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REILLY REPORT

Welcome back! We opened this year of "Making a Difference" with 993 students and lots of smiles. As we all get into productive routines, I want to thank you for your trust, cooperation, and patience.



Parents are invited to come see the building and your child's teacher! Teacher Introduction Night for grades 1-8 is Tuesday, September 8th. The building will be open from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. We attempted to schedule the sessions to accommodate the many different schedules and family sizes in our school. Parents are asked to join us in the gym at 7:00 for general comments and introductions. This event is for parents only.

Grade	Evening Schedule
1	6:00-6:45 in classroom, then 7-7:20 in gym
2, 3, 4	6:15-6:45 in classroom, then 7-7:20 in gym or 7-7:20 in gym, then 7:30-8 in classroom
5	6:15-6:45 in library, then 7-7:20 in gym or 7-7:20 in gym, then 7:30-8 in library
6, 7, 8	7-7:20 in gym, then follow your child's schedule from 7:30-9 in classrooms

If you have a child in 7th or 8th grade be aware that their schedule was sent home today – please bring that schedule with you to Teacher Introduction Night.

Forms in the first day packet are due back Monday, 9/14/09! If you have not yet returned these forms, please return them to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

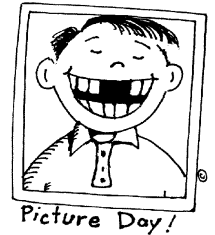


Thanks to Nancy Bachman, Kelly Reupert and the rest of the PTO for a successful (and tasty) Ice

Cream Social. Also, thank you to Kathy Smith for coordinating the first day volunteers and Janie Oka for organizing the bus buddies program to make sure everyone arrived at the right place.

You may be interested to know that during the three days before school, the student support team, consisting of our special educators, remedial instructors and the school psychologist, met with all grade level teachers to review the accommodations for students in that grade. Accommodations will be reviewed again beginning in October, one grade level each week throughout the remainder of the school year. Any proposed additions or deletions will be discussed with parents before changes are made.

Picture Day is Thursday, September 10th. Get your haircut and stay rested this weekend! All students will be photographed and are invited to dress out of uniform and in nice casual clothes for the day. Picture order forms were sent home with the first day packets and extras are available in the school office if needed.



The work you are witnessing on North Bend Road is the gas line and utility pole upgrades that have been in the works for years. I was told a week ago that the work in front of school should be completed in about two weeks, leaving us one more week. We'll see. Please plan accordingly.

I appreciate the feedback we have received on the new car rider procedure. If you are spending time trying to find your child on the sidewalk after school, you may want to designate a meeting spot such as by the rose buses or kitchen ramp. Everyone is asked to drive slowly and with caution. Using the cross walk during peak drop off in the AM has helped the flow of traffic significantly.

Our school policy is to preview all videos/ media before showing them to students. We will stick with our policy and will not be participating in the nationwide broadcast from the President next Tuesday.



Welcome once again to the Sieve Spotlight! My favorite part of any day is watching our students enjoy great lessons prepared by their teachers. I will “spotlight” some of these learning experiences throughout the year to keep you aware of many of the great things happening at St. I’s! Be on the lookout for your class!

POETRY CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Nathan H., current sixth grader here at St. Ignatius School, who has participated in a poetry contest for young writers. Not only has Nathan been selected to be published, he has also been awarded as one of the Top Ten poets in the contest. This is a real honor, as thousands of students participate annually in this competition. For his efforts, he will receive a copy of the anthology and a fifty dollar savings bond. Nathan has continued to go out and make a difference by sharing his God-given talents and reminding us with his creative words that the world is a beautiful place. Congratulations, Nathan! You are a writer of immense talent. We are proud of you.

YMCA CAMP ERNST – HONOR CAMPER

This summer Kyle J. was recognized with the highest award at YMCA Camp Ernst. This award, which was created in 1928, is given to campers who display outstanding character qualities. Only two percent of the 3000+ campers who attend Camp Ernst are chosen for this award, which is voted on solely by the Camp Ernst staff. The staff of more than 100 nominate campers who show examples of the YMCA core character values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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

Volunteers are needed for school pictures on Thursday, September 10th. Please contact Jen Klosterman.

