

# Weekly Update

August 17, 2018



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Mr. Jesse Read, Conewago Principal

## From the Principal's Desk

*"Joy is prayer; joy is strength, joy is love. God loves a cheerful giver. The best way we can show our gratitude to God and the people is to accept everything with joy."*  
St. Teresa of Calcutta

This week our faculty has been working hard to prepare for your arrival. We began our week with spiritual growth participating in a beautiful faculty retreat with our fellow deanery schools, followed by strategic planning and collaboration on building our school community. Additionally, our teachers and staff of STC were certified in Child/Adult CPR, AED, and First Aid and attended a STEM workshop.

As a faculty we are excited for your return to our 2018-2019 school year. We have so many exciting new ideas planned for our students and cannot wait to welcome you on Tuesday, August 21st!

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## Important Information

### Kindergarten Early Dismissal

Our Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:35 am on Tuesday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please ensure that your child is picked up from our Conewago Campus at the early dismissal time. No bus transportation will be provided.

### Back to School Night

Parents, please join us for Back to School Night (students do not need to attend).  
*Conewago Campus:* Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*McSherrystown Campus:* Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
General Session begins at 6 p.m., followed by Open House format.

### Water Bottles

Students are permitted to bring water bottles to school to remain hydrated. However, when students bring in water, it should be in a transparent plastic water bottle that can be sealed tightly. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Arrival/Dismissal Times & Transportation

Don't forget to complete your transportation sheets for the first day of school! These sheets will allow us to be best prepared to assist your child/ren to get home and know their daily routine. Additional copies of this form can be found on our website under "Parent Resources" "School Forms".

Conewago Campus Parents – Please be aware that there may be work on the roadways at the start of school year. If this should occur, we will alter our dismissal procedures. Please see the attached drawing for clarification.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **First Day of School**  
August 21<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ **Back to School Night**  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> (CC)  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> (MC)
- ◆ **Back to School Bash**  
August 26<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Labor Day Holiday**  
August 31<sup>st</sup> & Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ **LifeTouch Photos**  
September 4<sup>th</sup>

Regular attendance by each pupil during the school year is state mandated. In addition, regular school attendance is of great importance if students are to experience the continued sequential teaching needed to attain academic goals. A student arriving after 8:00 a.m. must report to the office for a late slip before entering the classroom. These students will be marked late unless they arrive to school on a late bus. Lateness is recorded on a student's record. Parents must notify the school in writing (handwritten note or email) the reason for the lateness. A parent will be contacted when there is chronic lateness. If your child will be absent, parents must call the school office by 8:30 a.m. to indicate the reason for the absence on the same day of the absence. Upon return to school after an absence, a written note of excuse signed by the parent is required. Listed below are the start and end times for both campus locations.

**Conewago Campus (Kindergarten – 3rd Grade)**

Doors Open: 7:30 a.m.  
Homeroom: 7:50 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
School Day Begins/Late Bell: 8:00 a.m.  
School Day Ends: 2:40 p.m.  
Dismissal Begins: 2:45 p.m.

**McSherrystown Campus (4th – 8th Grade)**

Doors Open: 7:30 a.m.  
Homeroom: 7:50 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
School Day Begins/Late Bell: 8:00 a.m.  
School Day Ends: 2:45 p.m.  
Dismissal Begins: 2:50 p.m.

**Back to School Forms**

Please remember to return your emergency form to your school office by Friday, August 24, 2018. This form was included in your Back to School packet. If you should need another copy of that form, please visit our school website under "Parent Resources" "School Forms". A publication permission & contract information form will be going home in the first Friday Folder. Please be sure to check your oldest child's folder as return to school by the date noted on the form.

**Technology & Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

Computers are a valuable tool for education at our school. We encourage the proper use of computers and related technology including the Internet. Students and all users of computer technology have a responsibility to use these tools properly and in accordance with the school policy. **No student will be permitted to use the Internet or any technological device without a Technology Agreement signed & on file.** Please visit our website under "Parent Resources" "Handbook & Policies" for a copy of our school policy. Please see below for a copy of the Technology Agreement. **Please return to school no later than Wednesday, August 22, 2018.**

**CARES Program**

There will be **NO morning CARES program** this year as we do not have sufficient staff to properly supervise early arrivals. Students can be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. at both campuses. Forms for our after school CARES Program can be found on our website under "Parent Resources" "Crusaders CARES Program".

**Uniforms**

We are still in a transition year with regards to our school uniforms. However, shoes are to be followed according to the handbook. According to the handbook, our shoe policy is: "Appropriate dress (solid black, brown or dark tan) shoes must be worn. Shoes must have completely closed heels and closed toes, and an arch. Shoes must be below the ankle bone; therefore, no boots. No sneakers, skater shoes, slippers, moccasins or canvas shoes are allowed. Shoelaces must be tied. (Heels may not exceed 2 inches) Sneakers are not to be worn with the regular school uniform. Sneakers may only be worn on physical education class days. Vans and Sketchers are sneakers; hiker boots and wheelies are not permitted."

**Advancement News**

Stay updated on Advancement news & events by watching this space!

## Athletics News

Information regarding Registration Night for winter sports will be available shortly.

## Fundraising News

One of our largest fundraisers of the year is fast approaching. Please join us for our Annual Craft Beer & Wine in the Woods on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Basilica Picnic Woods. Admission table opens at 11:00 a.m.

This event features wineries, craft breweries, vendors, artisans, live bands, a meet and greet with Tim Wagaman, a Paint under the Pavilion event and more! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a wonderful day of craft beer and wine sampling, good food and great entertainment.

