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REILLY REPORT

We hope you are enjoying a relaxing and healthy summer. We are very busy getting ready for an exciting school year and can't wait to have the building full of eager students.

Lead me, Lord is our theme for the 2010-11 school year. The **first day of school** is Wednesday, September 1st. Students should be in their homeroom by 8:45am. The opening liturgy will be at 2pm. School will dismiss at 3:25pm. We will follow a regular schedule for grades 1-8 on the first day. Kindergarten parents: please refer to the "Welcome Letter" you should have received in June for your individual first week schedule.

Kindergarten students should already have a **screening appointment** scheduled for Monday, August 23rd or Tuesday, August 24th. You may contact Mrs. Seifert, our school nurse, with any questions at 389-3242, ext. 4.

Ice Cream Social for Kindergarten, First Grade, and new families will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, August 25th. More info is in the School News section.

The traffic engineers say the inconvenience will be worth the wait when the North Bend project is complete. The construction has been stalled by Cincinnati Bell's lack of progress relocating their poles. We all need to be ready for traffic delays as we begin the school year! Please be patient and allow yourself extra time. This could last for a while...

I hope to see you at the Parish Festival, August 20, 21, and 22. All alumni are invited to stop in at the alumni booth on Friday night near the Main Award Booth.

Arrival and dismissal by car procedures will remain the same. Car riders will be dropped off and picked up along the sidewalk. In the morning, please pull up as far as you can to the Kitchen Ramp door and let your children exit the car on the

passenger side only. If you are walking your child into school, please park your car and cross them in the crosswalk between the parish office and the cafeteria entrance.

For afternoon pickup, please park your car in any marked spot, and walk to the sidewalk along school to pick up your children. **ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE CAR RIDERS WILL WAIT FOR PARENTS ON THE SIDEWALK BY SCHOOL.** If you have little ones in your car, feel free to have your school age children ask us to walk them to your car or you may wait until the traffic has cleared and pull up to the sidewalk and we will let them in. As far as we know, **bus transportation** through your local public school has not announced any changes.

Many parents like to schedule shadow dates for their eighth graders at the various high schools to allow students to experience the many choices offered to us. At St. Ignatius, we will automatically excuse two absences for shadowing if they are during the week of October 11-15th. Of course, you do not need an excused absence if shadowing is done on days when St. I's is closed. Many of the high schools begin school prior to September 1st and you may want to consider scheduling a shadow date before that!

Later in the Wire you will see a detailed listing of our **Emergency Parent Communication Protocol**. Please review the procedures now so you are familiar with them.

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The Wildcat Wire: WildcatWire@saintschool.org

See below for info regarding the Wire

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Staff/Teachers:

FirstInitialLastName@saintschool.org





It's the most wonderful time of the year! We have a few new team members to introduce as we begin 2010-2011. Joining our already impressive teaching staff are:

Mrs. Julie Kraemer will be teaching fourth grade math, religion, and science. Mrs. Kraemer comes to us with many years of experience in education. She is a graduate of Thomas More College and earned her master's degree at Northern Kentucky University.

Mrs. Sarah Christensen will be joining us as an intervention specialist. She holds degrees in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences and Psychology and Special Education. She attended the University of Colorado, Purdue University, and Xavier University. Welcome, Mrs. Christensen!

We are still in the process of interviewing additional intervention specialists and will keep you informed as we add to our talented staff!

LUNCH MENU

(fruit and milk are served daily)

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| Monday | No School |
| Tuesday | No School |
| Wednesday | Chicken patty with potato rounds |
| Thursday | Hamburger or cheeseburger with French fries |
| Friday | Burritos with corn |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Aug. 12 | New Parent Mtg, 7pm, Gym |
| Aug. 20-22 | Parish Festival |
| Aug. 23 | PTO "Jump Start Mtg", 7pm, Cafeteria |
| Aug. 25 | Ice Cream Social, 7pm, Cafeteria |
| Sept. 1 | First Day of School |
| Sept. 6 | NO SCHOOL - Labor Day |
| Sept. 7 | Teacher Introduction Night, 7pm |
| Sept. 9 | School Pictures |
| Sept. 9 | Boy Scout Sign up, 6-9pm, Hilvert Ctr |

UPCOMING LITURGIES

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| Sept 1 | Opening Day Mass, Grade 6 | 2:00pm |
| Sept. 7 | Mr. Gemperline, Rm 312 | 9:15am |
| Sept. 9 | Mrs. Behrle, Rm 208 | 9:15am |

SCHOOL NEWS

The **Ice Cream Social** will be held on Wednesday, August 25th from 7-8pm. This is the official welcome party for students and families in kindergarten, first grade and all new students. Kindergarten and first



grade teachers will be in their classrooms to meet you and to help make the transition to St. Ignatius smooth. We will serve ice cream in the kitchen serving line (to get new students used to the process of buying lunch and ease

any fears they may have!) In the cafeteria you will also have a chance to meet representatives from various parish organizations including scouts, athletics, PTO, and School Committee. This is a good time to get the "scoop" on the many facets of life at St. Ignatius and explore the building. Please plan on joining us!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Please check your calendars and call the contact person if you can help. Thanks so much.

