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Opening Prayer

Help us Lord, at the beginning of our school year.
Help us in our work and in our friendships.
We are this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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First Reading

1 Chronicles 28:20

A reading from the first book of the Chronicles

David also said to Solomon his son. 'Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work is finished.'

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 36

**Be our help, Lord God, in the days to
come.**

If you trust in the Lord and do good, then you will live in the land and be secure. If you find your delight in the Lord, he will grant your heart's desire.

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**Be our help, Lord God, in the days to
come.**

Commit your life to the Lord, trust in him and he will act,
so that your justice breaks forth like the light, and your
cause like the noon day sun.

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Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Calms the Storm

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown.?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be Still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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Prayers of the Faithful

Let us make our prayers to God, as we pray at the beginning of our school year.

Look after us, Lord, during this coming year; help us live in this school as a Christian community.

Lord hear us.

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Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for all who work in our school, for teachers and all its staff; bless them and their families.
Lord hear us.

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We pray for people who are new in our school, pupils and teachers may they be happy hear and find friends.
Lord hear us.

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Let us pray.

Help us, Lord, to use well the talents you have given each of us. Help us bring them to our studies so that we work to the best of our ability. May all in this school feel valued, for who we are in your sight. May all we do and learn be in your service, and in the service of love, both now and in the future.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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Reflection

Beginning times are times of hope.

We look ahead and hope for the best of times this coming year.

For friendship, learning and enjoyment.

Every beginning is a time of looking forward to doing our best and bringing the best out of each other.

May the goodness of this school inspire us all to making this year good for everyone here.

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Concluding Prayer

May we spread the love, kindness and compassion of God in our school and wherever we are during this coming year. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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