



Welcome New Parents & Students!

Important Information for Families
Cabrini Elementary and Middle School

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Meet the Principal

**Welcome to our school!
It's a privilege to serve as the
principal of Cabrini Elementary
and Middle School.
You have joined an
extraordinary learning
community where our teachers,
staff, students and families are
actively engaged in making
excellence happen every day.
I look forward to getting to
know you and to a wonderful
school year!**

--Lisa Pacholski





Ingredients for Excellence

Cabrini Elementary and Middle School provides a loving environment for our students and an outstanding elementary education. We have earned many honors thanks to the **devotion** of our **talented teachers**, the **enthusiasm** and **effort** of our students, and **involvement** and **interest** of our parents and community.

- AdvancED Accredited
- MNSAA Accredited
- Member of National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

Exciting Updates

- Many traditions and offerings make our campus special and our school year memorable:
 - K-8 Spanish Class
 - Fully-staffed library - all classes attend the library at least once a week
 - Integrated computer curriculum
 - Dedicated IT Staff
 - Computer Chromebooks on Wheels
 - All classes have a weekly computer class
 - Desktop and/or laptop computers in all rooms
 - Smartboards in 80% of our classrooms
 - Updated Science lab and new K-2 science curriculum that provides hands-on educational experiences
 - New middle school Math curriculum that meets State and AOD standards





Exciting Updates (continued)

- Community gardens on campus
- Healthy Kids in Action grant recipients that promotes active recess, healthy snacks and birthday celebrations
- Art show twice a year
- Music performances twice a year
- 6th graders attend a 5-day trip to science camp
- 8th graders attend a 5-day trip to Washington DC
- All grades attend exciting and educational field trips throughout the year



Preparing for the First Week of School



Learning About Your Class

- We have 2 classes of each grade, enrolling close to 400 students
- **Classroom rosters** will be posted on **Thursday, August 23rd by noon** on the gym doors
- Find your name (listed by grade) and learn who your teacher and classmates will be
- Middle school schedules will be available on plus portal



The First Week of School

- Each morning, students in Grades 1-4 will report to the cafeteria (near the gym). Parents may join the drop-off line off of Laurence Street and volunteers will approach your vehicle to let students out
- 5th grades will report outside in front of the main entrance of the building
- 6th-8th grades will report to the middle school entrance (located past main office doors)
- 5th-8th grades may use the driveway in front of the church for drop off
- When the bell rings, students will walk together to their room. **Parents do not need to proceed to the classrooms!**
- Kindergarten students will enter through the main office doors on the **first day only**. Parents and students will proceed to their student's classroom for a meet and greet and drop off supplies. On August 28th, drop students off at cafeteria doors. (Kindergarten students **ONLY** will be released at 11am.)



How it All Works

Getting To/From School

This report is the result of the Cabrini Elementary and Middle School traffic safety study. When analyzing school site safety, three main factors are considered:

Separation of Vehicles and Pedestrians

To the degree possible, different activities should be kept separate. For example, the parent-loading zone should be separate from walking students.

Curbside Access

Students should always enter/exit vehicles on the passenger side (curb or building side).

This is so students do not have to walk into the roadway or parking lot to access vehicles or buildings.

Backing of Vehicles

Vehicles should not back up in an area where students may be moving about. Smaller students are often not visible through rear windows of cars, vans and SUV's. This is especially true on days with snow or frost.



Getting To/From School



Area #1 – Crosswalk (see attached map for specific areas)

The Crosswalk between the K-3 loading/unloading area should be re-painted white using the zebra striping method shown on the diagram. This will increase visibility of the crosswalk. Safety Patrollers should **NOT** use stop signs to direct traffic. A parent should assume this talk. Safety Patrollers should stand on the sidewalk and tell the waiting students when it is safe to cross the street.

Area #2 – Grades K-4 Loading/Unloading Area

The gate in this area will be completely opened to allow for traffic flowing in and out of the parking lot/loop.

Area #3 – Grades 4-8 Loading/Unloading Area

The gate in this area will be closed during arrival and dismissal. Parents should now loop around to load and unload on the east side of the School (by the Library/Office). Parents should exit this loop on Laurence. Teachers should park in the center parking spaces to facilitate the loop.

