



August 22, 2017

Dear Parents:

I'd like to first welcome you all back to another school year. If you're anything like me, it was a little bittersweet. I'm not sure I was ready for summer vacation to be over, but was so excited to see all the students' smiling faces again and get back into a "normal" routine. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Kim Bentley and I am the school social worker here at Most Precious Blood Catholic School. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year here and I love it more and more every year. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year taking on the responsibility of recess duty. I am outside 3 days a week on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. It's nice mixing things up a bit and I enjoy watching all the students play and interact with one another.

During Back to School Night, you may have picked up one of my consent forms called "Consent for In-School Services by School Social Worker" from outside my room upstairs. No worries if you did not. You will find one coming home in the Family Folder this week. This consent form gives me permission to see your child as needed. With this being said, I am allowed to see each student for "counseling-like" services one time without parent consent. If, after that time, I feel the child needs to see me again, I will ask that I get a signed consent form. I will NOT be able to help your child without a signed consent. It is my job to help each child who have things in their life that are preventing them from doing their absolute best at school. I think we all want our child(ren) to succeed. My social work hours are Monday-Thursday 7:30am-2:45pm. I do my best to coordinate with your child's teacher so that they miss as little classroom instruction time as possible. Everything your child shares with me is confidential, however, if I have any concerns regarding anything that they say, the parent will be contacted by either a letter or a phone call depending on the severity of the issue. If a child is being hurt or someone else is being hurt, by law I have to report this to the proper authorities.

This week I will be visiting all the classrooms to introduce myself to the children (most of them already know me) and to remind them about my job as the school social worker. Some of your children may have already shared with you what they learned. I will also have all the "new blood" (new to PB students) come to my room, one grade at a time, for a tour so it can be a familiar place if they ever need to talk. I will also talk to them to make sure they are adjusting well.

If you would like to talk to me about any questions and/or concerns that you may have regarding your child, please feel free to contact me by calling the school office at (260) 424-4832. If I don't answer, please leave a voicemail. I will return your call at my earliest convenience. You may also email me at [counselor@preciousblood.org](mailto:counselor@preciousblood.org). I check my email several times a day.

I look forward to meeting with your son(s) and/or daughter(s) and working with all the students and families of Most Precious Blood Catholic School.

Sincerely,

Kim Bentley  
PB School Social Worker