



# DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

In just a matter of weeks we will be returning to school after living through a tumultuous year and a half of the pandemic. We dealt with the multitude of uncertainties in our lives but one thing we can all agree on is the importance of having our children return to school to get back to the business of learning.

Here at the **Academy** we strive to keep the lines of communication open, you will receive weekly updates through the **Academy Happenings email blast**. Newsletters from your child's teacher weekly, in grades 3K through grade 4 and biweekly in grades five through eight will keep you informed of classroom happenings. You will receive these electronically. In the Back to School

Folder on our website by the end of the month you will find the Family Handbook. This handbook has been prepared as a source of information serving as an introduction and guide to our **Academy** goals, policies and procedures. **Please note the modifications in policies that were made this year.** It is our hope that you find these resources helpful.

In the coming weeks your children will be receiving welcome letters from their teachers. We will begin the school year in gym uniforms until **October 25, 2021** when everyone in grades K-8 will be expected to be in regular school uniforms.

**Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy** will be hosting Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm through a Zoom meeting. The Zoom link will be emailed to you at a later time. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your children's teachers. It is one of the best ways to begin building the home- school connection that is essential for academic success. You will receive a detailed correspondence including the meeting agenda the first week of school.

One of my favorite quotes comes from the author, Elizabeth Stone who wrote, "***The decision to have a child... it's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking outside your body...***" Elizabeth Stone's words have always resonated with me because it is what I have felt about all the students that I taught especially after having a child of my own; thank you for entrusting us with your **hearts**. I look forward to getting to know you and your children as the year progresses.

I am available and happy to meet with parents.

Enjoy the last days of summer vacation.

Miriam Bonici