Getting To/From School

Area #4 – Walking/Pedestrians Only

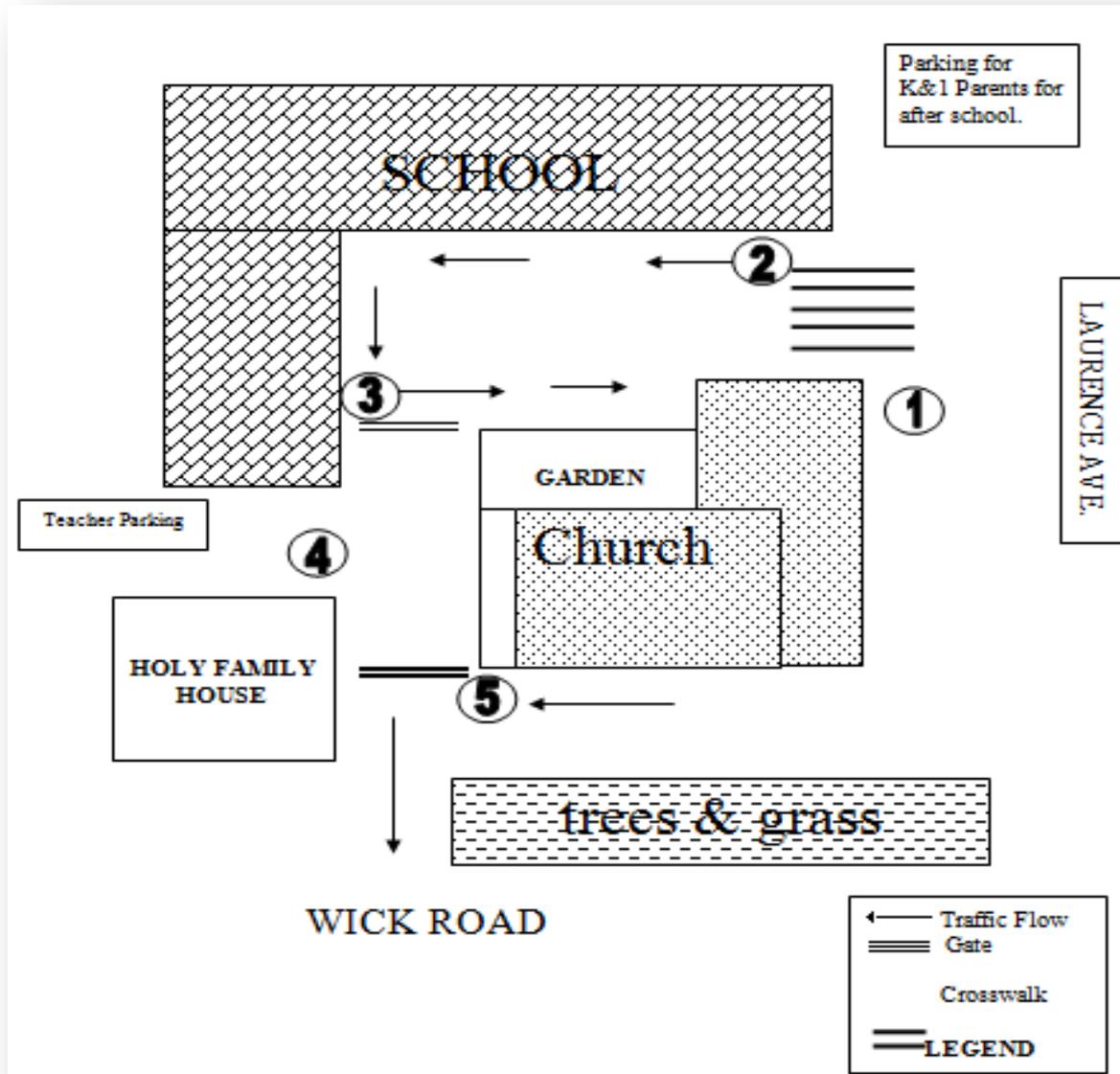
Close both gates to this area and prohibit vehicles from driving in this area during arrival and dismissal.

Area #5 – Church Loop

In this area, continue the practice of loading and unloading on the right. Do not pick up students in the outside lane to prevent students from crossing between vehicles.



