



From the Desk of the Principal,

Ms. Kathleen McGinn

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Parent(s):

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. I hope everyone had a restful summer break. Over the summer, several teachers attended workshops and classes in preparation for our new school year. Our dedicated staff is hard at work preparing to make this a great year.

I am pleased to welcome our newest staff members- **Miss Rachel Brochu** (music), **Miss Annie Ragauskis** (Gr. 7), **Ms. Lange**(Band Director), and **Mrs. Kelly Bowman** (secretary). In addition to new staff members, we have teachers who are taking on a new position. **Miss Ruiz** and **Ms. Massey** are 5th grade homeroom teachers. Mr. McDonough is the 8th grade homeroom teacher.

Mrs. Vallem, our school secretary, will not be returning to QR for the 2017-18 school. I wish Mrs. Vallem all the best at St. Viator High School and appreciate all that she has done for our school. She is working with Mrs. Bowman to help make a smooth transition.

All emails that would/should be directed to Mrs. Vallem should be sent to Mrs. Bowman or me. (**kbowman@qrcougars**) Mrs. Balicki will be here on Monday and Wednesday to help with the transition.

On Tuesday, our annual **Back to School Social** takes place from 5:30-7:00 p.m. All registered new and returning QR families are invited to meet teachers, drop off school supplies, help their child (ren) organize his/her desk or locker, and enjoy an ice cream treat. We ask that you **begin by dropping off your supplies and/or visiting your homeroom/s**. Ice cream treats will be served from 5:45-6:45 outside the front of the gym, near door 2

This event gives you and your child (ren) an opportunity to avoid dragging school supplies to school on the first day, and it gives you a great opportunity to drop off or pick up needed paperwork. **Please park in the school lot and use door 7**. The following groups will be available to answer questions:

Sports

Extended Care

Hot Lunch

Parents Club

School Board

Booster Club (gym uniform orders will be available)

Band (recruiting new members)

Students (K-8) are in uniform the first day.

Classroom assignments can be found [here](#) . Please know that the staff and I worked very hard on placements.

On **Opening Day, Thursday, August 17**, we will begin gathering in the ‘Safety Zone’ (parking lot coned off area by door 6) about 7:45 am. The drop off zone will be closed off to cars to allow us to gather. At 8:00 am, Fr. Fred Pesek, our pastor will open the year with a Back to School Blessing. Although preschool is not officially in session until Monday, August 21, all preschool families are invited to join us.

We are still very short for lunch supervisors. If you or anyone you know would be able to help us out, please call the school office. Our lunch period is from 11:00-11:40. We ask that supervisors arrive by 10:50 to sign in and get the milk for students. A brief lunch supervisor training session is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 17 at 10:40 a.m. Mrs. Gwen deLutio will meet all supervisors in room R.

One of the requirements under the Federal Asbestos Laws is that every school must notify, in [writing](#) , on a yearly basis all parents, teachers and employee organizations about the availability of their asbestos management plan. Our school follows the requirements of the Federal Asbestos Law, has the school inspected on a regular basis, files annual inspections reports with the Archdiocese of Chicago, and has a plan on file in my office. The attached is our annual notification.

Just a few important reminders about the parking lot....Our main goals are safety and to keep the traffic flowing. Although it may take a few extra minutes, our traffic pattern is designed to eliminate cars cutting in front of other cars. We have no stop signs in the lot, and having cars going all directions is dangerous.

Entering the lot: When you enter the parking lot off of Rev. Morrison/JFK Blvd (Rainbow Falls entrance), all cars need to drive down the middle lane. When you get to the end (facing the church) turn left. Please do not cut across the lot to get to the school parking lot or drop off zone.

Two choices once you turn left:

1. Drop off Zone. Continue driving to the coned off area that is the designated drop off lane. Children need to be ready to exit the car. Once you have reached the end of the drop off zone, you have two options:

Turn left to circle around to exit the way you came in. Use the lane closest to the ball field

(Yes, the arrow shows the opposite way) to use Rev. Morrison/JFK Blvd.

Turn right to exit to Elk Grove Blvd.,

Drop off Zone may not circle back and cut across the lot to park and come into school, as this will involve driving through the line waiting to get into the drop off zone or lot to park.

2. Parking and walking into the school: Turn right to find a spot to park. All cars that park in the lot by school must exit through Elk Grove Blvd. using the exit between the school/rectory.

Cars cannot pull out and around the drop off zone or circle back to the Rainbow Falls exit, as this will involve you driving through the flow of traffic.

All divers who are dropping off students at doors 7/8 (near the kitchen) must be park in a designated spot. You may **not** drive up to the door and let your child/ren out of the car. The drop off zone (door 6) is used for this type of dropping off.

Drivers may not stop near doors 7 & 8 to drop students off. Anyone using these doors must park their car.

Speed is another concern. I am pleading with all drivers to drive slowly in the lot. We have children and parents walking everywhere.

Again, safety is our main goal. Detailed instructions can be found on the website:
<http://www.qrschool.org/parking/>

If you have questions, please call school. I know we have many families who are new to the school.

Volunteers:

Volunteers actively assist in the operation of the school in various areas including but not limited to the following: school office, recess/lunch supervisors, library helpers, field trip chaperones, and classroom volunteers.

Individual who choose to be a vital part of the school by sharing their time, treasures, and talents with students and staff, are required to complete the list of all the tasks/trainings required by the Archdiocese of Chicago. The list can be found at: [found at: \(http://www.qrschool.org/volunteer-requirements\)](http://www.qrschool.org/volunteer-requirements)

We have a few families that have not turned in **required paperwork**. If you know you have not returned the paperwork, please bring in no later than Tuesday, **In addition, we are missing several required medical forms, which is required for first day of school.**

Our enrollment is up! Over the summer, we enrolled 40 new students.

I am honored to serve as your principal, and I am looking forward to a fantastic year together.

Blessings to you and your family.

Regards,

K. McGinn