

# From the Root

*notes from the Mount Olive School leadership team*



As we count down the days to a new school year, the school is buzzing with activity. From continued work on building projects to preparing classrooms, every effort is focused on creating a welcoming environment for our students. Summer has been full of planning, progress, and prayer, and we're eager to see it all come together when school starts later this month. We're especially excited to welcome new families to the Mount Olive community and look forward to growing together in faith and learning. Part of preparing for the year ahead has included several important updates to our campus.

## Facilities Update

Work on the new roof over the school side is wrapping up this week. It's been a much-needed update and one that will serve our building well for years to come. Our modular classrooms were originally set to arrive earlier, but the heavy rain we've had lately caused some delays. Delivery is now scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, and we're looking forward to seeing them finally in place. Staff and volunteers will be working hard to get these spaces ready for our students by the first day of school. Families may notice extra activity on campus while setup is happening, especially during Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 20. These improvements will be ready just in time to welcome our students.

## Back-to-school routines

Now is a great time to help children ease back into the school schedule. Shifting bedtimes earlier, setting consistent wake-up times, and planning quiet reading or study periods during the day can make the first week of school smoother for everyone. Starting these routines now not only helps children adjust but also reduces stress for the whole family once the busy school days begin.

## Upcoming Important Dates

- August 19 – Teachers return for staff meetings. Prayers are appreciated as we prepare for the year ahead.
- August 20 – Back-to-School Night. Bring your school supplies and get ready to see your classrooms.
- August 26 – First day of school with early dismissal at 1:15 PM. Our staff is excited to hear about your summer and start a new year together.

## School Verse for 2024-2025

***'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'* — John 14:6**

This year, our theme is built on the words of Jesus in John 14:6. In a world full of voices offering different directions, truths, and definitions of life, Jesus makes it simple. He doesn't just point to the way—He is the way. He doesn't just speak the truth—He is the truth. And He doesn't just talk about life—He is life itself. As a school community, this verse reminds us that every lesson taught, every friendship formed, and every challenge faced is grounded in the reality that Jesus is our guide, our source of truth, and the giver of eternal life. As we step into a new school year, may these words shape our learning, our relationships, and our daily walk with Him.

Serving Him together -  
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