Volunteers are needed to greet children on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 1st. Directions and maps will be provided to help you find the classrooms. If interested, please call Kathy Smith.

Volunteers are needed to help scoop and serve ice cream at the ice cream social on Wednesday, August 25th at 7pm. Please contact Kelly Reupert.

STUDENT BADGES

We are going to start off the school year with **NEW** student name badges as part of the dress code. All students in grades 1-8 will be receiving a badge on the 1st day of school. Students in grades 1-8 who are new to St. I's should stop by the school office during the Ice Cream Social to have your photo taken. Badges are to be kept in the classrooms and are a great help to everyone trying to get to know each other. If students forget their name badge, temporary sticky nametags are available in the school office for a \$0.25 fee per day. During the school year if a badge is lost, replacement badges may be purchased for \$5 in the school office.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The family handbook, school calendar, school supply list, and Wildcat Wire have been updated for this school year on the school website at

www.sainti.org/school/index.htm. You can also find a link directly to PowerSchool on the website.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

St. Ignatius school apparel is available from the following vendors:

* Campus Outfitters

35 Tri County Parkway (513) 772-4250

*Fox's Uniforms

8786 Colerain Avenue (513) 245-5180

*Schoolbelles

9695 Kenwood Road (513) 921-3417

*Lands' End (www.landsend.com/school)

Preferred school code: 900126830

WILDCAT WIRE

This is the only *Wildcat Wire* that will be mailed to your home. Please advise the school office if you received duplicate copies. The *Wire* will be distributed to the youngest student in each family on Fridays. The deadline for submitting articles to the *Wildcat Wire* is **Tuesdays at noon**. Articles can be e-mailed to WildcatWire@saintschool.org. Approved articles will be published once, with attachments being eliminated or reduced. Dates of events will be listed in the upcoming events section. Approved flyers will be distributed with the *Wire* on Flyer Friday, which is the third Friday of each month. The *Wildcat Wire* can also be viewed online at the school website.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

St. Ignatius participates in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Eligibility is based on family income. Forms are available in the school and kitchen offices. Families may apply at anytime throughout the year. Please contact Nancy Bachman or Tim Reilly if you have any questions.

MORNING CARE PROGRAM

Morning care will be available from 7:15-8:15am in the cafeteria for \$3.25 per day. For registration or questions, please contact Mrs. Bachman at 389-3242, ext. 2010.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that we are continuing our After School Program for the 2010-2011 school year. The program runs from 3:25-6:00pm on school days and costs \$8.00 per child per day. For more information or to register, please contact the school office at 389-3242. All families will need to fill out **NEW** registration forms to participate in this year's program.

WILDCATS ON THE MOVE



Wildcats On the Move is back. All students are encouraged to participate in this program. We will be recording miles for this school year as well as lifetime miles. For those new to the school, the goal of our "Wildcats On the Move" program is to promote physical fitness and to offer students another healthy option at recess by walking, running, or wheelchair rolling on our track. Each lap of the outer loop is about ½ mile. Recess volunteers and staff will keep track of the miles during school hours. Under adult supervision, students are also encouraged to log miles on their own time. In order for laps to count outside of school hours, students need to submit a note or mile voucher stating their name, homeroom, grade, number of miles, and a parent/guardian's signature. Miles may be logged on any formally measured track. Pre-printed mile vouchers are available in the school office. Look for new members of the 10, 50, 100, and 250 Mile Clubs listed in the *Wildcat Wire* each week.

5th GRADE "GIRLS ON THE RUN"

Girls on the Run will begin practice on Monday, September 13th at 3:45pm. A welcome letter will go home the week before with pertinent information for the first practice. Girls should plan to wear comfortable athletic shoes, socks, and clothing appropriate for being outside. Water bottles will be provided. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Miss McGrath at ext. 2214 or by email at cmcgrath@saintschool.org.



COME TO A PTO MEETING!

The St. Ignatius Parent-Teacher Organization sponsors numerous activities throughout the academic year that support the mission of the school and provides enrichment opportunities for members of the school community. **The first PTO meeting of the school year will be Monday, August 23rd at 7pm in the school cafeteria.** After that, meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the library.