LUNCH MENU
(fruit and milk are served daily)

- Monday No School
- Tuesday Hot dogs with baked beans
- Wednes Pepperoni Pizza with carrots and dip
- Thursday Dough pretzel with veggie soup
- Friday 3 ways and crackers

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 7 NO SCHOOL, Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 8 Teacher Introductions, Gr.1-8, 7pm, Gym
- Sept. 9 Ladies Society, 7pm, Fr Bolte Rm
- Sept. 10 School Picture Day
- Sept. 11 Magazine Drive kick-off
- Sept. 11 Parish Picnic at Stricker's Grove, 5pm
- Sept. 14 PTO Meeting, 7pm, Library
- Sept. 15 1st magazine turn-in day
- Sept. 15 School Committee Meeting, 7pm, Library
- Sept. 17 2nd magazine turn-in day

UPCOMING LITURGIES

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| Sept. 8 | Mrs. Nieman, Room 216 | 9:15 |
| Sept. 10 | Mrs. Meyer, Room 303 | 9:15 |
| Sept. 15 | Miss McLaughlin, Room 318 | 9:15 |
| Sept. 17 | Mrs. Crowley, Room 111 | 9:15 |
| Sept. 22 | Miss Hanna, Room 314 | 9:15 |
| Sept. 24 | Mrs. Geckle, Room 114 | 9:15 |

SCHOOL NEWS

BAND NEWS

Advanced Band: Band begins Tuesday Sept. 8th. All band members should have received a letter about the rehearsal schedule on the first day of school. If anyone did not receive the schedule please contact Miss Grismayer.

New Students: If you are in grades 5-8 and play a band instrument we would love for you to join the Wildcat band! Please see Miss Grismayer in Room 219 if you are interested.

Beginning Band: The 5th graders attended a demonstration last year of all the great instruments to choose from to participate in band. However, anyone in grades 5-8 who would like to learn how to play an instrument is welcome! No experience is necessary. There will be an information meeting for parents on Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 7pm in the cafeteria. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Mr. Gemperline in Room 312.

PARISH NEWS

PTO UPDATE

Thanks to all the parents who attended the August meeting. If you are interested in PTO, but were unable to attend, please join us at another meeting this year. New faces are always welcome! Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th at 7:00pm in the library.

LAROSA'S BUDDY CARD FOR SALE

LaRosa Buddy Cards are available for \$10 each. Each card contains ten coupons for a free large cheese pizza and four coupons for Pizza and more as well as a Cincinnati Zoo Buy One-Get One Free Admission. Cards are available in the Parish Office and School Office. For more information please contact Vicky Wessel. Thank you for supporting this PTO fundraiser.

MAGAZINE DRIVE

We are excited to announce September 11th as the kick-off day of the Magazine Drive. Due to popular demand, the Limo Lunch at LaRosa's will return for those students selling at least 10 items/orders. EIGHT additional students will join in the Limo Lunch if they turn in at least FIVE items/orders or more. You will again be able to place orders on line at QSP.com. You can pay by credit card and receive an e-mail confirmation. Simply send this receipt to school on a turn-in day and your child will receive credit for the sale. This website is available year round. We look forward to raising money for the school and having fun in the process.

We feel we have the BEST selections of magazines, books, music and gift items ever. So hold those subscriptions and think about who you can contact for your sales and we'll see you at LaRosa's!

If you have any questions please contact Julie Harvey.

WILDCATS ON THE MOVE

Wildcats On the Move is back. All students are encouraged to start logging those miles. Look for new members of the 10, 50, 100, and 250 Mile Clubs listed in the Wildcat Wire.

LADIES SOCIETY IS BACK

Join us for a quick, informal meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm in the Fr. Bolte Room. We will have PACE cards, spiritwear and specialty t-shirts on sale to get in the mood for back to school. Our meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of the month in Hilvert Center starting in October. There are lots of activities planned for the upcoming year. Please join us and bring a friend or two!

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Open gym will be held for girls in grades 5-8 who have registered to play volleyball for the upcoming season. The dates for the open gym times are Monday, September 14, Wednesday, September 16, and Thursday, September 17. Girls in grades 5 and 6 should attend from 5:30-7pm, and girls in grades 7 and 8 should attend from 7-8:30pm. Open gym times are NOT mandatory, but simply a way to get some practice before tryouts begin. Questions? Please contact Jill Klusman or Sue Vulhop.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

AHG is looking for more girls & young women ages 5 to 14 interested in having fun with friends while learning valuable life skills. Come explore the outdoors, lead/help others, learn skills like horseback riding and cake decorating, enjoy special events with your family and your friends. Parents, the program emphasizes social, spiritual, and character development building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Meetings are held the 2nd or 4th Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5:15pm in the Hilvert Center. The 1st meeting is Sept. 22nd. For details contact Kim Abele or Dian Hackman.

GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

Basketball sign-ups for Boys and Girls will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10th in the Wildcat Room from 6:00-8:00pm. Please bring two copies of a completed Sports Registration Form located on the Athletic Association web site (saintiaa.org). If your Athletic Association annual family registration fee is not paid, you should do so at this time.

Girls: Eligible grades: 3rd thru 8th
(\$45 for 5th - 8th grades)
(\$30 for 3rd & 4th grades)

Boys: Eligible grades: 2nd - 8th (\$45 for all boys)

ENRICHMENT NEWS

PARENT WITH CONFIDENCE

One size fits all? Not with parenting. Learn a variety of ways to reach your children. The award winning class, *Growing Up Again*, begins September 10th from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Mercy Hospital in Western Hills. This class is full of great ideas to support you in your role as a parent. The cost for this four-week class series is \$55.00 including the book and materials. For more information, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities 241-7745.

THE JOURNEY OF GRIEF: What Can I Expect?

Grief is with us in the many big and small losses we experience throughout our lives. It is a necessary part of healing. This program will explore the stages of grief and how to walk through the twists and turns on the journey, to experience a sense of peace. This free program will be held on September 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Gate of Heaven Cemetery Chapel. Another program will be held on September 29 from from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Bartholomew Parish Office. To register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities (513) 241-7745.

THE RECESSION – Coping in Uncertain Times

The tough economic times can bring insecurity, grief, and anxiety for many people. If you have been affected by downsizing, layoffs, the loss of a home or income, you are invited to attend a free workshop designed to assist you in addressing the many feelings that accompany these losses. Some of the topics include how to move forward, what to say to the children, and much more. This program will be offered October 5, 2009 at St. Saviour Parish basement in Deer Park from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For further information or to register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities South at 241-7745.

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Are you often dragged down by the comments of others, or by what you say to yourself? Do you find yourself longing for inner contentment? If so, learn how to become free from beliefs and actions that diminish who you are to embrace those that enhance life and draw you nearer to God. This one-session program will be offered October 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the undercroft of Holy Trinity Parish 2420 Drex Ave in Norwood. The fee is \$15.00 per person. For further information or to register, contact Sandy Keiser at 241-7745.

McGING IRISH DANCERS

The McGing Irish Dancers are excited to announce that they will again be offering beginning Irish dance classes at St. Ignatius this fall. Cincinnati has been home to the McGing Irish Dancers for nearly 30 years. Our goal is to encourage each dancer to achieve their potential. Being so, we teach dancing to develop confidence and poise while spreading the inspiration and happiness we have received through the art. Starting September 10, classes will be offered to St. I's students on Thursday's at 4:00pm and will be taught by Mrs. Katie Behrle, a 3rd grade teacher at St I's. Mrs. Behrle has been a member of the McGing Irish Dancers for nearly 20 years and has been teaching dancing for 13 years. Classes will be an hour long and cost \$45 a month paid in tri-mesters.

Classes for dancers who are returning for a second or third year of dance will also start Thursday, September 10.

If you are interested in joining the McGing Irish Dancers at St. Ignatius, please e-mail Mrs. Behrle (kbehrle@saintschool.org) for more information. Include your dancer's name, grade, and homeroom in the e-mail.

MCAULEY FALL 5K RUN/WALK

Sign up to join McAuley for their 5K run/walk on Saturday, September 19th at 9am at Miami Whitewater Forest. For more information please pick up a form in the office.

SWIM LESSONS

Mercy Healthplex will be offering group swim lessons for ages 6 months to adult September 19 – October 25 and October 31 – December 20. Private and semi-private lessons are also available by appointment. For registration or more information please contact Annie Macke at 389-5465.

SPRINGMYER PTA and MONFORT HEIGHTS PTA offer DANCE REGISTRATION

Dance class will be offered for ages 2 ½ through high school at Springmyer Elementary School beginning September 21st. MH offers preschool and up. Registration information is available in the St. I. school office.