



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MAY 16, 2016

ST. JOHN EAGLES

**Dear Parents,**

As 2015-2016 school year draws to a close, I want to offer this summary of the year:

The 2015-2016 school budget is \$1,756,895. Our predicted income from fees, fundraisers, non-parishioner tuition, preschool fees, before and after school care, etc. is \$915,100. School families that support the school with their tithe to the parish contributed \$331,047 in 2015. The combined income from all the sources of income is \$1,246,147. The remainder of our school income comes in the form of church subsidy of \$ 510,748. The parish subsidy to school or 29% of school budget.

**Middle School** – To date, we have 86 middle school students enrolled for next year and they are in the process of choosing electives for the fall semester. Our students have over twenty electives to choose from including: Forensics, Drawing, Printmaking, Set Design, Book Cub, Page to Screen, National History Day, Foods, Sewing, Italian, Logic Games, Environmental Studies, Student Council, Future City, Robotics, and Intro to Architecture. In addition to their continued study of Spanish Language, students are also introduced to Latin, French, German, and Mandarin Chinese.

**Building Expansion-** Very exciting news. The building committee met last week and we are moving along! The summer will be busy getting approval from the city offices and hosting a neighborhood information meeting. Dan Sabatini will be meeting with various school and parish staff members in the next few weeks getting input from them. If all goes well, the convent will be moved in November and the gym construction will begin early 2017. If all that goes well, we will occupy the new gym and Performing Arts area August 2017.

**Activities and Event-** The following are some of the activities and events of St. John School. Many of them raised money for the school: Fun Run, Seventh grade trip to Colorado, Auction, Christmas Program, Middle School Ski Trip, Bingo Night, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C., Third Grade Stations of the Cross presentation, Fifth Grade St. John City, Holocaust Memorial Project, Trivia Night, Garage Sale, Art Show, Third Grade Store, Book Fair (3), Band, Orchestra, Alleluia Singers Programs, Spring Musical (“The Frog Prince”), Speech Contest, Field Day, Marathon Club, field trips to lots of interesting destinations., and many fun and enriching classroom special activities.

**Grants:** St. John School was awarded several grants this year. The two largest grants were Douglas County Live Well Community Wellness Grant which provided funding for new salad bars in the school cafeteria and the Elizabeth Shultz Environmental Fund for indoor greenhouses. The grant funded seven indoor greenhouses for SJ classrooms.


**Accreditation** St. John School is accredited by the state of Kansas and AdvancEd/North Central. Because St. John School is state accredited, our teachers and curriculum follow Kansas standards and licensure and our students in grades 3 through 8 take the yearly state assessment tests. In October, 2015, we had our six year accreditation visit. The External Review Team was impressed by the school’s thoroughness and accuracy with the self assessment and commitment to the student and school improvement process. The overall assessment was well above the AdvancEd Network average.

**Numbers** 310 students in preschool through 8th grade, 208 school families, 9.2 students receiving free and/or reduced lunch, 10% of students non-parishioners, 23 licensed teachers, 12 teachers hold advanced degrees. **Congratulations to Molly Green who received her Master’s degree of Science Education last week.**

**Above all, the teaching of the faith and assurance of Jesus’ love is the most important part of St. John School. It is a privilege for us as staff to share our faith, pray, sing songs of praise, celebrate the liturgical seasons of the year, and attend school Mass with our students. This is who we are.**

I am blessed to be principal of this great school, and I thank all of you for choosing St. John School for your children.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	
16	17	18	19	20	21
Last Marathon club 3:40 3rd grade to Topeka/Capitol	2:00 & 7:00 Band & Orchestra concert	1:30 Speech Contest	8:40 Mass/prepared by 2nd Grade Green Class. <b>8th gr. Recognized at Mass.</b>  2:00 & 7:00 Alleluia Singers Concert	8th grade last day  3rd grade Luau 2:50 Cookie Sales	22
23	24	25	26	27	28
Field Day  6:30 8th grade graduation 	<b>May billing –Due May 25</b>	Last day of school  <b>12:00 Dismissal</b>	Happy Summer!		29

## Looking Ahead

May 16 3rd to Topeka/Capitol  
 May 17 2:00&7:00 Band/Orchestra concert  
 May 18 1:30 Speech Contest  
 May 19 2:00&7 Alleluia Singers concert  
 May 20 last day for 8th grade  
 May 23 Field Day  
 May 23 6:30 8th graduation  
 May 25 Last day of school-noon dismissal  
**June 6-10 Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30**  
**Enrollment form is attached.**

## 2016-2017 School Calendar

Aug 19 Welcome Back Open House 9:00-11:00am  
 Aug 22 First day of school  
 Sep 05 No school Labor Day  
 Oct 19, 20, 21 No school Parent Conferences  
 Nov 4 No school Auction prep  
 Nov 5 St. John Auction  
 Nov 23- 25 No school Thanksgiving  
 Dec 22-Jan 2 No school Christmas  
 Jan 3 School resumes  
 Jan 16 No school Martin Luther King Day  
 Feb 15, 16, 17 No school Parent Conferences  
 Mar 20-24 No school Spring break  
 Apr 14 No school Good Friday  
 May 22 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation  
 May 23 Last Day of School dismiss

## Many thanks

Thank you to Gillian Allen for coordinating the carnival and all the volunteers who helped with the carnival and book fair. The carnival was great fun in spite of the rain!

## 2015-16 School Supplies

Consider purchasing school supplies for 2016-17 school year through the school. School supply orders are due May 22. You may email Mrs. Linda Alexander the grades you need and permission to bill your account.

## Field Day

Field Day is Monday, May 23 In celebration of the 2016 summer Olympic Games in Brazil, the theme this year for field day is the summer Olympics. This is an ALL day event for students in grades K-7. The students in grades K-6 play and compete together in mixed teams during the morning. Each team will represent a country. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are the team captains. In the afternoon, more games and then we gather in South Park for each team to share their synchronized swim routine for the school. After all teams have had a chance to perform, we will celebrate a fun day with popsicles! I need lots of parent volunteers. I need about 20 in the morning from 8-12, and about 3-4 per grade in the afternoon from 1-3:15. **Mr. Michael Kenedy**



**“The Frog Prince”**