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Catholic Schools in Diocese of Dallas Head Back to Class

Students at Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Academy in west Dallas and John Paul II High School in Plano will get an early start in the classroom when they head back to class on **Monday, August 8th**. That makes them among the first students in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex to begin the 2022-2023 school year. The first day of school always brings excitement as students reunite with their friends and teachers. The first day can also be a cause of tears for some of the youngest students starting Kindergarten and Pre-K. Schools try to make the first day fun with balloons, banners and teachers welcoming students back to the classroom. Media is welcome at the following campuses.

Santa Clara Catholic Academy, 321 Calumet Ave., 469-360-4345. On-site contact is Principal Lora Watson. Students begin arriving at 7:30 a.m. Bell rings at 8:00 a.m. (full day).

John Paul II High School, 900 Coit Rd., Plano, 972-740-5514. On-site contact is school President, Chad Evans.

In what has become an annual tradition, JP II will again hold Senior Sunrise. Senior students will gather on the football field at the high school to watch the sun rise together on the first day of their senior year. It is a fun and meaningful way to kick off the last year for seniors with prayer, food and fellowship for the students.

Other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Dallas will start back to class later in the week. Among those starting back to class on Tuesday, August 9th are:

Bishop Lynch High School, 9750 Ferguson Rd. On-site contact is Jennifer Nimmo, 214-957-8783. Students begin arriving at 7:45 a.m. Bell rings at 7:45 a.m. (half day only)

Christ the King Catholic School (Pre-K – 8th grade), 4100 Colgate Avenue. On-site contact is Principal Patrick O’Sullivan, 214-365-1234. Students begin arriving at 7:30 a.m. when parents are invited to walk their students inside. Bell rings at 7:55 a.m. (full day).

St. Cecilia Catholic School (Pre-K – 8th grade), 635 Mary Cliff Drive, Dallas. On-site contact is Principal Lydia Torrez, 972-946-3214. Students begin arriving at 7:00 a.m. Bell rings at 7:50 a.m. (full day).

The first Catholic school opened its doors in the Diocese of Dallas in 1874. Today, there are 36 schools and an enrollment of nearly 15,000 students in the local Catholic school system.

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