



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

This Thursday morning, September 8th, we will be doing a test run of the emergency instant messaging service, **SchoolReach**. If you do not receive a test at the contact numbers or e-mails you provided, please let us know by e-mailing us **on Thursday** at info@sthenryschool.org with the corrected information. We will retest on the next day, Friday, September 9th. It is very important that you follow through with an update as this could prevent you from receiving school emergency information.

I would like to make some clarifications:

- All phone numbers provided will be called at the same time. (We do not have the option of calling certain numbers on designated days.)
- The phone contacts will be the primary and most reliable way of receiving information.
- All e-mails will be sent at the same time. E-mails may get hung up in the system and not received on a timely basis.
- No student numbers or e-mails will be used as contacts.
- If you miss the automated message and would like to retrieve the message you may call 1-855-955-8500 toll free from any phone that would have received the message.

On another note, the proposed uniform samples will be available in the front office area through September 22nd for parents who did not see them during the Parent Expectation Nights and anyone who would like another look at the uniforms. A uniform comment form will be made available the week of September 19th. We will be discussing and communicating with you the final uniform, transition time, cost and assistance with costs in upcoming Tiger Connections. Thank you for your positive response and constructive suggestions thus far.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.

Principal

Monday 2:00 Dismissal – Begins next week, Monday, September 12th.

Grades

Mid-terms will go home on Tuesday, Sept. 20th.

Picking up Children

Parents, please make sure that all arrangements for whom your child rides home with after school is made in advance. This advanced planning and communication to students lessen the stress of the children.

Witness of the week

Witness of the week for Pre-K-4th grade is Elle Beierlein in Mrs. Zepezauer's 3rd grade class. Elle was nominated by one of our new students because of how welcomed she and other new students felt by her kindness. Elle showed her peers how important it is to be kind to others.

Twenty Minutes in the Science Lab

You are invited to come and spend twenty minutes in the science lab and go through a simulation of what your child goes through during a typical class period.

7th grade parents: September 14, 2011 @ 7:25-7:45

8th grade parents: September 21, 2011 @ 7:25-7:45

Thank You

- To the Home and School for providing refreshments for the Parent Expectation Night.
- To our school faculty and school staff for their extra time and efforts to prepare for Parent Expectation Night.
- To everyone who sent in items for our First Friday Food Collection, your generosity is a tremendous help to those in need.

Handbook Highlight –

Please note on **Page 17** reasons for Excused and Unexcused **Tardiness** – “A student who arrives at school after the 7:55 am bell is considered “tardy” and will be marked as tardy on the attendance record. An excused tardy may be for one of the following reasons: Personal illness of the student, Medical/Dental Treatment, Family

Emergency or Disaster, Major Traffic Congestion, Inclement Weather. All of these must be accompanied by a note from a parent. When returning from a Medical/Dental appointment, student needs to bring a note from the doctor's office. All other tardies are considered unexcused."

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"No items (binders, lunch, homework, instruments, uniforms, etc.) may be delivered to school. Items delivered to school will not be sent to the students' classrooms. All snacks (including birthday treats) must be delivered before school begins. Exceptions to this delivery policy will only occur in the case of special projects or presentations that will be prearranged with the parent by the teacher. The purpose of this policy is to maintain an orderly environment in our classrooms and to promote student responsibility."

Background Checks

We are committed to keeping our children safe at Saint Henry School, and it is very important that our volunteers have completed the annual requirements for the Safe Environment Program. In conformity with diocesan policy, all volunteers that have direct contact with children are required to be trained in the diocesan safety program and must have a current background check. At Saint Henry, many volunteers work with our students, including library helpers, room mothers, coaches, clinic volunteers, classroom helpers and field trip drivers. In order to volunteer in one of these capacities, the school must have up-to-date safety records for the volunteer.

If you have completed the training/background check in the past, you need to update at least one form each year. Please do not assume you are cleared because you have filled out paperwork in the past. The following paperwork must be on file:

- 1) the code of conduct form,
- 2) safety training viewing form, and
- 3) driver information sheet (if you drive on a field trip).

For more information, please contact Denise Thomas in the school office.

YearBook

It's not too late to grab last year's yearbook. The yearbooks are on sale now for \$28.00. Please call the office if you would like to purchase one.

Friday Morning Rosary Group

Please join other parents Friday mornings at 8:30 in the church nursery as they pray the Rosary together. Prayer booklets are available for anyone who may need to refresh their memory, so don't be shy! Children (not in school) are welcome! Call Krissi Watkins with any questions at 668-7551.

Cross Country

Cross Country time is here. Parents please remember to hydrate your children well on Saturday and not eat two hours prior to time for the meet on Sunday to prevent cramping. Don't forget parking can be chaotic and there is a \$5 fee. Allow yourself plenty of time. Runners need to be there 30 minutes prior to stretch and get into the holding area. The first runners are kindergarten and they start precisely at 1:00 (they have been known to start a little early), runners will not be allowed to run after the race has started. The other meet dates are September 18, 25, and October 2. The last race on October 2, 7th and 8th graders will run first followed by a trophy presentation. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP THEIR CHILDREN AS THEY FINISH THE RACE. THANK YOU.

Jr. CYO BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE:

September 17th in the school dining hall, 7:00 pm.
Any parent of 7th or 8th grade students interested in chaperoning the dance, please contact Alan in the youth office at 353-0203 or abeaty@sthenry.org.

Dates

September 12 – 2:00 Dismissal
September 19 - Father Ryan 8th grade visit
September 20 – Interims go Home
September 22- St. Cecilia 8th grade visit
September 23 – No School - Inservice