MARGARET MACE School

September 2025

Dear Families and Guardians,

As we begin a new school year, we would like to take a moment to highlight one of the most important factors in your child's success: **regular school attendance.** Consistent attendance not only impacts academic achievement but also supports social, emotional, and personal growth.

Here are a few reasons why attendance matters so much:

Academic Achievement When students are present, they are able to fully engage in classroom instruction, discussions, and hands-on learning. Regular attendance ensures they don't miss key lessons that build upon one another, setting the foundation for continued success.

Routines and Responsibilities Attending school each day helps children develop valuable life skills such as punctuality, responsibility, and time management. These habits support learning now and prepare students for future careers and personal responsibilities.

A Sense of Belonging Being part of a classroom community gives students structure, stability, and connection. Consistent attendance helps children feel supported, engaged, and ready to learn, which benefits both their emotional well-being and academic readiness.

Family–School Partnership When students attend school regularly, families and educators can work closely together to support progress and address challenges as they arise. We understand that absences due to illness or emergencies will happen, and we appreciate your communication in those instances. Still, we encourage you to make school attendance a priority and partner with us to overcome any barriers that may impact your child's ability to attend.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education. Together, we can ensure every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive this school year.

Warm regards,
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