

Dear Students, Parents/Guardian,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Matthews K-8 School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership this school term. We know that every Cardinal can achieve his/her highest potential academically, socially, and emotionally. However, in order for children to be successful, they need support from both the home and school. We know a strong commitment from you will make a great difference in your child's education. As a learning village, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to set high expectations and provide multiple paths of learning for them.

On last year we began planning how to implement new strategies for our 21st Century students. Your children were able to tell you about their data and what it means to their progress and achievement. As a school community, we want to continue with the personalized learning. Throughout the school year we will use the teaching method of Project Based Learning, or PBL, to engage students in learning. A project motivates students to gain knowledge, and they remember it longer. Projects give students the chance to apply the skills they learn in school to personally relevant and real-world situations. Your child also learns skills in PBL such as how to think critically, solve problems, work in teams, and make presentations. These skills will help students succeed in the future, both in school and in today's work world

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- ✚ Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning experience
- ✚ Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- ✚ Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- ✚ Practice Cardinal Character life skills at home
- ✚ Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- ✚ Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- ✚ Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

Please consider joining our volunteer program, SIC, and PTO, as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's programs and operations. Last year contributions were immeasurable. My door is always open, as it will take all of us working together to assist our children in remaining successful as they continue to grow as world leaders. Again, I am looking forward to all we will do together for children. Below are important dates and information about the upcoming school year at St. Matthews K-8 School.

- ✚ Registration: Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 9:00AM-6:00PM
- ✚ Registration Fees: Pre-K \$25.00 K-8, \$15.00
- ✚ Technology Fees: Middle School \$25.00
- ✚ Open House: Thursday, August 15, 2019, 10:00AM-7:00PM

"Together we have, can, and will do what's best for children."

Sincerest Regards,

Treda L. Keith, Ed.S
Principal