

**GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 4,
ENROLLMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 800**

Gate of Heaven School will reopen on Tuesday, September 4 with approximately 800 children enrolled. Children are drawn from the various sections of the Back Mountain area covering ten townships and Dallas Borough. According to the directives, as published by the Diocese of Scranton for the parish schools, Gate of Heaven follows the curriculum set up by the Diocesan Superintendent, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Maher. The new series in arithmetic, begun last year in the Diocese, will be extended this year to the fourth grade. The system eventually will make the task of transition into algebra an easy one since many of the algebraic symbols are used in this present system of arithmetic.

There will be a full faculty of thirteen Sisters with Sister M. Sebastian, R. S. M. as Principal. This faculty will be augmented by four lay teachers, three teachers of music and a speech correctionist. In music children are trained to use the various musical instruments - piano, wind, string and percussion - and under the direction of Jack Melton, a well known orchestra leader, the school boasts a very superior orchestra. Speech correction is under

direction of John Seman.

Since the building is relatively new, only those class rooms have been repainted or retouched, according to need, and the library, through a donation from last year's graduation class, will have new library tables to better serve the children in their use of the library.

The school year will begin with full use of all facilities, nine buses being available to transport the children and a cafeteria where daily

over 700 meals are served. The cafeteria will operate from the first day of school under the direction of chef Michael Polachek. The cafeteria area, itself, has been entirely renovated and, as in the past, presents an inviting picture that adds to the healthy appetites of the children.

**Larger Enrollment
For Senior High**

There is a decided increase in Dallas Senior High School enrollment from 383 in 1960-61 to 460 in 1961-62 and 577 for 1962-63.

This increase has necessitated an increase in the faculty of six teachers; three for the 1961-62 term and three additional for the 1962-63 term.

The faculty increase in 1961-62 handled English, biology and social studies.

The additions this year are in the fields of English, science and mathematics.

It had been hoped that the size of classes in English Composition could be lowered to 20 or 22 but the increase in enrollment and the physical features of the school make that move impossible.

This year classes will be held in the music room and the mechanical drawing room while the cafeteria and the auditorium will be utilized for study groups.

Economics, which was offered to all senior commercial students, is now compulsory for all seniors. The State requires that each senior must now have a minimum of thirty-six hours of economics.

A third year of French and Latin will be offered.

Two of our teachers spent the summer studying under grants awarded for foreign language and science. Helen Sliker attended the French seminar at the University of Connecticut while Thomas Carr participated in the Penn State seminar on physics.

The high school will continue the teaching of new concepts of mathematics and science that the junior high school has been stressing.

Three twenty-five minute lunch periods make it possible for all students to participate in the hot lunch program. The cost of the student lunch is .35 a day which is collected by the cashier when the student is served. Milk may be purchased for .05 a bottle by students who carry their lunches.

The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m. Teachers are available for consultation from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

**Dallas Adopts
New Record System**

Dallas Schools are instituting a cumulative record system, according to George McCutcheon, Guidance Counselor, to analyze the progress of a student over the years. If the record shows no progress or loss in ability, steps can be taken to discover the reasons. Loss may be due to some fault that is undermining the basic skills; to indifference; or to lack of effort.

Records are systematically filed and contain up-to-date information about each student. Valuable data concerning family history, personality rating, activities, athletic achievement, honors and awards, hobbies, physical disability, grades to date, rank in class, rank in own group, college recommendation, test results, special training and follow-up information are recorded. The fact that Dallas Schools are accredited by the Middle Atlantic Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges is also a part of this permanent record.

This year the Dallas School District has adopted a new record card, a complete picture of the student through junior and senior high school. It is the result of two years of work by administration and guidance department, complete in every guidance aspect.

In the past, transcripts were typed for use by schools and employers. This new card can be photographed and sent to schools, colleges, or employers requesting information.

In addition to the new card system, a folder is maintained on each student. This folder contains personal data not listed on the permanent record card. Disciplinary reports, notices to parents, information from previous schools, are retained in this folder for reference.

A complete medical and clinical record is maintained by the school nurse.

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