Drop-Off Map





A Typical School Week

- Students arrive in their classrooms by **7:40 am** Monday  Friday
- **Students who are tardy** (arriving after 7:50 am) must get a tardy slip from the office **before** joining their class
- In addition to regular classroom activities, all students attend specialized learning opportunities weekly:
 - **Art**
 - **Computers**
 - **Library**
 - **Music**
 - **P.E. (grades 1-5 wear P.E. uniform to school, MS will change prior to class)**
 - **Spanish**

Classroom teachers will send home a schedule of days and times with their special classes.

The Cafeteria



- All students eat lunch in the cafeteria. Students may bring their lunch or purchase an AOD one. **Parents are always welcome!**
- Free or reduced-fee lunch is available to families that qualify. For more information visit and an application, please visit:
- https://cabriniparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2016_How_to_Apply_For_Free_And_Reduced_Price_Meals.pdf
- AOD lunches will be paid a month in advance. Hot dog and pizza lunches can be pre-paid or paid the day of.
- Want to know what your kids *really* eat? Who they hang out with? We need Parent Volunteers to supervise students during lunch so their teachers get a well- deserved break. It's fun, it's easy, your kids LOVE seeing you! **Volunteer Now** by contacting our [Shannon Cousino](#) at: shannon.cousino@gmail.com



Visiting Campus

- All visitors to campus during school hours must **SIGN-IN AT THE OFFICE** and obtain a **visitor badge** before entering any building, including classrooms or outside areas on campus. Visitors badges **must** be worn at all times on campus.
- After obtaining a badge, check out at the front office when you are ready to leave.
- Meet students leaving campus early for appointments in the front office – students must sign out (and back in if returning to campus).
- Parents are welcome (and encouraged) to join volunteer their time in the classroom and on fieldtrips. ALL volunteer must take the protecting God's Children course and complete a background check.



**Please Participate
in our
School & Community**



Please Join our Elementary/Middle school Parent-Teacher Guild(EPTG)

- The EPTG provides funds for technology, classroom equipment, field trips, books, teacher training and more.
- We contribute to our school by:
 - **Volunteering** Because of our parents' generous participation, our teachers have more time to offer students individual attention, prepare lessons, hold conferences with parents, and get a well-deserved break.
 - **Celebrating** and recognizing our dedicated and talented teachers by arranging special meals and appreciation gifts.
 - **Organizing** events and fundraisers that build our school community



Important Dates & Links



EPTG Meetings

**Third TUESDAY of
each month**

7pm

**YOU ARE INVITED
Please Join Us!**

How Can You Help?

PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and TALENTS

- Kids *LOVE* seeing their parents involved at school – and in elementary school, they still publicly enjoy having us around!
 - It's a great way to meet other Cabrini families
 - Volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursday for preparing hot dog and pizza lunches
 - We have volunteer positions available during lunch and recess hours.
- Attend the fun community-building events and participate in fundraisers
- Save BoxTops for Education squares from select grocery products



Helpful Links

- [School Website:](#)

<https://cabriniparish.org/elementary-and-middle-school/>

- [Meet the Teachers:](#)

<https://cabriniparish.org/cems-staff/>

- [Visit us on Facebook](#)
- [Cabriniparish.org](https://cabriniparish.org)





Keep Us Informed

- Provide phone numbers when they change
- Make sure we have your email address on file
- Call the office to report your student's absences
- Call ahead or send a note if your student needs to be picked up early

Back to School Schedule

- Aug 27th : 1st-8th grade first day (noon dismissal)
- August 27th: Kindergarten meet and greet 8:30-9:30am
- Aug 28: 1st-8th grade FULL day
 - Kindergarten 11am dismissal
- Aug 31: NO SCHOOL
- September 3: NO SCHOOL
- September 5th: Picture Day (dress clothes/no uniforms)
- September 6th: Meet the Teacher Night
 - Grades 1-5: 6:00-6:45pm
 - Middle school 6:50-8:20pm





THANK YOU!

We are so excited to welcome you to
Cabrini Elementary and Middle School!

Your EPTG plays an active role in our
child(ren)'s education and experiences.

Your participation in the EPTG and school is
an integral part of their success.

We look forward to having you as a member of
the Cabrini community and hope you will
become an active member of the EPTG.

~ Melissa Hammer

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EPTG President