

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

July 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope the summer has been good to you and your family. In less than a month, we will begin the 2019 - 2020 school year. This mailing will ensure that your son begins the academic year on the right foot.

I encourage you and your family periodically to visit the school website to learn the latest news about Jesuit High School. On our website, you will find helpful information such as our calendar of events and carpool forum; you will also download Book Day forms from <u>www.jesuitnola.org/2019-book-day</u>.

I look forward to welcoming all new and returning students on our Book Days, which will be held on August 13 and 14. Details concerning the opening of the school year and the requirements of Book Day activities will be posted on our school's website. Furthermore, I ask parents of new students not to accompany your sons through the line on Book Day and to allow your sons the opportunity to attend Book Day with their Big Brothers.

All students must have a proper haircut and must be clean-shaven for Book Day. (Please refer to the *Bulletin* for information regarding dress code.) Underclassmen must bring a dress shirt, coat, and tie for the pictures. Seniors need only a shirt with a collar for their ID picture. **Students not properly groomed and attired will not be allowed to proceed on Book Day.**

On Book Day, each student will submit all mandatory Book Day forms; take yearbook photos; purchase textbooks, PE uniforms, supplies, etc.; and pay the cafeteria account (optional). Any student who does not have each of the mandatory forms completed and signed will not be allowed to participate in Book Day activities.

We will continue to use the Canvas learning management system so that parents and students will be able to access student grades and assignments as they are posted throughout the school year. New students will create their Canvas/Office 365 accounts on Book Day, and new parents will receive an email with instructions and account information.

Schedules, booklists, emergency data forms, and quarterly grade and discipline reports will be emailed directly to parents; therefore, it is important that you update your directory contact information if you have not already done so. Please refer to the enclosed technology form for tips to ensure that important Jesuit emails do not get routed to your spam folder.

Enclosed in this mailing, you will find technology information, student photo purchase forms, Book Day procedure and details, student retreat information, a letter from the guidance department, opening of school year events for students and parents, uniform and dress code information, and parent volunteer info. Please be aware that a PDF of the *Bulletin* can be viewed online at jesuitnola.org/bulletin.

Recently there has been an increase in the use of e-cigarettes/vapes among teenagers across the country. This fall our underclassmen will attend an assembly that will educate our students about the dangers of vaping. Furthermore, our Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 5, will focus primarily on the issue of teenage vaping. Please be aware that our discipline rules regarding vaping have also been reviewed and updated; this information can be found under the discipline section of the *Bulletin*.

Additionally, we have seen an increase in parents dropping off various materials to students throughout the school day. In an attempt to help our students as they grow into independent young men, we have created the following policy that can also be found in the *Bulletin*:

Please do not bring forgotten items (such as lunches, projects, books, etc.) to school if a student fails to bring such items with him in the morning. This is an opportunity for students to take responsibility for their actions and to learn from this by accepting the consequences for forgetting important items at home. Should a parent bring an item to the switchboard, it will remain there for the student to collect on his own without any notification from the school.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation regarding this, and we look forward to working with you and your sons this school year. Should you have any questions about the opening of school, please contact my office at 483-3817.

Sincerely,

Atthe

Peter S. Kernion Principal