



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will once again spend the year focusing on our core values. The two values we will focus on during the month of September are Self-Knowledge and Self-Control. All teachers will integrate lessons focusing on these values into their regular curriculum over the next four weeks. Coming home today is a copy of our values card which you can hang on your refrigerator so that we all use the same vocabulary when talking with the kids.

We will celebrate our First Friday Mass this week at 10:15am in the church. Our faculty and staff will be leading us in prayer and song. Please join us if you can. This Friday is also the first time this year that we will "Feed the Lambs." All families are invited to make and bring an extra lunch to school to be donated to Our Daily Bread to help feed the homeless. The lunch should consist of a sandwich, snack and drink. Lunches will be collected in the main foyer of the school on Friday morning as the students enter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

All students are bringing home their new service journals this evening for homework. Please sit down with them and discuss what service they have done over the past week. Please make sure that you sign their journals and that they are returned to school tomorrow morning. Thank you for your assistance with this project!

Parents of new students, if you have not done so already, please turn in all immunization forms, physical forms and health questionnaires to Mrs. Suarez as soon as possible. Students without documentation of immunization will be excluded from school Monday, September 21, 2009 per state regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Suarez at ext. 261.

The Health Department is asking schools to track student absentees. Please remember to call the school office, ext. 241, by 9:00am on the first day of a student's absence. Absences should not be sent via email. Please state the reason for the student's absence (trip, headache, fever, sore throat, cough, surgery, etc.). Absences must be reported daily.

Mrs. Suarez is in need of nurses interested in substituting in the Health Room this school year. If you are interested, you will need to have a current MD nursing license and current CPR certification. First aid certification is preferred. Please email, ksuarez@resstpaul.org or call Mrs. Suarez, ext. 261, if interested.

I am happy to report that morning drop off is getting better each day. Car riding students may enter either in the rear of the building or the cafeteria entrances each morning starting at 8:45am. Students should be here by 9:00am. If your child is entering school after 9:00am, they need to be escorted into the building by a parent.

Dismissal- while we are dismissing PreK4's and Kindergarteners exactly at 3:30pm, parents are reminded that they can not move their cars until the teachers direct them to do so. Everyone is reminded NOT to park over at the parish office (as it is used for business) and to get in line like everyone else. We can efficiently clear the parking lot in 15 minutes if everyone follows the directions of the staff. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Mrs. Bateman is looking for a parent to answer the school phone and school doors as well as some light paperwork on Mondays, between the time frame of 12:00pm-1:00pm or 12:30pm-

1:30pm. If you are interested in earning volunteer hours in this manner or have questions about what the job entails please contact her at ext. 241.

Mark Your Calendar for the Adult Tailgate Party which will be held on Friday night, September 18th from 7:00pm-12:00pm in the Church Parking Lot and the Cafeteria. There will be a DJ and games and plenty of food and drinks provided by Kelsey's. Please feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Wear your favorite Team's Jersey and come out and join in the fun! This is a great way to catch up with old friends and make some new ones!! There will be a prize for the "Best Tailgate"! If you would like to help with set-up or clean-up for this event, please contact Lynn Gorman at lynngorman@comcast.net.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Back to School Night next week. The link between the church and school will be open at 6:30pm each night for you to come and take a look at all the volunteer opportunities this year! We will then gather in the church at 7:00pm to introduce the staff and the Home and School Association executive members before heading off to visit your children(s) classroom(s). Girl Scout Junior Troop 261 will provide free babysitting service on a first reserved basis for both Back to School Nights. They can accommodate 30 children each night. If you need this babysitting service, please contact Megan Lynch, Gr. 7B at lynchesmd@aol.com or Maria Packard, Gr. 7A at crispackard@aol.com. The children will be in Multi-purpose Rooms #1 and #2 for the duration of the event. Don't forget to log in your volunteer hours for each parent attending Back to School Night.

Coming home today:

- An Invitation to the Listening Sessions for the future of Catholic Schools from Monsignor Robert Hartnett (Double volunteer hours will be given to all those adults who attend the October 1st meeting in the church)
- Flier looking for volunteers to prepare Meals for Priests once again this year
- Flier describing Labels for Education...don't forget to save those Box Tops as well!
- 8th grade Sweatshirt order form - students in gr. 8 are the ONLY grade allowed to wear the sweatshirt in place of a school sweater during cold months.
- Brochure from Resurrection Youth Ministry for students in grades 6-8 filled with upcoming events
- School picture day reminder flier - September 16th
- Flier for September Outreach project for Howard County Food Bank
- Two coupons from B-Funk Dance Studio - a coupon for free class to B-Funk Dance Studio and a 50% off registration coupon
- Flier for Entertainment Books now available for purchase

Things to remember:

- Signed handbook acknowledgement forms are now due (located in the back of the handbook, page 45) - both parents need to sign the form
- Monday is Labor Day- School Closed
- Tuesday, 9/8- Back to School Night grades 4-8 - 7:00pm in the church
- Thursday, 9/10- Back to School Night- grades PreK4- Gr. 3 - 7:00pm in the church

In your prayers this week, please remember Mrs. Barbara Bodensteiner, mother in law of Mrs. Maureen Bodensteiner, who is recuperating from recent surgery and Mr. Tom Herbert, brother in law of Mrs. Valerie Bateman and uncle of Mr. Graham Bateman. Mr. Herbert is undergoing cancer treatment.

Peace,

Mrs. Karen Murphy
Principal