

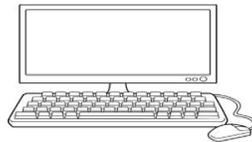


## Cheverus Catholic Family Newsletter



Dear Families,

We are “off and running.” Thanks to your cooperation and that of our dedicated faculty and staff we have had a relatively smooth beginning to the 2015 – 2016 school year. It is always an exciting time! Despite the fact that the season is autumn, a time when the leaves change color and fall from the trees, I tend to associate this time of year with the newness of spring. We see before us the new, fresh faces of enthusiastic children and a renewed energy and commitment from the adults who serve them.



As I stated in the opening of school email, we have seen the completion of the new Technology Lab, the painting of the exterior and interior doors, new flooring in the third and fourth grade classrooms, and new shades throughout the building. Additionally, five new SmartBoards have been installed. We now have SmartBoard technology in all of our classrooms, and have added five new computers to the Library.

Our enrollment has increased by over 85 students since last year! I believe that people are discovering what we as members of the Cheverus Family already know; that is that we are a vibrant, nurturing community with an excellent academic program.

**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**

This Thursday, September 17, is “Back To School Night.” You should have received a flyer detailing the times and the program.



On Friday, September 18, we will celebrate the opening of school with a Mass of the Holy Spirit. Students in grades 1 – 8 will report directly to Sacred hearts Church for Mass. We will return to school immediately after Mass and dismissal will be at the usual time. On Friday, September 25, the PTA is sponsoring an Hawaiian Luau beginning at 6:00 PM in the school yard. It will feature appetizers, music, raffles, and fun and games.



We have introduced or expanded a number of classes at Cheverus! Our Modern Language Program now includes Spanish classes on a regular basis for all grade levels K– 8. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will now have a full year of Spanish or the equivalent of a 9<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish I class. All students will now spend time in the new technology lab with their classroom teachers in order to more fully integrate technology into the curriculum. At the middle school level, student will have classes in world and U.S. Geography, while 8<sup>th</sup> graders will study Political Science. Members of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will have a class designed to help them improve their study skills. All students in middle school will take extra classes in math and verbal skills; 8<sup>th</sup> graders will spend time during these classes preparing for the high school placement test.

Finally, a reminder to check the calendar regularly to be aware of the schedule for Physical Education. It no longer falls on the same day of the week, but rather on one of the days of the seven-day cycle, which may be on different days throughout the year.

We look forward to a very productive and rewarding school year. Please contact us with any questions.

Respectfully,

Thomas P. Arria, Jr.  
Principal