



Summer Newsletter

July 16, 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! As I write this letter, textbooks and materials are being ordered and teachers are meeting to plan the new year. I am so excited about the future of St. John School.

I want to welcome Fr. Jeff Ernst as our new Senior Pastor of St. John. Fr. Mike Scully will still be around teaching and writing. We also welcome Fr. Barnabas Eichor as our new Assistant Pastor.

I am excited to announce that Anja Woolverton, school parent, will be our new preschool assistant teacher. Anja will be the assistant for all three preschool sessions.

I'm also happy to announce that After School Care hours have been extended to 6:00 pm. Care is offered before school (7:00-8:15 am) and after school for Kindergarten-8th graders. The charge is \$5 per morning per child and \$8 per afternoon per child. Extended care is not available to preschoolers

I need all parents to check our school website, www.saint-johns.net/school, for forms that need to be completed to finalize enrollment. **The completed forms need to be returned on Back to School Open House on August 15.**

All families need to complete the enrollment process by attending Back to School Open House, August 15, any time from 9am-11am in the gym. The Open House provides you and your child an opportunity to sign up for the school lunch program, before/after school care, return important forms, pick up school supply orders, and purchase new uniform items. This is a great opportunity for students to see their classrooms and meet their new teachers. Monday, August 18 is the first full day of school. School hours for K-8th grades are 8:15am-3:30pm.

Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal

Forms to turn in at Back to School Open House on Friday, August 15

- Parent/Student Handbook:** Parents should sign and return page 1 of the handbook. The Handbook is accessible on the school website. Complete and return the Agreement Form.
- Student Information Emergency Card:** Preschoolers-8th graders must have on file a Student Information Card. This card is essential especially when your child becomes injured or too sick to return to class. In the event of injury, illness, or other emergency situations, you will receive a phone call. The school needs to know how to reach you during the daytime.

Additional Forms Available on the Website

- Permission for Medication Form: (as needed)**

Students needing prescription or over the counter drugs (e.g. cough drops) administered at school must have a "Permission for Medication Form" accompanying medication. Medication cannot be administered at school without



authorization. Forms are available on the school website and in the school office, when needed.

- **Asthma Consent form:** Preschoolers-8th graders may self-administer medication for the treatment of asthma and anaphylaxis while at school. A completed “Asthma Consent Form” must accompany the medication. Forms are available on the school website and in the school office, as needed.
- **Free or Reduced Lunch Program:** This program is funded by the government, which provides financial relief for those in need. A copy of the application is available on the school website, the school office, and will be available at the Back to School Open House. Complete the application and return to Mrs. Alexander. Names of participants are confidential.
- **Student Lunch Volunteer Form:** 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th graders are encouraged to help Mrs. Malsbury serve lunch. Complete and return the sign up form on the website and return to Mrs. Alexander.
- **School Supplies:** The school supply lists are on the school website. Families who purchased supplies through the school may pick up supplies on August 15.
- **School Electronic Payment:** Consider having your school payments automatically withdrawn from either your bank account or charge card. Forms are available on the school website.

Student Directory: St. John School publishes a school directory containing information on every school family. The information includes: students’ name, grade, class assignment, parents’ names, parents’ phone, parents’ email, and address. Please contact the school office if you do not want some or all of this information listed in the directory.

Important Dates

- **Kindergarten Pool Party: Saturday, August 9, 9:00-11:00 am.** Kindergartners and parents are invited to our pool party at the South Park wading pool. This is a great chance for the kids and parents to meet each other and visit with Ms. Fewins, Ms. Kennedy, and Mrs. Newton. Following the pool party, we will gather in the park for a picnic. (Swimming is limited to kindergarten students). Other siblings are invited to the picnic.
- **Preschool Information Night: Wednesday, August 13, 7:00 pm.** Preschool parents are invited to attend (Parents/Guardians only). Other adults who will be picking up/dropping off students are also encouraged to attend. We will meet in the St. Bosco Room on the lower level of the school. Parents will meet Mrs. Johnson, Preschool Director, and learn about procedures, expectations, and goals. There will be a few forms to complete. Preschool begins August 18. Tuesday/Thursday classes begin August 19. Morning sessions are 8:15-11:05am, afternoon sessions are 12:35-3:25pm.
- **Middle School Locker Party: Thursday, August 14, 5:00-6:00 pm.** Middle School students will receive their locker combination and have a chance to practice their combination locks and decorate the interior of their lockers if they choose to. Decorations are limited to the inside of the locker. **NO TAPE OR ADHESIVES ARE ALLOWED. Magnets are permissible.** Students will also receive their individual middle school schedules, including their electives. Pizza for everyone! Parents are invited.