



ST. EDMUND'S ACADEMY

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Dear Parents,

We are just about ready to welcome all to the 2009-2010 school year officially starting on Tuesday, September 1. The summer weeks have “flown by” with the completion of numerous school activities and projects, along with much needed vacations worked into the schedule. We have met our written communications goals to you and continue to respond to individual questions.

One of the most important issues we face along with all other schools is the possible impact of the H1N1 flu virus on our school community. We continue to stay close to local, state, and federal health agencies regarding flu shot plans. The major advice from all so far stresses the importance of schools taking internal facility and health education preventative measures and remaining in close communication with parents. The information contained in my May 2009 “Keeping In Touch” letter on the H1N1 flu is current and I ask that you reread it. It is located on our website and will be highlighted again on the home page.

I am very pleased to announce that The Reverend Nathan A. Rugh will be St. Edmund's Academy's Chaplain for the 2009-2010 school year. Father Rugh is an Ordained Priest at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, where he performs ongoing duties as liturgy celebrant, preacher, and teacher, as well as contributing to congregational development and growth and providing pastoral care and social outreach/mission. He holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. The Rugh family is also a St. Edmund's Academy family, with sons Eliot in fourth grade and Gavin in Kindergarten, and spouse Rebecca Coursey-Rugh, very much an integral member of our community.

Fr. Rugh's pastoral duties at St. Edmund's Academy include serving as worship leader at our weekly Chapel service and fulfilling various other traditional Chaplain responsibilities for St. Edmund's Day and Moving Up Day. He will serve as a resource for our World Cultures faculty and act as a contributing lecturer in Upper School Social Studies classes. In addition, Fr. Rugh will maintain a presence in the School assisting with the more subjective areas of counseling and advising as related to living our Core Values. Throughout the year, Fr. Rugh will participate with others in the assessment of the role of Chaplain as envisioned in 1947, which continues to evolve in 2009. The mission of St. Edmund's Academy, supported by its philosophy and Core Values, remains firmly in place. We now welcome The Reverend Nathan Rugh as St. Edmund's Academy's Chaplain in addition to his continuing parent partnership.

St. Edmund's Academy's enrollment remains at its highest level in more than ten years, and the School is financially sound going into its 62nd year of continuous service to children. Our Home and School partnership will guide a successful 2009-2010 school year sustained on mutual respect, confidence, and trust.

Sincerely,

William Kindler