

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

Dear Families,

As we look ahead to a new school year filled with hard work, construction, and transformation, we are excited to share our 2025–2026 school-wide theme:

Build Boldly: Brick by Brick.

As you know, this year, we are quite literally building something new- a beautiful school facility that will better serve our students for years to come. But beyond the concrete and steel, we are also building something far more important: the hearts, minds, and spirits of our students. Like our new school, we are constantly stacking bricks in an effort to become something greater. Someone God created us to be.

While driving along roads and highways in the summer, I'm always amazed by the number of construction zones, marked by those ever-present orange barrels. You can't drive more than a few minutes without encountering one. Despite their inconvenience, they remind us how quickly roads and structures deteriorate and how essential it is to rebuild. Though detours and delays can be frustrating, they can also provide a moment to pause and reflect: we, too, are under construction.

Our spiritual lives, much like many of our roads, endure constant wear and tear. Whether it comes from doubt, distraction, or the quiet erosion of faith in a noisy world, Satan works subtly to wear us down. But just as broken roads are repaired, God is always at work restoring us. When our faith is grounded on a firm foundation, it can endure. Brick by brick, prayer by prayer, God patiently rebuilds us.

This isn't always easy work. Progress isn't flashy. Laying bricks can feel frustrating. It can feel small, repetitive, slow, and even insignificant. And yet, this is where real growth happens. It's found in the daily commitment to show up, to do the work, and to trust the process. There is immense power in consistency and collaboration. A single brick may seem insignificant, but over time, those bricks form walls, halls, and schools. The same is true in our relationships, our faith, and our learning. When we commit to showing up, doing the work, trusting the process, and staying faithful in the small things, we build something lasting and beautiful.

My hope is that the construction site we will see each day this year will serve as a constant reminder: building anything meaningful (a school, a strong character, a deep faith) takes time, patience, and perseverance. Every brick matters. Every small act of love, courage, and sacrifice matters. When we follow God's blueprint, brick by brick, something strong and sacred begins to emerge. Something that will endure life's storms and stand as a witness to God's Kingdom among us. May our students be built into a fortress of faith. Resilient. Joyful. Unshakable.

I hope you take time this summer to relax, rest, and rebuild. Take time to find those areas of your life that have eroded away and begin to rebuild again. One prayer at a time, one virtue at a time, one lesson at a time, and yes, even one brick at a time. We look forward to a year of building, transformation, and new beginnings. Of deep faith, joyful learning, and lasting growth. We look to the future with great hope in what is being built around us and in what is being built within us.

God Bless,



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