

August 9, 2010

To: SJV Parents
From: Wendy Gilmore, principal
Re: More Back to School News

Mass on Fridays

Our school students will join the parish community on **Fridays** at 8:30 am, so lay out your dress uniform on Thursday night! We love having parents, grandparents and friends join us to pray and sing each week.

Open House on Wednesday, August 18

There was a misprint in the summer letter that stated Open House was scheduled on September 18th. September 18th is not the correct date. The Open House will be on Wednesday, **August 18th at 5:40 pm** in the church.

St. Thomas More School is our New Lunch Provider

St. Thomas More will provide our hot, cafeteria lunch to us each day. Information has been sent home about this. You can use this first week of school to decide whether or not your child would like to eat in the cafeteria. Please decide by Monday, August 16th whether your child will be eating a cafeteria lunch for the month of August. The deadline to pay by check for the semester (August-December; \$240.30) is Monday, August 30th.

Disciples of Christ

This year, a new recognition will be instituted, Disciples of Christ. The faculty will have an opportunity to recognize students who model gospel values through Christian discipleship. Characteristics of a Disciple of Christ include: showing Christ-like compassion to others, persevering in the face of adversity, and emulating Jesus in all one thinks, says, and does. Students will be recognized twice a year (in December and May) following a school Mass. Parents will be informed prior to this day so that they may be present for the honor. We will no longer be awarding the St. Jean Vianney Award.

Uniforms Regulations

Our student body looked great on their first day back! The administrators did a uniform check on each student and for the most part were pleased with what they saw. Although the popular, current style for boys is to have longer hair, please remember that their hair should be above the eye brows, ears, and collar.

Ed-Line

Activation codes for students in grades 1-8 will go home today for new students or anyone who has never activated their account. This code that will enable you to access your child's information on Ed-Line. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kay Doody at kdoody@stjeanvianneyschool.org.

Teacher Communication

From time to time, parents have a quick question or concern arise regarding their child's progress. Please contact the teacher first with your query. E-mail works well and we ask that you give the teachers a full 24 hours to get back with you. If you have further questions after communicating with the teacher, then please contact Chris Redden, Director of Student Services. E-mail communication should not be used for lengthy e-mails. If you need to discuss something in detail, please contact the teacher or Mr. Chris to set up a conference.

Student & Family Handbook

Please check the first page of the web-site to read our [2010-2011 handbook](#). Any changes appear in red and are hi-lighted yellow. After reading, please [sign and return the acknowledgment](#) sheet by Wednesday, August 18th.

Flowers for Mary

If you would like to bring flowers to honor the statue of Mary that resides in our school lobby, please contact Miss Connie at ckosik@stjeanvianneyschool.org to schedule a date. Parents may earn one PEP hours for this activity.

Field Trips & Conduct Grades

This year students with an A or B in conduct will be invited on class field trips. A cumulative average of their conduct grades will be taken from the beginning of school until a few days prior to the trip to identify who will be eligible to go.

Medication Forms

If your child takes any over the counter or prescription medication, please [download the medication form](#) on our web-site and have it signed by a physician and parent.

Medical History

A medical history for each child is due on Wednesday, August 18th. Please [see the web-site](#) if you need an additional copy.

Spirit Shirt

Order forms are due this Friday, August 13th. An [order form](#) was included in the summer mailing or you can find one on the web-site. One lucky student's work will appear on the shirt. Turn in your t-shirt art entries to your homeroom teachers by Monday, August 16th.

Emergency Forms

[Emergency forms](#) are due Friday, August 13th. An emergency form was included in the summer mailing or you can find one on the web-site.

Morning Arrival Carpool ([see carpool maps](#))

❖ K-3 Carpool & Older Riders

- This carpool drop off point is located in the traditional carpool area, next to Fr. Engels Hall, in front of the Learning & Growth Preschool.
- For carpool groups with K-3 students and older students riding with K-3 students

❖ 4-8 Carpool Only

- The 4-8 Drop Off Point is located in front of the Church, and next to the Parish Office Building.
- For carpool groups with students in grades 4-8 and no younger students

Afternoon Dismissal Carpool ([see carpool maps](#))

❖ K-3 Carpool & Older Riders – Purple Carpool Signs

- Repeat of morning procedure; K-3 students and any older student that rides with a K-3 child should report to traditional carpool area, next to Fr. Engels Hall.

❖ 4-8 Carpool Only- Yellow Carpool Signs

- Repeat of morning procedure; 4-8 students only should report to the carpool area on the church side of campus

Rainy Day Carpool Arrival ([see carpool maps](#))

❖ K-3 Carpool & Older Riders

- Same as normal; just add umbrellas

❖ **4-8 Carpool Only**

- Carpoolers will be dropped off in front of the parish office so students may use the covered porch and then walk under walk ways to Fr. Engels Hall.

Rainy Day Carpool Dismissal ([see carpool maps](#))

❖ **K-3 Carpool & Older Riders – Purple** Carpool Signs

- Repeat of morning procedure; K-3 students and any older student that rides with a K-3 child should report to traditional carpool area, next to Fr. Engels Hall.

❖ **4-8 Carpool Only- Yellow** Carpool Signs

- Students will dismiss from the church side covered porch of Fr. Engels Hall.
- If weather is severe, students will wait inside hall.
- Duty teachers will be stationed along the edge of the sidewalk with umbrellas to help students board their vehicles.
- Student will walk to their vehicle which will be waiting at the end of the sidewalk on the church side of the parish hall

Carpool Signs

Beginning on August 16th, any vehicle which does not have a carpool sign will be asked to pick up their riders at the end of carpool in the office.

Faculty Cell Phones

Last week a lightening storm hit our campus and knocked out some parts of our phone system. Because some of the classroom intercoms are currently out and being repaired, we have asked the teachers to keep their cell phones on their desk. In case of an emergency, while the intercom is being repaired, we can use the teacher's cell phones to contact them.

New Playground Filler

You may have noticed the new playground filler around the equipment on the playground. This filler is made from recycled tire inter tubes and means newest safety standards for playgrounds. Many thanks to Terry Blackwell and his crew for building the enclosures and laying the filler.

Welcome, Mrs. Hebert

While Mrs. Duplessis is at home with her newest little one, Elisha, on maternity leave, Mrs. Leslie Hebert will be taking the reigns as girls PE teacher. We are happy to have Mrs. Hebert with us until mid September when Mrs. Duplessis will return.

Thank you for Your Condolences

I truly appreciate the cards and Masses I have received remembering my grandmother. Thank you for thinking of her and my family during this difficult time. She did make a visit to campus right after Katrina and was impressed by the school's sense of community and generosity.