Advance tickets available at a discounted rate of \$13 per person or \$70 for 6 tickets; increases to \$15 day-of-event with NO group rate. Non-tasting tickets are also available for \$5 for those wanting to participate in event, but not sample beer and/or wine. Tickets may be purchase via credit card by visiting our website or by cash/check by calling 717-632-8715. Please note: All credit card payments incur a small processing fee.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Conewago Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, November 17, 2018.

## Home & School News

Please join us at our Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from Noon-3pm at the McSherrystown Rec Park! Home & School will provide hot dogs, chips, lemonade, tea & water. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share based on your last name. (A-L: side dish M-Z: dessert). The Rec Park is located near the McSherrystown Senior Center.



**We LOVE our VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

Home & School and Development/Advancement would love to have you attend our meetings and get involved with our fun and very important organizations. Additionally, we would love to get you into our school's routines to assist teachers, students, office, lunch and recess needs. In order to volunteer routinely in our buildings, you must have your volunteer clearances through the Diocese of Harrisburg. Information regarding the needed clearances is found on our webpage under "Parent Resources", "Youth Protection". Please contact Mrs. Deal with any questions regarding clearances.

### McSherrystown Campus

316 North Street  
717-637-3135

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### Conewago Campus

55 Basilica Drive  
717-632-8715

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[www.myschoolway.com/stck8school](http://www.myschoolway.com/stck8school)

**We're on the Web!**  
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## *Saint Teresa of Calcutta School*

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### **TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FORM**

By signing this form, the user indicates that he/she will abide by the rules governing Internet access and use of technological devices as stated in the Technology & Internet Acceptable Use Policy, and will not hold the school and/or any of its personnel liable in the event of breach of this policy by the user.

- I have read the terms and conditions of the Technology & Internet Acceptable Use Policy.
- I understand that Internet access is provided for educational purposes only.
- I agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated in the Technology & Internet Acceptable Use Policy. Additionally, I will be responsible, for the consequences of inappropriate use of the Internet or any technology which may result in the suspension or revocation of my Internet or related privileges.

Student name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PARENT PERMISSION FORM**

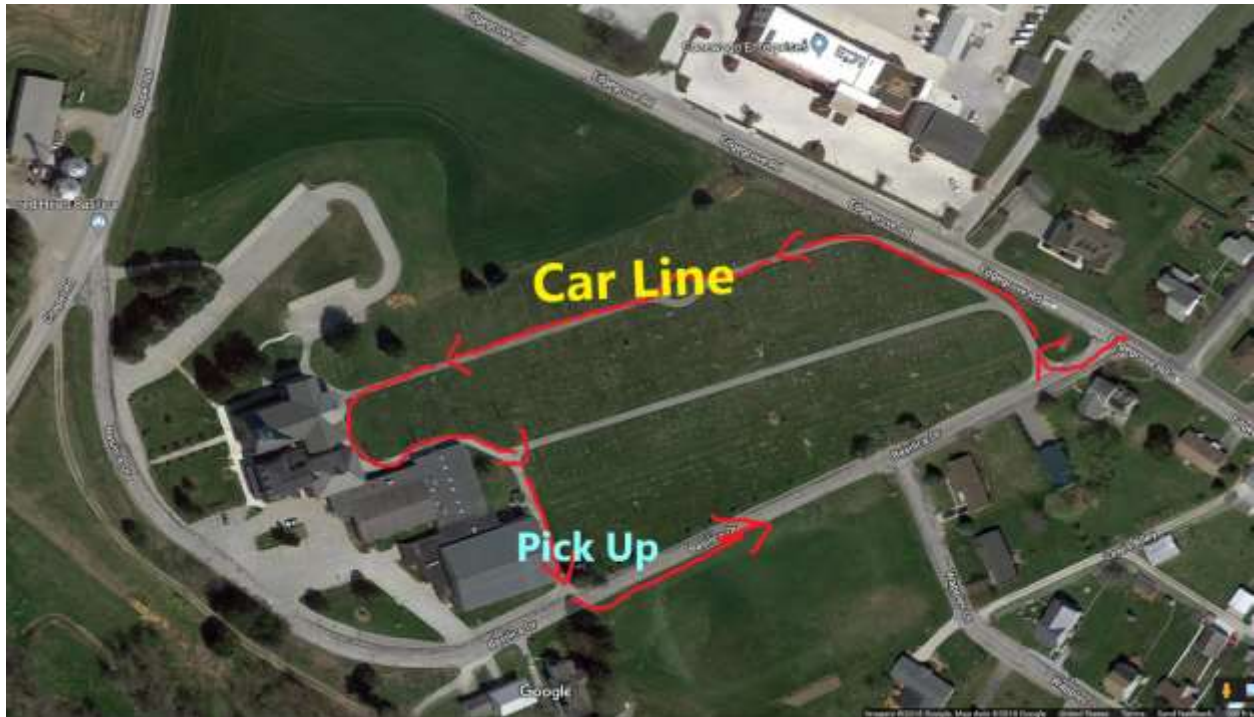
I have read the terms and conditions of the Technology & Internet Acceptable Use Policy, and give permission for my child to access the Internet and use the technological tools in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Internet access at home: YES NO Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 22, 2018**



#### CONEWAGO CAMPUS - DIRECTIONS FOR DISMISSAL PICKUP

**ONLY** in the event that the front parking lot is being repaved on the first day of school (or any succeeding days), parents should refer to the alternate route (picture).

From Edgegrove Rd. onto Basilica Dr., turn right immediately into the cemetery. Bear right and drive around the outer route, past the basilica, the school office, and down to the school gym (marked by red arrows). DO NOT drive through the middle cemetery lane.

Pick up your child by the gym entrance and turn left on Basilica Dr.

Exit via Wappler Dr. or turn right back onto Edgegrove Rd.