

Hello all you 7th graders to be! I hope you're having a great summer. Believe it or not, 7th grade is just around the corner, and it will be an awesome time for you! You will be growing spiritually, socially, and academically as you become the young man or woman that God has created you to be. I pray that you are ready for the awesome ride that is 7th grade at Grace Lutheran School.

In case you're wondering, my name is Tom Menke: husband to Becky, father/father-in-law to Joshua, Ben/Emily, Heidi/Joe, Andrew, and Noah, and grandfather to Tyler and Owen. Wow, that's a big family, getting bigger all the time! I love it!! Keeping up with what's going on in their lives is my favorite thing to do, but I like going to the beach with Mrs. Menke, or reading a good book, or playing tennis, or cheering on the Dallas Cowboys or San Antonio Spurs or Houston Astros, or, well, you get the picture. I've been teaching in Lutheran schools for 37 years (what?!?!) in places like Florida, Louisiana, Texas, and now Florida again. It's been a wild ride, and I look forward to continuing that ride with you this year.

Your day will start and end with me in homeroom. We will also spend time together in the Word as we study Scripture and learn what it means to be a beloved creature of God, made in His image, to live for Him. You might also have me for math, an elective or two, or.....who knows? Guess you'll just have to wait and see once the school year starts. :) Whatever it ends up being, I am looking forward to learning and growing with you. My prayer for you is that you realize how loved you are and how much God wants good things for you. Stay tuned in to Him and reap the benefits of His boundless grace and peace.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you soon!
Mr. Menke