



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

We received notification of additional cases of H1N1 in the school. The ill children are doing fine. It is apparent that H1N1 is present in our community and will continue to affect us. As with other flu, assume your child could be exposed and take the normal precaution outlined in my September 1 letter (posted on the website). We continue to encourage preventative measures and monitor the number of flu cases in our population. For our tracking purposes, please let us know if your child is absent for flu symptoms or has been diagnosed with the flu. Keep students home if they are not feeling well. Also we will communicate with you via the website and Tiger Connection if it begins to impact our effectiveness, but more importantly our students' wellbeing.

The medical community is using different types of testing. Some are just identifying that yes the person has the flu and others are testing for A or B Strain. Currently, doctors are concluding anyone who has tested positive or has flu symptoms are ill with H1N1 and are treating patients as such. Our website is the main source of information for you in between Tiger Connections (www.sthenryschool.org). We will update the site regularly as information comes available to us. Posted are two helpful CDC brochures for your review.

This Thursday morning, September 10th, 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 Friday. 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)
- All e-mails will be sent at the same time.
- No student numbers or e-mails will be used as contacts.

On another note, as you may or may not know, there has been a fair amount of controversy revolving around President Obama's speech to school children today. It seems as if it has

become a political battleground between adults falling on either side of the issue with children caught in the middle. We did not watch the speech live today with the children. Obviously, this has become more complex than some have anticipated. We always want to be respectful and show deference to the Office of the President and at the same time we do not want our children to become caught in the middle of a "battlefield." Administration and faculty will review his speech and materials being made available to schools. If you would like your children to see the President's speech with you it is available at WhiteHouse.gov/live for downloading or the text of his speech at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/MediaResources/PreparedSchoolRemarks>.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.

Principal

Brian Knoop – At the Edge of the Arctic – See our website for Friday's Tennessean article on Mr. Knoop's Arctic Adventure!

School Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the school year is tonight at 5:30 pm in the school library.

Patriot Day – This Thursday let us remember to pray for the departed souls and surviving families from the September 11 tragedy.

Thank yous

- To the Home and School for providing refreshments for the Parent Expectation Night and organizing the information for the up-coming cookie dough sale.
- 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.

Holy Family Circle

Please join us for Holy Family Circle's Opening Meeting and Brunch on Tuesday, September 15th, 9:30 a.m.-11:00a.m. in the St. Henry Fellowship Hall. Holy Family

Circle is a mom's group for mothers of school age children and our activities include mom's night out, community service, parish service, and play dates. It's for working and stay at home moms.

Bring a dish to share if possible. Childcare is available by reservation. Call the parish office, 352-2259 with the number of children and ages. Holy Family meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions about this ministry please call Mary Sevier Moore, 594-7832 or seviermoore@yahoo.com

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 will 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.

Green Tip

Your family can go on-line and take Mayor Dean's Environmental Pledge. To date, over 700 people have pledged to take easy steps that will reduce air pollution, conserve water resources, and reduce waste. Help keep Davidson County green - check out the pledge at www.nashville.gov/green.

Grades

Mid-terms will go home on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.

Diocesan Forensics practices are starting now! It is not too late to join the Saint Henry Team if you are in grades 5-8. Practices are Mondays from 2:00-4:30 starting September 14th in the art room. As a team, we will be entering the One Act Play category so bring your inner actor and join the drama! Permission slips are available at the front desk.

St. Genesian Society: The Genesian Society, Saint Henry's nationally registered drama club, is a recognized honor society for drama, the world's largest society for theater arts. Students earn points for membership with their activities in theatrical and forensic events and enjoy an ongoing recognition of their individual and collaborative efforts in the performing arts outside the classroom. Dues and permission slips are due by September 25th. If you are or have been involved in plays, forensics, or school performances- Why not be recognized for your achievements?!

This year's spring play will be Music Man!

Auditions will be held Nov. 3-5. Students interested in auditioning should sign up for an audition day and prepare either from the website <http://www.broadwayjr.com/audition/default.asp> or by reviewing the *Music Man Jr.* binder in the library. Sign up sheets and permission slips are with all the audition materials.

Home and School News

DYK...that auction planning has already begun? We hope everyone is as excited as we are about the Loveless Barn locale. Save the date Saturday, February 6, 2010. Please notice attached volunteer sign up sheet, fill it out, and send it back ASAP.

DYK...that planning for the 1st Inaugural Saint Henry School 5K run needs your help. To volunteer email event chair, David Weil, at David.Weil@chs.net. Or please attend a weekly meeting at the Bellevue YMCA on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Raising Strong Daughters & Virtuous Sons

Please join Dr. Meg Meeker author & pediatrician in the Saint Cecilia Theater on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 6:30 pm.

How & Why You Should Teach Your Kids To Say No to Alcohol, Sex & Drugs

Please join Dr. Meg Meeker Friday, September 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Saint Cecilia Theater. Dr. Meeker has been on the frontline of treating teens & children for more than 20 years. She will talk about how television, marketing, movies, peer-pressure and more affects her patients and helps parent realize how much influence they do have.

Dates

September 14 – Pre-K M/W/F – 4th Picture Day
September 15 – Pre-K T/Thur. 5th – 8th Picture Day
September 21 - Father Ryan 8th grade visit
September 22 – Interims go Home

Fundraising with no added cost to you

Kroger Cares – Stop by the front desk at school and purchase a gift card for only \$5.00. Add value to it at the Kroger Customer service desk or in line before checking out and Saint Henry School will receive 4% of the amount you add. You can add value to your card using cash, check or credit card. These gift cards can be used for all items that are sold at Kroger, including prescriptions, cosmetics, groceries, gas and paper products. The cards are reusable so please continue to use the card every time you shop at Kroger.