

**St. Monica School**  
**“The Pride of South Philly”**  
**From the Desk of the Principal**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of Father Kelley, the faculty, and staff, I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year! We are looking forward to seeing the children’s happy faces on the first day, Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, for all grades 1-8 with 11:30 dismissal. We welcome to our staff three new members, Sister Rita, who will be working in the office of the junior building, Miss Melanie Torzolini, Kindergarten, Room 217, and Mrs. Lisa Menture, Grade 3, Room 108.

We are excited to share that the Windows 2020 campaign to begin the replacement of the windows in the school is underway in 2019! The junior building will be complete when school begins and the senior building will be a work in progress throughout the fall. We look forward to your support of this huge undertaking as campaign letters will come out in the fall. Other good news, we have reached our 5 Year Technology Goal as we now have an iPad cart for each grade K-2 and 1 to 1 chrome books in grades 3-8. Your children will be excited to use the iPads in the junior building on a regular basis this year.

I encourage you to participate again this year, in our meal program, especially breakfast. We will begin the first full week of school with this program as well as with the CARES Program.

We are looking forward to working together as always, valuing you, the parents, as the first educators of your children. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success. As we prepare for the excitement of the first day, we ask your support in the following:

- Complete the FACTS registration for tuition payments, call Terry with questions
- Attend school daily and on time (7:55 is the late bell, doors open at 7:30)
- Use of correct uniform beginning the first day (we do have used uniforms that are donated if anyone is interested, come to the senior building.)
- Proper haircuts; no fad cuts, lines, coloring, or highlights for boys or girls
- Completed summer assignments
- Back pack and school supplies ready

The school handbook can be found on the SMS webpage at [www.saintmonicaphilly.org](http://www.saintmonicaphilly.org) for any questions or clarifications. Also, feel free to call, our summer hours remain T-TH, 9-2PM.

It is my privilege to be a part of this school community where parents, teachers, staff, and students care for each other and strive to build the family of God through prayer, love, and service to the poor and needy. I truly believe a faith-filled education is the best gift you can give your children. Thank you for choosing St. Monica School, we are the “Pride of South Philly.”

God bless you and your families,  
Sister Regina, IHM