

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY

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Dear Preschool Families,

We are delighted to welcome your child to an exciting year of discovery, faith, and growth at Divine Mercy Academy. As part of our commitment to nurturing the whole child, academically, spiritually, and emotionally, we are pleased to introduce a new approach to assessment: the Diocese of Pittsburgh Badge Book.

The Badge Book is a new, developmentally appropriate assessment tool designed specifically for our youngest learners. As children build new skills and master foundational concepts, they will earn colorful badges representing important milestones in areas such as Faith Formation, Early Literacy and Math Skills, Foundational Learning Skills and Social and Emotional Development Skills.

This system honors the individual pace at which children grow. The Badge Book highlights personal progress, helps children set goals, and inspires them to soar with confidence as they see their learning celebrated in real time.

You will receive ongoing feedback throughout the year that is specific, joyful, and focused on your child's development. You'll also have opportunities to engage with your child's badge progress and learn ways to support their continued growth at home.

Beyond academics, the Badge Book reflects what makes Catholic education so special. It supports growth in faith, kindness, independence, and character. It's a beautiful way to honor the whole child as they grow in both knowledge and spirit.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh will host a Badging Kick-off Meeting on **September 3, 2025 @ 6:30 pm.** We will share this exciting new program for our early learners in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Microsoft Teams [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 278 767 303 899

Passcode: Az3pE6Nu

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's learning journey. We are honored to walk alongside your family this year, and we can't wait to celebrate every milestone, big and small, together.

God Bless,

Mrs. Nikole Laubham

