



Dear Parents and Girls:

Last year I remember writing about the “dog days of summer” the period between July 3 and August 11 when the temperatures and humidity rise which in turn lowers our energy levels. Today, I can’t help but think of these dog days of summer when our energy is drained even more with the news we hear daily about the conditions in our precious Gulf of Mexico. At this time of the year we pray to God asking Him to protect our City and State from the ravages of a hurricane when the temperature of the Gulf rises as it does. This year we add to those prayers, “Please God help those working to seal the well, enable the drilling of the relief well to be successful and for it to do what it is projected to do, and help all those whose lives have been affected by this man-made tragedy.” As with all of life we give those thoughts to God and ask Him to continue to watch over us and protect us.

The other day someone came to school and said “Wow, I did not realize how busy you all are during the summer.” Well, our summer has been very busy starting off with a month of successful summer camps and plenty of maintenance projects. We are in the process of renovating room 1300 from floor to ceiling, painting the student lockers on the second and third floors, replacing lighting fixtures on the second floor, refinishing all three gym floors and the usual cleaning and maintenance projects our summer requires.

So, now as we count down the days of summer, we look forward to another school year. It is time for you to get ready to buy your books, receive your schedule and get those uniforms ready to wear. The information you are receiving at this time informs you of what you need to know for the beginning of the year, particularly book day. Please take the time to read through all of this carefully. The schedule for the first week of school is as follows:

- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 - ORIENTATION**
  - Eighth grade students - 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
  - NEW Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors - 8:00 - 10:30 AM
- **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 - BOOK DAY FOR EVERYONE**
  - Eighth grade students - 7:45 AM - 9:30 AM \*
  - New Freshmen - 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM\*
  - Returning Freshmen - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
  - Seniors - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Juniors - 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
  - Sophomores - 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM
- **THURSDAY, August 12 - FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL - 7:50 AM - 3:15 PM - Uniforms required**

\* Parents are invited to go through the book day process with their daughters.

With this information you are now able to order all books from MBS with the exception of Religion and Computer Science which must be purchased at school on book day. There is a link to the MBS website from our website [mcacubs.org](http://mcacubs.org). Click on the Quick Links category in the right-hand column and on the second page you will see the link to MBS. From there it is a simple process. **If you require a schedule change or have a problem with your schedule** then you must come and see me on **Tuesday August 10 from 10:00 AM to Noon**. I will not be available at any other time for schedule changes. **A \$65.00 schedule change fee** is required and the check should be made payable to Mount Carmel Academy. If you do not see me until the first full day of school **the schedule change fee is \$75.00**. No schedule changes and/or corrections will be made on book day. Thanks for your help and cooperation with all of this.

Thank you again for all of your love and support. We are blessed by your presence with us and ask God to bless you and your family as we all begin a new school year. Please keep me in your prayers. I will certainly remember you in mine. God bless you.

Love,

Beth Ann Simno  
Enclosures