A few of the activities we plan and organize are: After-School Enrichment; Bowling; Bus Buddies; Chess Club; Everybody Counts; Faculty and Staff Appreciation; Family Fun Night; Homeroom Parents; Ice Cream Social; Olympic Day; Speech Contest; and Yearbook.

The PTO meets once a month throughout the school year and you are always welcome to attend any meeting. So whether you are thinking about volunteering for some of the PTO's activities or want to observe before deciding, or just want to meet other parents and find out what PTO is about, come to a meeting!

The year's PTO Board members include Anissa McBreen (President); Nicole Brown (Vice President); Kim Glassmeyer (Treasurer); Valerie Sharpshair (Secretary); and Jen Langen and Jen Klosterman (Past Co-Presidents). Feel free to contact any member of the board if you have any questions about PTO.

GROUP LEADERS AND COORDINATORS

If your group or organization would like to set up an informational table at the Ice Cream Social, please contact Kelly Reupert. This is a great way to share information about your group and its activities.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you ordered school supplies through the PTO they will arrive late in August and will be distributed to your child's classroom for the first day of school. If you have a special circumstance please contact the office.

MAGAZINE DRIVE

The annual Magazine Drive will begin shortly after the school year opens. The official Kick-off day is Friday, September 10th. St. Ignatius School receives 40% of the proceeds from all subscription orders and renewals. Support of the Magazine Drive in the past has been so strong that St. Ignatius has been able to avoid holding a lot of other fundraisers for the exclusive benefit of the school. Please help to keep this trend going! Also, if you can volunteer a few hours to prepare sales packets, tally orders, attend the LaRosa's lunch for top sellers, or help in another way, please contact Julie Harvey, Magazine Drive Coordinator.

PACE NEWS

Many thanks to all who have continued to purchase PACE gift cards and to use their Kroger Community Rewards cards over the summer! Between January 1 and June 30, 2010 PACE proceeds totaled \$2,933.19 and Kroger proceeds were \$15,005.23. As you know, proceeds generated by these fundraisers before April 30, 2011 will be used to offset tuition increases for the 2011-2012 school year. By using these programs, you are

helping to make a Catholic education affordable for all parishioners!

Using these programs also makes you eligible to win prizes. The following PACE gift card users won monthly drawings and received PACE gift cards as prizes: Angie Weyer (January), Denise Carrou (February), Brigid Hoffman (March and April), Valerie Bender (May) and Vicki Golinar (June). Each of the following Kroger Community Rewards card users won quarterly drawings and received their choice of \$250 in tuition credit or Kroger gift cards: Gary Gooding and Colleen Karwisch (1st Quarter); and Ruth Donohue and Sue Klump (2nd Quarter).

If you would like more information about PACE or Kroger Community Rewards, please contact Leslie Odioso, Sue Newland, or Carol Lecher.



EMERGENCY PARENT COMMUNICATION

As part of statewide protocol, we'd like to advise you of our policies concerning parents in regards to Emergency/Safety Procedures. This is not to alarm you but to let you know that we are prepared with a plan if the need arises. We also practice these plans without prior notice and need your complete cooperation. Your child's safety is our top priority. The following steps are in place for these emergencies:

TORNADO/SEVERE THUNDERSTORM

If there is a Watch issued for our area, we will dismiss as usual. If there is a Tornado Warning, we will not release students until it is cleared. (We will locate to a designated safe area in the building and no one will be released.) If there is a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, we will use our best judgment to decide if the schedule needs to be interrupted. When possible we will post emergency and safety action on our website.

LOCKDOWN

A Lockdown is necessary if an internal or external threat is present. School is completely secured which means no one will be allowed in or out, including parents. Signs will be posted on all outside doors, 911 will be called, and the Parish Office will be notified. If the Lockdown lasts for more than 30 minutes, information will be posted on the sainti.org website.

HAZMAT/SHELTER IN PLACE

In the unlikely event of a chemical, biological, nuclear, or explosive threat, HAZMAT/Shelter in Place action is taken. The school will be completely sealed from outside pollutants and we will be stocked with a supply of water and food. Signs will be posted on all outer doors and emergency personnel will be contacted. If necessary, we have established relationships with several other schools in the area where we may transport the students.

CALAMITY DAYS

If school is cancelled due to weather conditions, we follow Northwest's plan. School will either be closed or we will operate on a two-hour delay. You can find this information on our website, TV, radio, or the TV station's website. Listen or watch for Northwest Local Schools. You will not hear St. Ignatius School except in very rare circumstances. In the event that there needs to be an early dismissal, the oldest student enrolled in school will call a parent to determine how they will get home. We need to be sure arrangements have been made so no one arrives home unsupervised without the parent's consent. Buses will run their routes as usual unless you are notified.