



# Wildcat Weekly

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Welcome back! It is so wonderful to have our school once again filled with children. It gets a bit lonely in the summertime with an empty school building. I am so happy to report that we are off to a great start. I am amazed at how quickly our little ones are adjusting to school. There may still be some tears at drop of time in the morning, but within a short time, the tears are replaced with smiles as the children are exploring their new classrooms and getting into their morning routines. Our Kindergarteners are so excited to be upstairs for the first time with the “big kids” and our 1st-5th graders are happy to be back with their friends and can’t wait to see what this year has in store for them. There is certainly an excitement in the air as school is back in session! - Mrs. Barron







## We Have Expanded to 5th Grade!

When the St. Mel's reopened as an Early Childhood Center in 2020-2021, we had a goal of rebuilding the school from the bottom up and carrying the then third graders through to 8th grade. We are now one step closer to that goal as this year we have expanded to 5th grade. Not only that, we are thrilled to announce that St. Mel's has the largest growth rate of any school in the diocese at 33%! That is an amazing accomplishment and we couldn't have done it without the spiritual leadership of Father Fonti, our dedicated faculty and supportive families. Reporters from The Tablet and Currents News have been at the school this week to help us share our good news. Here are some photos of our 5th graders as they pave the way into history here at St. Mel's.

### Looking Ahead

- Monday 9/12—Full school days begin  
Early care and Afterschool begin
- Tuesday 9/13—Carvel Ice-Cream Social fundraiser 3-7pm
- Thursday 9/15—Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night 7pm
- Monday 9/19 iReady diagnostic Cycle 1 begins  
Tiger Tennis program begins
- Tuesday 9/20—Flying Classroom STEM program begins
- Wednesday 9/28—Picture Day: PreK individual and group photos, K-5 individual photos only
- Thursday 9/29—Picture Day: 3K individual and group photos, K-5 group photos only

