

## Private schools prepare for upcoming year

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### LaValle Private School

LaValle Private School in Fairfield, which is celebrating its 30th year of operation, will have new offerings in computer science, world studies and foreign language. This year there will be weekly childcare programs, early education programs for advanced preschoolers and advanced pre-kindergarten children with other enrichment programs for school-age children.

“Our fine arts program has been expanded as part of the daily academic curriculum,” said Administrator Kim Allen. “Ongoing and advanced study of composers, classical compositions, fine arts and artists will be added to individualized study plans. Spanish will also be offered on a daily basis as part of the education curriculum.”

In an effort to include all significant family members involved in a student’s life, it is changing the former family support group, LaValle PTO, to the LaValle Family Alliance to offer a stronger link between home and school. Plans are in place to increase classroom visitation, open houses, grandparent visits, extended family time, social events, family inservice training and additional family-teacher conferences.

“Through this newly formed alliance, the student will benefit in a positive and direct manner,” she said. “We encourage all family members to become active in our new family support organization.”

### Sacred Heart Elementary School

Sacred Heart welcomes back students on Friday, Aug. 21. Pickup Sunday will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 16 in the undercroft between masses. School officials ask students to stop by to get an orientation packet and spirit wear order. Haircuts also will be offered for \$10 per student along with the uniform exchange and a book fair. Bus schedules will be posted.

The next Parents and Teachers for Students group meeting will be 7 p.m. Sept. 14.

### Cincinnati Christian Schools

When Cincinnati Christian students head back to school, they will notice a few changes, said spokeswoman Robin Waits. Interim Superintendent Terry Diefenbacher, a former school board member who took office in April, has made numerous physical improvements to the buildings. At the high school campus, the new practice field is ready for football and soccer practices. The cafeteria has been remodeled for more space. At the elementary school, the cafeteria has new flooring. The high school has a new graphics lab and a committee is working on new curriculum

for it as well as additional honors and advanced placement courses.

### **Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School**

Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School officials announced they are at full enrollment, and have two eighth-grades classes for the first time this year. It also was selected for the 2009 Best of Liberty Township Award in the Private and Parochial Schools category by the U.S. Commerce Association.

“We are proud at how we have grown in eleven years, when we started as a school with a single kindergarten class,” said spokeswoman Kit Okray.

### **Mount Notre Dame High School**

“The major change that students and teachers will notice right away is that our entire facility has been air conditioned,” said Spokeswoman Jenn Sennett. “That will make the dog-days of summer seem a little more like the puppy-days. In addition, we are preparing for the institution of our 1:1 Tablet PC program which will be instituted for the Class of 2014. Last year was the ‘learning year’ as we decided whether or not this was the best direction for MND and our students. We decided to move ahead with the venture, and so now we will be preparing for the changes both academically and to our facility to ready ourselves for the Tablet PC program.”

Because MND is celebrating its 150th anniversary as the oldest Catholic girls’ high school in Cincinnati, there are a number of celebrations planned.

Events will occur throughout the year, with the first on Sept. 19 with Amilya Antonetti, best-selling author, nationally renown speaker and “Oprah Favorite.” Antonetti will host her Broken Cookie Workshop for women of all ages.

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