

Mercy Families,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the summer! If you're like me, the summers seem to fly by faster each year. While our Blue Jays may not be ready to come back to school just yet, many parents are beginning to gear up for the new school year. As we reach the midpoint of July, I wanted to share some helpful information to assist you in your preparations. Please check your email regularly for important updates.

**BR Parents Magazine Voting** is open until August 15th - cast your vote [HERE!](#)

**Blackbaud** - Please take a minute before school begins to log in to Blackbaud to update all contact information, including emergency contacts. It is important that anyone who picks up your child during the school day is listed in Blackbaud. We will be mailing blue letters later in July where students will find out their homeroom teachers. If you have moved in the past year, it's important we have your most updated address!

**Extended Day Registration** Registration for our extended day program is LIVE! Please log in to your Blackbaud account to complete registration. Registrations completed by July 25th will have all fees added to your August 1st tuition draft. Registrations completed on July 26th or later will be added to your September tuition payment. For more information, check out our website under Extended Day [HERE](#).

**School Supplies** - All school supplies for grades 3Y-5th grade were purchased through a supply fee that was collected with tuition this year. Middle School students can access a general school supply list on the website [HERE](#). Please note there will be no school supply drop off day. Middle School students can bring all supplies on the 1st day of school.

**Pencil Bags** - Please take a moment and locate your child's school-issued pencil bag. All Kindergarten - 5th grade students are required to use the school-issued pencil bag. All rising 1st - 5th grade students should have brought their pencil bag home at the end of the school year. If your student(s) need a replacement, you can order one using the link below for \$5. All new students and Kindergarteners will receive a pencil bag on the first day of school, so no purchase is necessary. Please fill out this form by **Friday, July 19th**. [Zipper Bag Order Form](#)

**Uniform & Grooming Reminder:** All hair should meet uniform requirements per the handbook. Skorts and shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. All hair should be of natural color with no cosmetic colorings or highlights. Exaggerated hairstyles are not permitted. All students must be in regulation for the return of school on **Wednesday, August 7th**. [2024-25 Uniform & Grooming Guidelines](#)

**Homeroom Volunteers Needed** - The Home and School Association is looking for parents to serve as Homeroom Volunteers for this school year. The Homeroom Volunteers work with their assigned teacher and assist in organizing and communicating volunteer needs with the parents, such as special events and parties.

- In each grade, one of the Homeroom Volunteers will also serve as the Grade Level Coordinator. Grade Level Coordinators will lead their Homeroom Volunteers in organizing a grade level auction project and a fair game.
- If you would like to serve as a Homeroom Volunteer, please fill out this form by **Friday, July 26**. [Homeroom Volunteer Form](#)

**Spirit Shirt and Sweatshirt** ordering will be coming next week! Please check your email for an online opportunity to order spirit shirts and school sweatshirts. Spirit shirts will be \$15 and sweatshirts will be \$18.

**Volunteer Information** - We welcome your involvement in school events/activities and appreciate all volunteer efforts during the busy school year. **All persons (18 years and older) wanting to volunteer with children in any capacity must fulfill the following requirements as mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Diocese of Baton Rouge.** You can visit the school website under the Parents tab for more information to ensure volunteer certification requirements are met.

**Men of Mercy Registration** is coming soon! Be on the lookout for an email in the coming weeks!

Have a wonderful week!

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Our Lady of Mercy School