 9th at 7 PM starting in the Church and we look forward to seeing you all that evening.

Just as nature knows when to transition from Summer to Fall, we know when it's time to begin a new school year. We can feel it. Teachers know...and they're ready. As parents, you certainly know, and I'm sure you're ready! Even the kids are ready. It's time. Let's have a wonderful year of learning together, growing together, and praying together. That's what a family does.

Looking forward to seeing you next week!

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas J. Fasano, Principal