

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 23 - 24 school year! I hope you have enjoyed the summer. We are ready for the children to return! It has been very quiet around GSC since the camp ended. We hope the students are ready to return.

Each year we review our Handbooks, etc. in an effort to make our school a better environment for all of our students to learn and achieve. Over the past year we have noticed a few distractions in the classrooms. Therefore, we are making a few changes.

Our School Handbook is being revised. It will be ready for the first full week of school. However, I want you to be aware of some of the changes that will go into effect from the beginning of the school year.

Most of the changes have to do with our uniforms. As you know, we have two uniforms for the girls now, due to the fact Flynn and O'Hara cannot get the material we had. However, there are a few other changes.

The **boys' hair** must be out of their eyes and not below the collar.

The **girls' headbands** must be flat (no ears, objects pointing up) A small bow may be worn but nothing distracting.

Earrings are permitted for girls but they must be small post...1 in each ear. (no dangling earrings)

Boys and girls will not be permitted to wear **bracelets** of any kind to school. (This includes friendship, causes, and jewelry)

A simple watch may be worn. However, no computerized watches (smart, etc.) or Fitbits. These items are very costly and are not needed in school. All students have a chromebook, as well as access to ipads and computers.

There is also a new Responsible Use Policy for Technology. This is from the Office of Catholic Education. It will be sent home the first week of school. Please read and review this important Policy with your child/ren. There is a signature form for parents and for students. If the form is not signed and returned, the students may not use chromebooks, ipads, etc.

This year we will also be introducing the "Be a Better Me" Program. We hope this will motivate all of our students to achieve to the best of their God given ability.

As mentioned in the first part of the communication for this week, GSC will be recognized by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Office of Catholic Education as a school of "Distinguished Instruction." GSC is one of 19 schools being recognized for both Growth and Potential. What a credit to our teachers, students and parents! (There are over 100 schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.) Congratulations, to all! This award is based on our In View and Terra Nova scores from the Spring Testing.

Help us spread the word: "GSC is the place to be!"

Thank you for your continued help, support and cooperation.

God Bless you and your family! Happy Labor Day weekend!

Sister Helen