



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

I want to thank our Pre-K through 5th grade parents for taking the time to be present at the Parent Expectation Night last Wednesday. I am looking forward to meeting many of our 6th-8th grade parents this evening for the upper grades' Parent Expectation Night. I know how much the teachers appreciate the opportunity to tell you about the wonderful year they have planned and how they are looking forward to working with you this school year. Communication between the school and home is so very important in order to have a team effort in forming our children.

On another note, please see the important attachment regarding H1N1 information.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.
Principal

Forms

Please make sure all your forms are turned in to the office ASAP. Please make the School Reach contact information a priority.

Special Thank You – Last spring our Pastor, Father Mike Johnston, asked the Parishioners of Saint Henry Parish to reach out financially to assist Saint Henry School families who are being impacted by the difficult economic situation. We have had an overwhelming and generous response. The people of Saint Henry parish have donated over \$80,000 toward tuition assistance for our families in need! May God bless all those who have made this sacrifice for others!

Rainbows Reminder

Sign-ups for Rainbows groups (for children dealing with separation, divorce, or death) are due Friday, September 4th. Forms are available in the office.

Parent Night

The second Parent Night is for parents of students in grades 6th-8th. The date is **September 1st at 7 p.m.** Time will be provided to visit your child's teachers.

Mr. Knoop to Explore the Arctic's Edge –

As many of you remember from last year, our Jr. High science teacher Brian Knoop received a fellowship to participate in Earth Watch's Live from the Field program. Mr. Knoop is headed to the Edge of the Arctic this weekend, September 5th-15th, to research climate change. Mr. Knoop will be including his students in his adventure via web conferencing. The Register and other local media are covering his participation in this program.

Arrival and Dismissal

Important Safety Reminders – Students who are walking to and from school need to use cross walks. Please make sure you discuss this safety issue with your children! Also, all pickup of students should take place in the supervised parking lot area. Parents are asked not to park on side streets and expect students to walk to that area. A little time saved is not worth a possible accident with a child!

Background Checks

All background check requests need to come through the school. Please do not go to the church asking if you need a background check. If you are planning to work in the cafeteria or somewhere in the school, please contact your room mother and then she in turn will contact the office with your information. Thank you.

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.

Benediction

Please join us this Friday for Benediction in the church at 2:30. Our first Friday adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this year will be for the intention of priests. Uniforms will be worn for September's First Friday Adoration. We are hopeful to have our Faith Rally shirts for students to wear during the October First Friday Adoration.

First Friday Food Collection

September 4th is First Friday Food Collection.

Educational Opportunity

Vanderbilt University is offering a six week Saturday morning program from Sept. 26-Oct. 31 designed for the exceptionally talented and motivated learner. Classes will be held at Vanderbilt University's Peabody campus for kindergarten through sixth grade. To qualify, students must test at the 95th percentile and above on a standardized achievement or ability test. For more information, contact Kim Bundy, SAVY program coordinator, at 322-8261.

Witness of the Week

Don't forget you may submit students this Thursday for the "Witness of the Week." Simply write the students name, the Christ-like behavior you witnessed at school or during a school event, and your name on a piece of paper. Place the paper in an envelope addressed "Witness of the Week" and send it into the office by Thursday of each week.

Box Tops for Education

Thank you to all families who were able to continue clipping Box Tops throughout the summer! Please turn in your summer baggies by Thursday, September 3, to be in the drawing for the \$35 Target gift card. Keep clipping...the new fall class contest will be announced soon.

Catechetical Sunday

September 6th is Catechetical Sunday at our parish. This is an opportunity to commission those who teach the Gospel to our children and to adults seeking to grow deeper in the faith.

Dates

September 7th – No School

September 21 – Father Ryan 8th grade visit

Diocesan Forensics Starts NOW:

Drama competition to provide real world skills including self-confidence, organization, reasoning and public speaking to carry over into adulthood

- Team eligibility is open to 5th thru 8th graders.
- Practices are Mondays 2:00-4:30PM starting Sept. 6th.
- All meets will be held on Saturdays at various parochial schools in Nashville (with one Friday night meet- please see schedule for details).
- Eligible Students must return their permission slip (available in Sept. 1st Tuesday folders, the front desk or at practices) along with registration fee of \$65.00 on or before the Sept. 20th practice (this covers diocesan fees for all meets)

Parents of participating children will be required to judge at least 2 Saturday competitions (one mandatory parents' meeting in the evening prior to first meet)

Cub Scouts Pack 80 Round-up

Information meeting and sign up's for the Cub Scouts Pack 80 Round up is this Wednesday, September 2nd in the Saint Henry dining hall at 6:30pm. This meeting is for parents.