



September 9, 2022

We officially completed our first week of school and what a wonderful week it has been! Our students are all settling in nicely to their new routines and they are all working so hard. Today they all attended our annual September 11th Memorial Prayer Service. There were many local First Responders in attendance, as well as parent and grandparents. This was a beautiful and solemn event where we remembered all those who lost their lives 21 years ago. It will always be a day that will live in our hearts forever. I spoke to the children about always looking for the light in the darkness. How ordinary people, living ordinary lives, reacted with extraordinary heroism. Thank you to all who attended.

On another note... Our morning drop-off procedure is running like a well-oiled machine. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we worked out the kinks during the first week of school. Just a reminder, if you have a child that needs assistance getting out of the car, please wait in the drop-off line, then pull into the lower lot and park your car. We appreciate your cooperation, as it makes the drop-off line move more quickly and efficiently.

Afternoon pick-up is also going quite well. Just a few reminders. When waiting for your child, **please wait at the bottom of the steps near the lower lot.** Even if you do not park in the lot, we ask that you wait in this designated area. This gives teachers a clear path to safely bring their students to you. If you do park in the lot, we ask that you exit your vehicle and walk to the bottom of the stairs to meet your child. We will not send children into the parking lot without an adult present. This is for the safety of your children. **Pre-K parents have been asked to pick-up their children at the side entrance to the building.** We will not release any child until a parent, guardian or authorized person is visible. Until we know you or the person picking up your child a little better, you may be asked to show an ID. Again, thank you for your understanding. **The safety of your children is of the utmost importance.**

I have some exciting news! On Wednesday, September 21st, we will hold a Back-To-School Open House from 6:00-7:00 for all students and their families. This will be the perfect opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, visit their classrooms, checkout their books and classwork, see our newly renovated classes on the 3rd floor and meet your new principal. We hope to see you there!

Just a reminder that on Monday, September 12th, there will be a Town Meeting that will determine our request for a long-term lease. If you are a Stonington resident, I ask that you please attend this very important meeting and vote in favor of the St. Michael School long-term lease of West Broad Street School. Thank you for your support.

Lastly, registration information went home for our annual 5k Road Race and Family Fun Run/Walk on November 5th at 10:00 am. This is a fun-filled St. Michael School community event and is open to the public as well. Please help by spreading the word about this fantastic fundraiser that supports our school. I just registered my family and it was easy peasy!

I hope everyone has a fun and relaxing weekend. The weather is supposed to be absolutely beautiful. Thank you again for choosing St. Michael School, we are all so blessed.

Amy Babcock
Principal