



**Fourth Grade
Newsletter
Ms. Santiago
August 2026**

I am excited to begin the 2026-2027 school year with your child. May God's peace be with you. I look forward to helping your child develop this school year. I am excited to let you all know our para this year is Mr. Tolliver! Mr. Tolliver will be here five days a week and will be a wonderful addition to our classroom.

I am here to educate, help, support, and encourage your child. I want the best for your child. That being said, if there is a concern you would like me to be aware of, please do not hesitate to let me know. My ultimate goal is the success of your child. I understand that at times life consumes our children, if your child has a bad morning, or I need to simply "handle with care", please reach out and let me know.

Holy Savior has two school rules - 1) It is never okay to be hurtful; and 2) It is never okay to interfere with the learning of others.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE. WE WILL GATHER IN THE GYMNASIUM FOR DINNER AND GUEST SPEAKERS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, WE WILL TRANSITION TO THE CLASSROOMS FOR A QUICK VISIT. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO BE SURE AND ATTEND!

MEALS: We order breakfast and lunch one day in advance. Each day I will ask for who is eating breakfast/hot lunch. If your child brings a cold lunch that is perfectly fine. Fast food and sodas are not allowed in the cafeteria. If your child forgets to bring a lunch we will attempt to contact you; however, if all else fails, we will serve them a hot lunch. All students are eligible for free meals this school year. Menus will be sent home with students and also posted in the classroom. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the menu, please let me know.

WEDNESDAY LATE START: Every Wednesday we have Late Start. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. Morning extended day will not be available. Periodically we will have \$2 dress down days. Please be on the look out for fliers or SchoolMessenger calls letting you know.

ATTENDANCE: School begins at 7:45 a.m. If your child needs breakfast please bring them to school at 7:20. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office.

If your child will be absent for an extended amount of time for an illness, please let us know and we will provide you with the log in information for your child to continue to learn via internet through Clever.

Our school is an "On Time, Everytime School". This motto means that our students and families understand that being on time to school is important. All students who arrive on time will receive a ticket for a chance for an *On Time, Every Time* prize. Every week our administration will reward the class who has the most students *On Time, Every Time* for the week. There is a traveling trophy that the class receives for the week! It is really exciting, and not to brag, but 4th Grade had the most on time students last year! I cannot wait to see how we do this year!

BIRTHDAY/HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS: As in previous years, we have scheduled one day for birthday celebrations. All of the dates are listed on our annual calendar. We will provide notification in advance of the next birthday celebration. If you would like to bring goodies for your child's birthday, please know that we are asking for 1) healthy snacks; and 2) pre-packaged items. If you are unsure of what you would like to send to school, please contact the office. Please be mindful of peanut allergies within our class. All celebrations will take place at 2:30.

MASS: We will be attending Mass twice a week. Our Mass days are Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Please do your best to have your child at school no later than 8:00 a.m. to ensure they can participate in Mass. If you must pick up your child early from school on Thursdays, please be patient as we will be in church.

TECHNOLOGY: We will be using IXL, Lexia and BrainPop this year for some additional instruction. Each student will be expected to have at least 30 FOCUSED minutes a day (150 minutes per week; 2,400 minutes at semester; and 4,800 minutes for the school year). To incentivize the students, I will have various rewards for achieving their minutes. Incentives include lunch with me, lunch with Dr. Shropshire, Lunch with Mr. Stutey, and the ultimate prize - A TACO PARTY!!!! I want all students to be rewarded so please also encourage your child to stay focused on their internet programs.

HOMEWORK: There will be homework in fourth grade. In addition to 30 minutes of reading each evening, I will occasionally have homework for the children, if an assignment is not completed in class. Spelling packets will be sent home on Mondays, and they are to be completed and returned by Friday. In addition to spelling packets students will have to write their spelling words ten times each and they are due on Wednesdays. On Fridays we will have a spelling test. Students will have an opportunity to complete some work in the classroom, but if it is not completed timely, then they will need to complete some of it at home.

We will again have BMPH. BMPH is a Math Power Hour experience for students to fall in love with Math! Students will receive a math packet each week. Each Wednesday they will attend BMPH and engage in math

games and other activities. The students will receive Math packets weekly. The math work is to be completed throughout the week at home. When they have completed the work, you will check it, sign off that they completed it and return it to school Wednesday mornings. The students will receive points for turning in their packets and getting signatures. The points the students earn will be redeemed with an incentive field trip! Be on the look out for more details next week!

Students will be given an agenda the first week of school. We will be using these agendas to keep track of homework, special activities, as well as daily feedback for you on your child's day. Please encourage your child to use the agenda.

Throughout the school year we will have various projects assigned, please encourage your child to participate in the activities.

As we know things arise outside of school that impact our students. If your child is having a difficult time with a situation, please feel free to let me know. I do not need to know specifics; however, if extra care or attention is needed, I would like to do that to avoid any possible problems that may arise. If your child did not get enough sleep, or missed breakfast or needs anything, please let me know. I will ensure that we get to your child's needs if within my ability.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at the school. My goal is to have an open dialogue with you as parents to help your child succeed.

Thank you so much for entrusting me with your child's education. God Bless!

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Upcoming Dates

August 14 - First day of school for 4th grade - 7:45a-12p

August 17 - First full day of school for all students - 7:45a-3:30p

August 19 - Late Start - classes begin at 9:00 a.m., no AM Extended Day

August 20 - Back to School Night - Potluck dinner, followed by Open House

August 21 - First all school Mass - 8:00 a.m.; Birthday Celebration for July and

August Birthdays

August 22 - UVSaturday School - 9:00-11:00a

