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Saint Henry School

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

It is so hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the school year so quickly. Our 8th Grade students will graduate this Saturday. Please keep these fine young men and women in your prayers as they move toward the next big step in their lives. They have been a wonderful class and will be greatly missed.

The end of the year signals changes for many of us. As was indicated at the semester when Mother appointed me, I would be at St. Henry for the semester in preparation for another sister who, God willing, will be with the faculty, staff, parents and students for several years. Sister Ann Hyacinth Genow has been appointed principal for the 2008-2009 school year. Sister is an experienced principal presently serving at St. Pius V School in Providence, Rhode Island. She is no stranger to the Diocese of Nashville having been principal of St. Patrick's in McEwen while they built the new school and underwent accreditation. I have a tremendous respect for Sister's administrative and personal gifts. I have been "crossing my fingers" and could not be more excited for St. Henry school community. I know you will welcome Sister Ann Hyacinth and do all you can to support her leadership in the coming years. The other three sisters, Sister Mary Therese, Sister Rosemary, and Sister Marie Noelle will be returning to St. Henry next year.

Mrs. Gwyn Shepard, Mrs. Grace Oaks, and Mrs. Rita Ann Holiman will be stepping down this year. Miss Melody Clark will be leaving us this year as well. Please keep her in your prayers as she will be entering St. Cecilia Congregation this fall. All four leave with grateful hearts for their time at St. Henry and with a great deal of affection for the faculty, staff, and students. Miss Eloise Broemel and Mr. Anthony Schmidt will also be moving on at this time. Mr. Schmidt received a fellowship at Princeton University and we wish him the best as he accepts this academic challenge. Miss Broemel will be leaving us to pursue

her degree interests as well. We are grateful to both for stepping in this year and being an important part of the school community. All other faculty are returning for next year for which we are very happy and grateful.

The following teachers have been hired for next year:

Mr. Brian Knoop	Junior High Science
Mrs. Susan Wesley	First Grade
Miss Robyn Biga	Third Grade
Miss Christina Whitley	Physical Education
Miss Colleen McCarron	Music 6 th through 8 th

Mr. Knoop has been a junior science teacher, administrator, and high school teacher in the Nashville area for over 27 years. He brings with him a wealth of experience. We are thrilled to have him with us.

Mrs. Susan Wesley has taught at St. Henry School in the past and is returning to teaching after several years. Susan is well known in the community.

Both Miss Robyn Biga and Christina Whitley are graduates of St. Henry School and have returned to teach in their alma mater.

In addition we have made some adjustments within the faculty for next year:

Mr. Dison will teach 5th through 8th grade PE. Mr. Dison and Mr. Blair will continue to coordinate the athletic program along with our many parent volunteers.

Mrs. Karen Peltier will be the aide/playground monitor for Mrs. Luton's class. Mrs. Lindsey Lynch has been hired as an aide for the first grade classes.

Mrs. Julie Gild will venture into unknown territory and be our drama coordinator. She will be coordinating volunteers and teachers to support the in-house forensics program and the Diocesan Forensics, the spring play, as well as work with the Grandparents Day program, and the Passion Play.

Mr. Joe Jones has retired as our band instructor and Mr. Jeff Schletzer along with his son Dustin, also a graduate of St. Henry, will be in charge of our band program. Miss Erin Higgins will teach Pre-K through 5th grades. Miss Colleen McCarron will teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choral ensemble as well as be in charge of school liturgies. (Our hope is to include guitar and bells with this offering. We are trying to locate bells and guitars!) With all three being down in the lower hall outside the gym we are now affectionately calling the area "Music Row."

Our school community has grown to over 700 students for next year. We will have approximately 665 students in K through 8 with 40-44 students in Pre-kindergarten. We have hired Mrs. Maureen Burkey full time as the school nurse.

As we announced earlier the Pre-Kindergarten faculty is Mrs. Susie Gilles, Mrs. Stephanie Braeuner, Mrs. Suzanne Armbruster and Mrs. Kate Riley.

We are on schedule for construction and still anticipate an August 13th starting date. Sister Ann Hyacinth and I will be sharing the monitoring of the construction through the summer months to be sure that all the plans for the new building are completed.

Please keep all this in your prayers for next year.

God bless you all,

Sister John Mary Fleming, O.P.

Spanish 5th-8th News

Congratulations to the following students that have successfully passed the Spanish placement test at St. Cecilia, and are now in Spanish II: Elizabeth Donlon, Jill Ryan, Mary Elizabeth Wesley, Francesca Brogden, and Vian Pulous. Great job girls!!!!

LOST AND FOUND – we seem to have lost but not to have found many clothing articles this year. The items are out for display this week. As always after a period of time, if unclaimed, they will be taken to Good Will.

Volleyball Results

- Varsity SHS2 volleyball team – 3rd in tournament play, 2nd for the season
- JV Gold SHS volleyball team – 3rd in tournament play and 2nd in league
- JV Black SHS Volleyball team – 4th in the tournament

St. Henry Alumni Honored

Sarah Langford, SHS '04 is the valedictorian for Father Ryan High School this year.

Report Cards and Records

You will receive the end-of-the-year report cards in the mail. Report Cards will be mailed on June 5. Please notify the office if your address has changed.

Enrollment for the following year will be suspended if tuition and fees are not paid in full.

TRANSFER OF RECORDS

Records of student progress are released to another school when a formal request is received from another school.

Records may not be hand carried by parents.

Academic records, report cards, and diplomas will not be released until all tuition and fees are paid in full.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Remember to return your Volunteer Forms to the school office. The more the merrier and a few hours of your time is a great way to help out our school and have fun.

Out of Uniform

We will be out of uniform the last week of school. Please make sure you check the handbook for the summer out-of-uniform policy.

Box tops for Education

May 15 is the deadline for the Box top for Education class contest for this school year. Please send all your box tops with your child to school by May 15. We will continue this program next year so please continue saving your box tops over the summer months. Thank you.