



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

August 31, 2009

Parent Orientation will be held on Mon., Sept. 14. Orientation, a chance to visit your child's classroom and hear from the teacher, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. After a short principal's report, parents will attend 15-minute sessions in each of their children's classrooms. Teachers will present information on classroom rules, curriculum, and other items of interest. The teachers will repeat the session 3 times so that families with more than one child can visit all the appropriate classrooms. Parent handbooks will be distributed at that time.

Gambino's

Make sure your Sunday dinner plans include Gambino's. Beginning Sun., Sept. 6, Mr. Gambino will share a portion of his profits with our school. Each week the proceeds will be split between the school account and the Booster Club. We thank Mr. Gambino for his generosity & hope you'll support this effort.



Lunch Schedule
K—2 11:30 to 12:15
3—6 12:15 to 1:00

Student lunches are now \$1.75.

Milk is \$.30

If you plan to join your child for lunch, send a note or call before 9:00 a.m. so that a meal will be prepared for you. Cost of adult lunch is \$2.25



Band News

Band for Grades 5 & 6 will begin Tues., Sept. 8. Mr. Neil Hohenstein will serve as director, but because of prior commitments, he will not join us until Sept. 22. Mrs. Amy Ofcarcik will get our band students off to a good start. Band will meet on Tuesday and Thursday during the school day in the Music Room. Please send band instruments on Sept. 8.

SCHOOL FORMS

Make sure you turn in all of the required forms from the packet handed out on the first day of school. Thank You!

CHILDREN'S MASS
Thursday, Sept. 3, at 9:00 a.m.
The 6th graders will be commissioned as school leaders at this Mass. Please join us.

DISMISSAL

We will dismiss at 3:00 along with the Taylorville Public Schools for the rest of the week. **REMEMBER:** No School tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 1. The teachers will attend a diocesan workshop.

One Line for A.M. Drop Offs

Please keep the drop off line traveling west to east and stay in the alley. Children shouldn't have to walk by moving cars to get to the building. If you need to come into the school, please park in the street or pull in facing the building.

P.M. Pick Ups

Car rider line is flowing smoothly. Please remind anyone picking up for you that they must go through the line to pick up your children. We will not allow people to pull students out of line to get into a parked car. The car line is the safest way for us to keep track of the students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fall Fundraiser Sale ends Tuesday, Sept. 8. Turn in orders by this date. Money is collected when orders are delivered.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The School Directory will be out soon. Please notify the school office if you have a change in your address or phone number.

School Physicals, Dental & Eye Exams

Students entering Grades K and 6 must have a physical on file in our office by October 15. Kindergarten students must also have an eye exam. Students entering K, 2, and 6 need to have a dental exam as well. All must be turned in to us prior to October 15.

MARY'S BIRTHDAY

We will celebrate Mary's Birthday on Tuesday, September 8, at 10:05 a.m. The students are making flowers in Art Class to lay at the foot of Mary's statue near the rec-tory.

Before/After Care

Please fill out Before &/or After Care registration forms if your child will attend either program—even if they will only attend occasionally. The registration forms give the program supervisors information they need in case of emergency. The supervisors do not have access to the files in the school of- fice, so the contact numbers and medical information you supply them is vital.

You may pay for these programs on a monthly basis or by the day.

T-shirt orders are needed by Wednesday, Sept. 2. Children and adult sizes are avail- able. The cost is \$10 per shirt. Adult size shirts are a lighter blue. These t-shirts, along with last year's version, will be acceptable for our students to wear on jeans days. This year's shirt will have the 100th anniversary logo on the front.



FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

If your family qualifies for Free or Reduced lunches, please send us your form.

Please save the following:

***Campbell's Soup Labels**

***General Mills Box Tops for Education cou-pons**

***Pop top tabs from cans**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

...Lunchroom—on some Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday

...Playground—Tuesday

Call the office if you are able to help. You can volunteer for one day every week, every other week or once a month. . . whatever fits your schedule.



Medications at School

St. Mary School personnel will dispense medi- cations to children ONLY when the appropriate form, signed by a doctor, is on file in our office. Parents, or a person designated by a parent, may come to the school to give medication to a child as needed. EPI pens and asthma inhalers may be kept at school with proper documentation.

Tuition reminders were inserted into the packets given out on the first day of school. Please make the appropriate payment as soon as possible.

Protecting God's Children

This program, which is required for all par- ent volunteers, will be scheduled after the St. Mary's Fiesta (Sept. 18-20).