



SUMMER EDITION



Happy 4th of July Weekend!!!

I hope you are all enjoying some much needed rest and relaxation this summer. I cannot believe that we are already in the month of July and before you know it, school will be back in session.

We will be having a "Tech Bootcamp" for all 7th and 8th grade students this summer. We are still finalizing the plan but the tentative dates are:

7th grade - August 8th & August 11th

8th Grade - August 10th & August 11th

You will be receiving an email soon with specifics. Your 7th and/or 8th grade child will only need to attend one session of the bootcamp.

Our maintenance staff has been working very hard this summer cleaning and organizing the school for the new school year. They have been very diligent in getting walls cleaned, desks scrubbed and the carpeting steamed. Our tech staff has also been busy putting in new smart boards into several of the classrooms including the new Pre-K room and upgrading and repairing other tech equipment for the teachers and students.

We will also be welcoming some new faces to our Cardinal Pacelli family. I would like to introduce you to three of the newest members of our teaching staff for the 2016-17 school year.

In grade three, **Miss Megan Licata**, soon to be **Mrs. Unger**, will be joining our team! Along with relocating from Columbus, Ohio and looking for a new teaching position, she has also been planning her wedding. She attended Catholic schools all the way through high school in Columbus, Ohio and taught Faith Formation classes in high school to five and six year olds. She attended Ohio State University and received her Early Childhood Education teaching license from Capital University. Megan has obtained her Reading Endorsement and is highly trained in Literacy Collaborative. Her other teaching experiences have included successful implementation of a variety of teaching strategies including guided reading groups, cooperative learning groups, interactive writing, and hands on math and science instruction. These strategies help students learn from one another and address the many diverse learning styles.

Her classroom environment is rich in literacy, instills high expectations for student success, and fosters a maximum learning experience where students feel welcome, confident, and respected. She says, "I am passionate about teaching children and want to prepare them to grow as learners. With my passion for education, I am confident in my

ability to be a valuable asset to your school." In talking with her former principal he states, "I am saddened by her departure from my school and know she will be a fantastic addition to your staff at Cardinal Pacelli."

In grade 5, another new face will also be a Megan. She is **Miss Megan Roof** and will be teaching Grade 5 ELA and Social Studies. She is a graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education specializing in Reading with a minor in Global Studies and Spanish. She has just completed her fourth year teaching in southern Indiana teaching fifth grade ELA and Social Studies. She is relocating to Cincinnati this summer and planning a spring wedding back home in Fishers, Indiana. Megan believes strongly that learning should be fun and engaging. In her classroom, she implements differentiation, adapts teaching objectives based off of appropriate assessments, and provides children with a safe and encouraging learning environment. Her motto is, "Be kinder than necessary." Her reading concentration allows for a higher understanding when implementing various parts of the literacy curriculum and has extensive experience supporting students with various academic needs. In her words, "I feel that I can handle situations in a calming, effective manner. I am flexible and view open parent communication as a solid foundation for a successful learning environment." In speaking with two of Megan's administrators, one spoke in a very charming southern drawl and told me to "Snatch her UP!" Her former principal and now Assistant Superintendent of a neighboring school district says, "Her knowledge of literacy is strong, she is organized and has a strong work ethic." He also gave her the ultimate endorsement by making sure his own child was placed in her class!

We also will be welcoming **Mrs. Casey Sandfoss** to the new Pre-K classroom. Casey comes to us from the Diocese of Covington with five years teaching experience in a Catholic Elementary school and six years experience at the Goddard School in the Pre-K program targeting skills such as letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and phonics.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Spanish and taught Spanish to students in grades 3-8 plus devoted time as a Reading Resource teacher for students in grades K-2. She is also pursuing her Master's degree in Education as a Reading Specialist and is trained in Orton Gillingham. She has most recently been working with students who are below benchmark criteria in K-1 strengthening their reading and writing skills. Casey says, "Working as a Reading Resource teacher has confirmed my desire to work once again within the Pre-kindergarten to Kindergarten setting. I am also very passionate about working in the Catholic School System. Having the opportunity to share my Catholic faith while teaching within the school is a gift that I am not willing to compromise. I strongly feel that the presence of our faith within the classroom is important." Casey is married with a three year old son and very soon will welcome a daughter into her family. She really finds her focus to be with the younger student and is looking forward to her new part-time position at Cardinal Pacelli.

Again this year, the YMCA will be providing before and after school care for our students. Updated information will be posted on our school website next week for those of you who are interested.

God's Blessing to All!

Mrs. Terri Cento