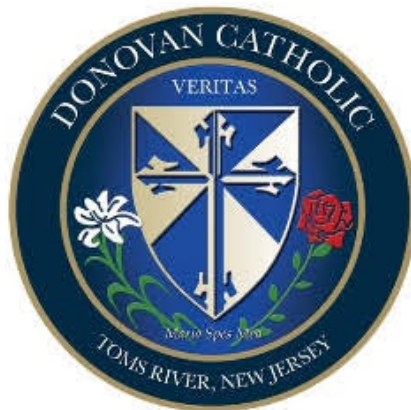


Donovan Catholic Welcome Back

From: **Administration** <e-news@donovancatholic.org>
Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2021
Subject: Donovan Catholic Welcome Back



From the Administration of Donovan Catholic

Dear Donovan Catholic Families,

Welcome back to our 2021-2022 school year and we especially welcome our new students and their families! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready to start the school year. All signs point to a positive school year as we will continue to echo the good news of all that we do every day!

As mentioned in the About Us section on our website, our Catholic identity is mirroring the teachings of Pope Francis, the principles of forgiveness, love, and service to others will support the school's commitment to enriching the faith of the entire Donovan Catholic community. We are proud to continue the tradition of academic excellence and remain rooted in our Catholic faith. We pride ourselves in being a family and Christ-centered community. As the only Catholic High School in Ocean County, we are a hidden gem rooted in our traditions set forth by Msgr. Donovan and we continue to offer a rigorous curriculum, outstanding performing arts program, and numerous athletic opportunities. As a result, our students are empowered to become leaders and strive for academic excellence.

Each year brings positive change and improvements. Our maintenance and cleaning staff have been working diligently and tirelessly to get our classrooms and building ready for the fall. In addition, a new roof was installed over our cafeteria, our kitchen in our cafeteria was deep cleaned and sanitized, and we updated the security on certain door entries. With a grateful donation from a benefactor, we were able to update and improve our Art Studio. We are looking forward to unveiling and having a dedication ceremony in October. We also welcomed guidance counselors, Mrs. Torkos and Mr. Lang, and an Enrollment Manager Mrs. Kodi Sohl. Also, we welcome our new faculty members Mr. Heitmann, Mrs. Collins, and Ms. Martucci. Welcome, all new members to Donovan Catholic!

As we begin the new school year, we truly believe that communication is the key to a successful educational experience. Education is a partnership between all members of the school, students, parents/guardians, and the community. All students are more successful when we work together as a team. As partners in your child's education, we will embrace this new school year together with enthusiasm, determination, and a positive mindset.

Our school-wide theme for this year is Echo the Good News. When the Gospels described Jesus' Baptism, they told how the heavens opened and God's voice was heard to say, "This is the blessed one in whom I take delight." Jesus was always in some way conscious of His Father's words. His actions were always positive and supportive of others and His words were always gentle, encouraging, and forgiving. We are called to follow Jesus as His disciples; we will strive at all times to teach and speak like Jesus. We all have Him as a wonderful example from whom to draw inspiration and confidence as we, teachers, and parents in education work together to create the best possible learning environment for all the students in our school.

We are honored to serve as the principal and vice-principal of Donovan Catholic. Thank you for entrusting your student to our care. We look forward to making it a great year together. May God bless you and your family.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward G. Gue".

Principal

Mrs. Kelly

Vice Principal

[Return to School Plan For Donovan Catholic Families .pdf](#)

First Week of School

- **Students are permitted to wear Donovan Logo or Class Color Shirt for the first week of school September 7 through September 10. Please refer to the last page of this letter.**

Freshmen Orientation Community Building Day

September 7, 2021

- **Arrival 8:00 am (Students may start to arrive at 7:30 am)**
- **Dismissal 2:20 pm**
- **Attire- Students are permitted to wear their grade color t-shirt (RED) and Donovan logo attire. Please refer to the last of this letter for reference.**
- **Lunch- Please bring a brown bag lunch. We have vending machines for snacks and if you need an extra drink.**
- **ALL freshmen will receive**
 - **Their student ID**
 - **Laptop**
 - **Email and Password**
 - **Online book store login credentials**
 - **Genesis Login login credentials**
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**

Sophomore Re-orientation / Community Building Day

September 8, 2021

- **Arrival 8:00 am (Students may start to arrive at 7:30 am)**
- **Dismissal 11:30 pm**

- **Attire-** Students are permitted to wear their grade color t-shirt (GREEN) and Donovan logo attire. Please refer to the last page of this letter for reference.
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**

Junior & Senior Re-orientation Community Building Day

September 9, 2021

- **Arrival 8:00 am (Students may start to arrive at 7:30 am)**
- **Dismissal 11:30 pm**
- **Attire-** Students are permitted to wear their grade color t-shirt, Juniors (BLUE) Seniors (YELLOW) and Donovan logo attire. Please refer to the last page of this letter for reference.
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**

ATTENTION SENIORS-

All seniors submitted a LOTTERY TICKET at the end of the school year, which was also signed by a parent/guardian. There will be a parking lot lottery on Senior re-orientation day. Seniors who "win" a parking lot spot will need to bring in \$50.00 to secure their spot and receive their parking pass from Mrs. Sandomierski.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Return to School Health and Safety Plan will be sent in separate email.

