



CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope that the summer has been enjoyable for you and your family. The beginning of the school year is rapidly approaching. To facilitate your planning and preparation for the opening of school, all the information necessary for an orderly beginning has been consolidated.

Please take the time to read all the enclosed information carefully. A checklist on buff-colored paper is enclosed to help you keep track of everything.

Please note that as we move more into the electronic age, much of our communications and information is now being sent digitally. For instance, you will note that the school calendar and the student handbook are not included in this packet. You will need to read the electronic version of the handbook that will be e-mailed to you or that you can read on the school website (Student Life tab). You must then complete the enclosed verification card and return it with the other enclosed cards (which can also be downloaded from the website under Forms in the Parent Tab). The school calendar is also accessible on the school website. There is a print-ready version as well as a current schedule of events ("About Us" tab).

Please note the following in the school handbook:

1. Please consult the Academic section of the handbook for a description of the course offerings and supplementary academic classes. Additional information on the four-year program can be found in the Addendum at the end of the handbook.
2. With the four-year roll-out of advanced courses (AP aligned), please consult the section in the handbook on Advancement Protocol for further information on these procedures.

You are reminded that textbooks should be picked up from the school district according to the schedule set by the district. Residents of New York City will receive their books from Chaminade on Orientation Day. Exercising care in handling textbooks through the year is expected of all students. We recommend that your son purchase any needed materials from the school store on Orientation Day rather than waiting for the first full day of classes.

As has been the tradition at Chaminade, the Marianist Community and many student workers completed many projects to improve and renovate the physical plant this summer. These included:

- a) Of course, a major summer project was completing the items on the punch-list for the Dolan Family Science and Research Center and stocking the labs with equipment. Labs begin in the science center in the fall.
- b) We continued the process of making the main building of the campus more energy efficient. The transition to L.E.D. lighting in the gymnasium, locker rooms, cafeteria, library/resource center and various offices had already been completed prior to this summer. The main hallways were transitioned this summer.
- c) Several carpentry projects throughout the school. With the implementation of a more robust college placement program and team, additional office space was created in the guidance area. There were several carpentry projects completed in the Brothers' residence.

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- d) We replaced an original boiler with a new and energy efficient boiler for the school.
- e) A major rigging replacement project was completed on the stage of the Darby Auditorium. With this project more versatile and energy efficient L.E.D. lighting has replaced older models.
- f) The summer affords time for several painting and landscaping projects that help enhance the overall aesthetics of the campus.

In addition, a thorough cleaning and general maintenance of all facilities have made the school building quite ready to receive more than 1,700 students in September.

As in the past, various faculty and students also renovated homes in West Virginia through a place called Nazareth Farm. This week of service has been a great benefit to our students and those they help.

Please note the following for the beginning of the school year for both students and parents:

1. Sophomore, junior and senior student orientations will all take place on Tuesday, September 4, 2018:
 - Sophomores - 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 - Juniors – 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
 - Seniors – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
2. First day of classes for all students – Wednesday, September 5, 2018.
3. Parent Orientations (more details to follow)
 - Sophomores and Juniors – Tuesday, September 11, 2018 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
 - Seniors - Monday, September 10, 2018 – Meet the teachers (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
 - Senior Parent College Information Program (7:30 – 9:00 p.m.)

Please note that, according to recent legislation, Chaminade has a developed Comprehensive Attendance Policy (CAP) and a school Concussion Awareness Program. Information on these two programs can be found in the school handbook and on the school website under the “Parent” tab. Please be sure to read the section on reporting absences since the procedure requires a special absent form.

Finally, we hope you can join us at the Parents Club Fall Cocktail Party on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

We look forward enthusiastically to the upcoming school year and extend our prayers and best wishes for your son's continued growth and development.

Sincerely yours,



Bro. Joseph Dominick Bellizzi, S.M. '78
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