



Shamrock Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

- Aug. 24th:** Orientation / Open House (6:00 p.m.)
- Aug. 24th:** Annual Fund Raiser Kick Off
- Aug. 26th:** Early Dismissal
- Aug. 27th:** 6th Grade Parent Lunch
- Aug. 28th:** Fall School Photos

ATTENTION: Orientation / Open House

We have had a great start to our new school year! Tonight we welcome all our parents, students, and staff members to our **Orientation / Open House** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Family Life Center Gym**. *The class with the highest percentage of parents attending earns a free dress day.*

Fund Raiser Kick Off

Our **Cookie Dough** (and cinnamon rolls) **Fund Raiser representative, Adam Davis** will be at the Orientation / Open House to explain this new, exciting fund raiser to all present.

If you elected at registration not to participate, but chose to pay the \$60.00 per child fee, we will not be sending you a packet in the green folder, unless otherwise notified.

Fall Photos

Fall photos will be taken of all students on **Friday, August 28th**. School uniforms are required. Proofs will be sent home at a later date so that you can place your order.

Home Room Parent Meeting

There will be a **Home Room Parent Meeting** held in the school cafeteria, **Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.** following announcements. Home Room Parents need to **make every effort** to be at this 'beginning of the year' meeting. Thank you.

School Store

The School Store has officially opened and we are having a **CLOSEOUT SALE!** All items in the School Store will be selling for **\$.50 – that's right – fifty cents** – until all merchandise is sold.

Early Dismissal

Wednesday, August 26th is Early Dismissal Day. School dismisses at 1:30 p.m. Students not picked up by 1:45 p.m. will be sent to After Hours Care.

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS ON BACK

Choir News

The St. Patrick School Choir will hold its first practice on **Thursday, August 27th**. Weekly practices will be held each **Thursday from 2:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Any students in grades second through sixth interested in participating in the choir are welcome to join.

Sign up sheets can be found in the green folders today. Parents need to **sign and return the forms** by **Wednesday, August 26th**.

6th Grade Parent Lunch

Thursday, August 27th, will be **6th Grade Parent Lunch Day**. If your child is in sixth grade, you will find a reservation form in the green folder. Please sign and return the form by **Wednesday, August 26th**. Thank you.

After Hours Pick Up

ALL parents picking up their children from After Hours Care will enter through the side gate and cafeteria doors. The front doors to the school will be locked at **4:00 p.m.** The side gate, from which you will enter the school grounds, will be **unlocked from dismissal until 5:30 p.m.** Please inform all persons responsible for picking up your child about this.

Mass Schedule

Our weekly liturgical celebrations are held each **Thursday at 8:10 a.m.** in **St. Patrick Church**. Parents are invited to join us.

Due to the extreme heat, boys will be allowed to wear their uniform shorts on Thursdays, until further notified. However, if their class is hosting mass they **MUST** wear uniform pants. They will be allowed to change into their shorts following the mass. Girls will wear jumpers on mass day.

Liturgical Dancers

We will continue the Liturgical Dancers ministry this year. If your daughter is in grades 2nd through 6th, and is interested in being a liturgical dancer, please fill out, sign, and return the permission form in today's green folder.

Sports News

Mrs. Joan Albert, our after school sports coach, is looking for volunteers to help with the **soccer** program beginning in September. *No prior knowledge of soccer is necessary.*

Dismissal

If you choose to park in the church parking lot and walk across Davis Street to pick up your child, please wait until all of the students in the class are seated in the circular drive. **Be sure the teacher is aware** that you are there to pick up your child.

If you choose to stay in the pick up line, please **remain in your vehicle**, and one of the teachers will place your child in the back seat of your vehicle at one of the two entrances of the circular drive.

Be In Class on Time

Mornings are hectic for everyone, especially for parents of small children. However, we ask that all our parents **make every effort** to get their children to school in plenty of time **to be in his/her classroom** before the second bell rings at **8:00 a.m.** each morning. This helps **eliminate stress** and makes for a more **enjoyable and productive day!** Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact the school office if you are able to help the school in any of the following ways:

- (1) Homeroom Parent or Parent Helper.
- (2) Advisory Council Committee such as Technology, Building and Grounds, Publicity, etc.
- (3) School Committees such as Irish Fest, Fall Fest, Book Fair, and more.
- (4.) Weeding the garden at the front entrance to the school.
- (5) Stuffing green folders on Monday mornings.

Thank you to those who have already contacted the school.

Piano

Mrs. Peggy Joyce Johnson is accepting new students for piano lessons for this school year. If you are interested in these lessons for your child, please contact the school at (601) 482-6044. Lessons for adults are also available.

Student Handbook

It is very important that parents and students are familiar with the contents of the Parent / Student Handbooks. Please take time to read it thoroughly and refer to it as needed. A school calendar is located on the third page. Make a copy for your fridge, office, and car.

Easy Fund Raising

Please remember to turn in Campbell's Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, and My Coke Rewards codes to help our school earn FREE points towards equipment, or to actually receive FREE cash refunds. We also collect used printer cartridges and used cell phones. Your support of these fund raisers is appreciated – just **save the labels from items you already purchase.**

Miscellaneous Forms

If you received any forms at Registration that were supposed to be returned to us (including Handbook Signature Page, Internet Agreement Form, SchoolReach forms, etc.), and you have not yet done so, please take care of this immediately. Please be sure that we have updated immunization forms, birth certificates, social security numbers, and baptismal certificates (if applicable) on file for your child.

A note will be sent home in the near future if we are missing any of this important information.

SchoolReach Program

Although much of the information on the SchoolReach form which you filled out at Registration is also found on the pink Student Data Card, it is important that the contact information for SchoolReach is accurate. SchoolReach is the system that we will use to contact you in the case of an unexpected early dismissal, or for some other important information. It is very important that you fill all forms neatly, especially the contact information.

Please **carefully read the SchoolReach letter** which was given to you at Registration. It explains the program in detail.

Please be sure that the information you provided on the SchoolReach data sheet is accurate. We will conduct a test of the program in early September, in the evening, and will inform you of the date in advance.

Teacher Snacks

For the month of **August**, the staff snacks will be provided by the **Parent School Association**. Each month thereafter a different grade will be responsible for this service. **Thank you** for the delicious snacks we have enjoyed so far.



In accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, there will be no discrimination on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, or handicapping condition in regards to student enrollment or staff employment.

