



# Parent Newsletter

**August 1, 2018**

*An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends.*

*...Benjamin Franklin*

Dear Parents,

Where did summer vacation go? Do you realize that in thirteen days, **August 15th**, we have scheduled "**Meet and Greet**" from **1:00-3:00** so the children can meet their teachers, see their room, and bring in their supplies. **School will start on August 22nd and is a minimum day. We will begin serving lunch on Monday, August 27th, which will be our first full day of school!**

Between now and August 22nd, **office hours will be 9:00-2:00**. However, the faculty will be going in and out, preparing classrooms and attending several all-day professional developments. Our commitment to the **Dual Language Immersion** model program requires a lot of training and your patience is truly appreciated.

We are also asking you to make sure that you **come into the office and sign your annual contract**. This has been overlooked in the past, but is necessary to avoid confusion later. It will spell out your financial obligations and service hours etc. Speaking of service hours, I am going to be emailing **a survey** to you on the 6th that will have 10 questions and take about **three minutes to complete**. It is designed to find out about the skills and talents you have to offer the school so that we can establish a **Family Guild**. From it, we will create several committees, such as Decorating, Friday Lunch, Welcoming, Dad's Club, and more, so that there will be several opportunities for you to enjoy each other's company, complete service hours, and help the school at the same time. Please, take just a few minutes to complete the survey.

Remember another upcoming special event for this year is **Archbishop Gomez celebrating Mass**, the Passion of St. John the Baptist, on **August 29th at 10:00** with the Family of Catholic Schools in Pomona. The students from St. Madeleine and Pomona Catholic will be participating and the church will be full. So, if you would like to be there, mark your calendars and come early.

Our first **mandatory Parent Meeting** will be held on **September 13th at 7:00** on **Back to School Nite**. At that time, you will be able visit the classrooms as well as attend the meeting where we will have the results of the survey and the rough outline of the several committees we intend to form in our **Family Guild**. I will send more specific information later, **but mark your calendars NOW!**

Finally, I hope you know how excited I am to be overseeing the launch of the new DLI academic program in this community. I truly believe in the value of helping our children **acquire a new academic language while enriching their first language**. What a gift you have chosen to give them!

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Be happy. Be prayerful. Be well.  
God bless all of you!

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