



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday August 25, 2009

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Thank you all for a wonderful first full week! I have enjoyed seeing many familiar faces and new ones! I look forward to meeting more of you in the upcoming weeks. I am grateful for all you do to help your children grow closer to Christ. It is not always an easy task, but it is always an important one. There are days when we know it is working, but mostly we are called to trust even when we do not see tangible results.

Attached to this week's Tiger Connection is important information for our new emergency alert system, School Reach. This system will allow us to automatically contact our school community in the event of an emergency situation. Please read over the materials and return your contact information by Friday, August 28th. Thank you for your prompt attention to this safety matter.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P

Safety Alert!

Cell Free Zone – Your undivided attention is needed in the arrival and dismissal area to protect our children. Please refrain from using cell phones while driving in the arrival and dismissal area and be conscience of driving slowly in this area. Thank you!!

Parents' Expectation Nights

The first Parent Expectation Night is for parents of students in grades Pre- K-5th. We will meet in the gym on Wednesday, August 26th at **7:00 p.m.** Time will be provided to visit your child's homeroom.

The second Parent Expectation Night is for parents of students in grades 6th-8th. The date is September 1st at **7:00 p.m.** in the gym.

Pep Rally

Please join us on Friday, August 28th at 2:00 in the gym for our Pep Rally. Let us also pray for the safety of our student athletes throughout this season. Athletics is a wonderful vehicle to more deeply develop the human person and it is means to a greater spiritual discipline. Pope John Paul II said of athletics, "it is a training ground

of virtue, a school of inner balance and outer control, an introduction to more true and lasting conquest". **Show Your School Spirit...**Students may wear jeans (no tears, rips or shredded) or uniform and a Saint Henry t-shirt for our Pep Rally. The t-shirts may be from a Saint Henry sport, a past Saint Henry Faith Rally or Saint Henry PE shirt. Football players 5th -8th are allowed to wear their jerseys over one of their spirit shirts.

Student Picture Days

Pictures for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten M/W/F and K-4 will be on Monday, Sept. 14th. Pictures for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten T/Th and 5-8 will be on Tuesday, Sept. 15th.

Monday Dismissal Time

School dismisses at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays for faculty meetings. Pick up time is 2:00-2:15. No Late Pick up Program is available on Mondays because the teachers are in meetings.

Thanks so much...

The Boo-Hoo breakfast was wonderful. It was a great time to get to know and meet new kindergarten parents. Thanks to all of those in Home and School who provided a lovely setting for this event.

Catholic Middle School Swim Program

The Catholic Middle School Swimmers will begin practice on September 15 at TSU. Middle School swimming is for 6th, 7th, or 8th graders. For information contact Coach Shannon Philbin at coachshan@aol.com

Mass and Adoration

Each Wednesday we have an all school Mass at 8:05 and on first Fridays there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. During this Year for Priests, our adoration will be for the intentions of our priests. All are welcome to join us for these times of prayer and celebration. There is nothing like seeing our children pray to Jesus!

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Two items that will help with morning arrival: when you pull up for drop off in the center island do not park, rather pull up, drop off, and pull through the area. If you are stopping to let your child off anywhere else in the parking lot, you must park your car first and then your child may get out of the car. After a child is dismissed to a parent in

the afternoon, it becomes the parent's duty to supervise the student's behavior and safety. Please help them to understand this transformation for the safety and the good of all being dismissed. It is helpful to immediately leave the area. Thank you!

St. Henry Children's/Youth Choirs-The Saint Henry Children's/Youth Choirs are open to any youth in the parish in grades 3-12, private, public or home schooled. There are two choirs, one for grades 3-6 and one for grades 7-12 which is the CYO teen mass choir.

Grades 3-6 Practice Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 in the *parish center music room* (above the old chapel) and sing at one weekend liturgy a month. Email Julie Schwarz for the fall mass schedule and to submit emergency contact info: tjschwa@att.net

Grades 7-12 Practice the second Saturday of the month immediately before the 5:00 p.m. mass. Contact Mary Corby for more information about CYO teen choir 352-4586.

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Any items for the Tiger Connection should be submitted for consideration by Friday of each week. Any attachments need to be sent electronically to facilitate posting on the website.

Saint Henry Directory

Four names were left off the Saint Henry Directory and we have attached a sticker with the families names and addresses and phone numbers. Please attach to your directory.

Witness of the Week

Nomination for the Witness of the Week award program will be accepted beginning next week. Each week faculty, staff, volunteers, students, and parents may nominate students for the "Witness of the Week" award. The Witness Award will be given to a nominated student who exhibits during school or school events the most Christ-like behavior toward others for the week.

1. Nomination should be turned in by Thursday of each week to the following people:
 - a. students – written nominations are given to homeroom teachers
 - b. faculty, staff, volunteers, and parents – written nominations are sent to the office via an envelope marked "Witness of the Week."
2. Criteria for Nomination:
 - a. Student must be nominated by another person

- b. The nominator must have seen the Christ-like behavior during school or a school event
- c. The nomination includes the student being nominated, the Christ-like behavior demonstrated, and the person nominating the child

3. Award

- a. Witness Certificate
- b. Recognition in the Tiger Connection and parish bulletin
- c. Inclusion on the Wall of Witnesses bulletin board in the main hall way
- d. Small gift
- e. A Lower Level Award Pre-K – 4th grade and an Upper Level Award 5th-8th Grade will be given each week.

4. A selection committee composed of administration and faculty will select the "Witness of the Week."

Home and School News

Now that school is back in full swing, let us remind you about our Fall Fund Raisers. Mid-September, your children will be coming home with information about our new Fall Fund Raiser chosen by Saint Henry parents through the Spring survey, **Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough**. Also, we will again offer the Smart Cards/ Nashville Enjoy the City coupon book at the same time.

Introducing Home and School's Did You Know? DYK - Periodically Home and School will offer answers to commonly asked questions regarding Home and School's events, activities, and service programs.

DYK... H&S's goal is to raise \$100,000 this year.

DYK... that H&S has promised \$ each year for the next three years to retire the loan for the library, kindergarten, and office renovation project.

DYK... that you can send in your questions (labeled H&S) to the office and we will attempt to answer your questions in a future Tiger Connection.

Drama Club at Saint Henry:

A formation meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm in the band room. All students grades 5-8th interested in Diocesan Forensics OR all students 6th-8th interested in participating in this year's play are **strongly** encouraged to attend this meeting. Announcements of many and wonderful kinds will be made at this meeting as well as calendars and permission slips for up coming events. Parents who wish to attend are always welcome.