

News & Notes From the Office

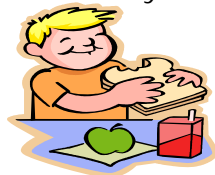
August 28, 2008



Dear God, help us to recognize the wonderful gifts we are blessed with. Help us discover the hidden talents and skills we possess. May we appreciate our potential and never underestimate all we can achieve as we continue to dream and explore. Amen

Welcome Back

Welcome to all of our families! To those returning for another year with us and to those who are new to our family, we are happy to have you here!



Lunch Program

Nutritionally balanced lunches are available for purchase monthly. Sodexo caters lunches for both our Pre-School and Grade School. Lunch order forms were sent home with your students last week and should have been returned Monday, August 25th. A separate form should be completed for each child. Lunch totals for multiple children may be combined on one check. **Payment is due at the time the order is placed unless otherwise arranged. Late orders WILL NOT be accepted due to the volume of orders.** Lunch will continue to be served in the Parish Hall. Student lunch periods are as follows:

- Kindergarten 10:30-10:50
- First and Second 10:50-11:10
- Third and Fourth 11:10-11:30
- Fifth and Sixth 11:30-11:50

Parent/Student Lunch

It has become necessary to cancel the Parent/Student lunch day. On the first Friday of each month, parents would join their students for lunch during their designated lunch period. However, due to the lack of space in our lunchroom, we must cancel this event until further notice.

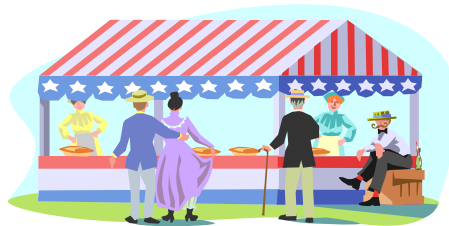
Labor Day

Families will get to enjoy a long weekend as we observe Labor Day on Monday, September 1st, 2008. Please be reminded that the Nursery, Pre-Schools and Grade School will be closed.



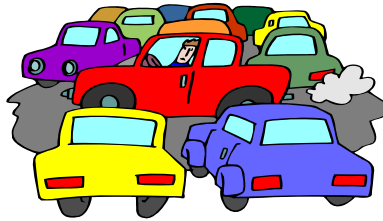
Grade School Open House

The Grade School Open House is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. We are planning to kick-off the evening with a hotdog sale. Meals may be purchased at a cost of \$3.00. This will include a hotdog, chips, drink and a cookie. Additional hotdogs may be purchased for \$1.00. The sale will take place in the Parish Hall.



PTO Meeting

The first PTO meeting of the year will be held immediately following the Grade School Open House at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Topic of discussion will be the upcoming "Carnival on the Block IV". Additional information can be found on our website.



Dismissal Policy

Due to the number of students, we are adjusting our dismissal procedure slightly. Kindergarten and First Grade students will be dismissed immediately following prayer at 2:50. Siblings of these students will be called for at this time as well. Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles and pick up their child(ren) on 13th Street. If you need to walk your child(ren) to the car, you are asked to park away from the front of the school. **NO DOUBLE PARKING** will be permitted. Mrs. Bills is in the process of making signs for your cars. Please refer to your handbook for additional details regarding our policy.

After School Care Program

Parents interested in child care after school will need to complete a new contract for the year. Contracts may be obtained in the office at the grade school. A schedule of days of service must also be completed as well so that we may staff appropriately. **Payment is due at the start of each month.** Please refer to your handbook for additional information and policies.

Mandatory Student Forms

Forms are being sent home with your students today. Please read and complete a separate form for each student. These forms **MUST** be returned to the school in order for your student to access the Internet. **Please return all forms by Monday, September 8th, 2008.**

T.R.I.P.



The T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) enrollment forms are available in the office for anyone interested in participating. This program was put in place to assist parents in reducing their family's tuition. Gift cards are purchased at the face amount and a percentage is kicked back to your family. Anyone may purchase TRIP and donate the proceeds to your family and St. Joseph Schools. Participation is optional but encouraged. For more information, please contact Carol Gale. Orders will be accepted on Mondays. Orders must be received in the office no later than 10:00 a.m.