

**TODD LOVE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL HEAD  
ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**

July 31, 2017

Dear Eighth Grade Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family still relishing the remaining, if not steamy, days of Summer 2017. With Monday, August 14 just two weeks away, you may be starting to think more seriously about the beginning of another school year—or maybe not, and that's OK too!

I look forward to the Class of 2022 assuming the leadership role in the Middle School; and I'm excited for what this year will bring for them and for the school. Let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Todd Love  
Middle School Head

**Welcome to the newest 2022s!**

This year the Middle School welcomes **22 new/returning students** in grades 5-8! In particular, we welcome five students and their families to the **Class of 2022**: Willow Blythe, Kelsey Brown, Mary Morrow, Maryn Rauscher, and Lila Ruhland.

Orientation for **NEW-to-St. Mary's 7th and 8th grade students and their parents** is on **Thursday, August 10** from 9:00-10:00. Those folks should meet in the lobby of the Windland Smith Rice Building.

Note that ALL 7th and 8th grade parents are invited to join us for our traditional **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Parents' Night** on **Thursday, August 31** at 7:00 pm in the Windland Smith Rice Building.

**DC Trip**

Everything is a go for the annual class trip to Washington, D.C., October 21-24. I especially invite you to the 8th grade Parent Coffee at 8AM in the Morrow Room on Tuesday, September 19, by which time I will be able to share the complete itinerary with you.

**Stop 'n' Drop**

If getting your daughter's books and supplies to school on that first morning stresses you or your daughter just can't wait to get back to school, we are pleased to open the doors to the Middle School on **Friday afternoon, August 11** from **1-3** so that you can *stop 'n' drop* off that stuff. Gobble Gear will be on sale in the WSR Lobby, and, MEMPopS will be selling cool treats.

**7th & 8th Grade Dance**

The Racquet Club is holding a Back-to-School Dance for 7th and 8th graders on Saturday, August 5 from 7-10pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Contact [mgattas@racquetclubofmemphis.com](mailto:mgattas@racquetclubofmemphis.com) for more info

### **Reminders**

- Please make sure we have your daughter's current health information in the **Magnus Health** database prior to the start of school. If you are having trouble doing this or have questions, you may contact School Nurse Judy Bearman (537-1457) or Chief Information Officer Melissa Lofton (537-1473).
- If you have yet to sign your daughter up for **lunch**, you can find everything you need to know on the St. Mary's website. Look for the *Dining Service* link under the *Student Life* tab.
- You should have received an email in June from **Burke's Books** about **ordering textbooks** for this year. If you have not heard from Burke's or have any problems or questions, contact Cheryl Mesler at 278-7484.
- P.E. teacher Kari Duncan does not require the girls to wear a specific **P.E. uniform**. Kari will go over all of this with the girls at their initial P.E. class.

**NOTE:** Monday, August 14 – 7:50 start, **NOON dismissal**.

Tuesday, August 15 – 7:50-3:15.

\*\*\***School pictures** will take place first thing Tuesday morning.