Parent Student Handbook-

- Located on our website under the Students and Parents tab.

Student ID-

- **ALL students must wear their ID at all times.**
 - If you need a replacement ID please complete [this form](#).

- The Replacement ID Form is also found on our school website under the Students Tab.

EdTech Online Bookstore-

- Information regarding the online bookstore will be provided to all students on their respective orientation day.

Attendance-

- If your child is absent due to a NON COVID reason please complete [this form](#).
 - This Absentee Form can be found on our homepage under the Information Section.
- If your child is absent to a COVID reason, please CALL the attendance office
- Remote learning is ONLY for health-related reasons with a Doctor's note due to isolation or quarantine for COVID-19.
- Parents and students should read the attendance policy in our student/parent handbook.

Morning Drop Off-

- ALL students will enter via the main entry doors.

Dismissal

- Students that are drivers, walkers, or being picked up will exit our school building using the 200 and 400 breezeway doors.
- Students that will be taking the bus will exit via our main entrance doors.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Map-

- A Toms River District Crossing Guard is stationed at the intersection of Terrance Ave. and Conifer St./ Donovan's Drive. For the safety of the children, please drop off and pick up your child on Conifer or Marion St. and instruct your child to walk to the crossing guards. If drivers leave their vehicles for any reason, they must find a LEGAL parking spot.

Senior Parking Lottery-

- All seniors submitted a LOTTERY TICKET at the end of the school year, which was also signed by a parent/guardian. There will be a parking lot lottery on Senior re-orientation day. Seniors who "win" a parking lot spot will need to bring in \$50.00 to secure their spot and receive their parking pass from Mrs. Sandomierski.

Transportation-

- Information regarding your child's transportation will either come directly from the school district or our Transportation Coordinator for our Donovan Catholic Busses. Information will be forthcoming.

The School Store- Donovan's Den-

- Students may purchase uniforms and school supply items from our school store.
- Located in the main corridor, is open during the school year on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7:45 AM to 12:30 PM and a few designated evenings during the school year.

Cafeteria-

- OPENS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.
- The lunch menu can also be found on our school website under the tab Campus Life.
- Metz Culinary will be our food service provider, and we are thrilled to offer lunch in our cafeteria. Mrs. Nelson, our Cafeteria Manager, will work with our Student Council to ask for suggestions on menu options.
- Payschools Central will be used as a secure online payment system that simplifies payment, collection, and balancing funds.
 - You can log on to www.payschoolscentral.com to sign up. A declining balance account is a debit account that utilizes the student's Donovan ID card as the debit card.

Donovan Catholic is open full-time in September!

- We look forward to welcoming our students, faculty, and staff back to the building Monday through Friday.
- Our day starts with morning prayers at 8:00 am and concludes at 2:20 pm.
- Students can purchase a snack or drink in our vending machines or refill a reusable water bottle from our many water fountains.

- **We are thrilled to immediately offer our students the opportunity to be part of the performing arts, band, choir, or sports team.**
- **Most importantly, we invite our students, faculty, and staff to pray daily in our school Chapel**

IMPORTANT DATES

September -

- **1- Wednesday**
 - **Faculty Only**
- **2- Thursday**
 - **Faculty Only**
- **3 Friday & 6 Monday**
 - **School Closed - Labor Day**
- **7- Tuesday**
 - **Freshman Orientation Only - full-day 8 am-2 pm**
- **8- Wednesday**
 - **Sophomores Orientation Only - 8 am-11:30 am**
- **9 -Thursday**
 - **Juniors & Seniors Orientation Only - 8 am-11:30 am**
- **10- Friday**
 - **ALL Students - First full day of School.**
- **13- Monday**
 - **Lors will be at the school to take 9th, 10th & 11th pictures for the yearbook.**
 - **New Student & Parent Convocation Night at 7pm**
 - **Information will be forthcoming**
- **23 Thursday -**
 - **Awards Night by Invitation only at 7 pm**
 - **Information will be forthcoming**

- **29 Wednesday-**
- **Freshmen Retreat**
 - **NO CLASSES FOR 10th,11th & 12th grade**
- **Meet the Teachers**
 - **Information will be forthcoming**
- **30- Thursday**
 - **Early Dismissal**
- **Please refer to the school calendar on our website. All dates are subject to change.**

DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LOGO DAYS

The following guidelines are to be followed on Donovan Logo Days:

Donovan Logo Days will require students to wear

- **Student ID**
- **A Donovan Logo t-shirt (long or short sleeve) or uniform navy blue golf shirt.**
 - **You may wear your Donovan Fleece or Sweatshirt over the Donovan Shirt.**
- **Shorts for both young men and young women must be at or above the knee.**
- **Pants choices are sweatpants, Khakis or Jeans.**
 - **NO ripped or torn pants.**
 - **NO leggings, yoga pants, or pajama pants**
 - **All pants should fit appropriately**

- **Shoes- NO flip flops, slippers, slides and open back shoes.**
- **NO hats or head coverings of any kind**

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU! WELCOME BACK!

MISSION STATEMENT

The high school community of Donovan Catholic educates its students to live their faith, respect and serve others in a global society, and pursue academic excellence in a college preparatory environment.

Donovan Catholic would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Donovan Catholic directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

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