



### **Stewardship renewal--Commitment Sunday**

Sunday at all Masses you had an opportunity to reflect and complete the commitment card indicating what you feel you can honestly give St. Ann Parish in terms of time (prayer), talent (help) and treasure (a portion of your income).

*This is our parish, and we in the school have this opportunity to become more visible in the parish.*

*Parish is about the opportunity to be together in worship and service, and every one of us is needed. You're needed in the pews.*

*A strong parish is the best foundation for a strong parish school. If you have not done so, please turn in your commitment card so we know how you will be part of St. Ann's.*



### **Dollars and Sense**

This has been a difficult month for us—three payrolls. Normally we have two payrolls each month.

Twice a year we have three. Each school gross payroll is \$37,800. That's over \$75,000 in a normal month and over \$100,000 in a three-payroll month.

The funds for these come from tuition and Sunday collections. Your Sunday contribution is voluntary, but we would hope each family would give generously. To be able to meet payroll, we do need to assertively collect tuition. We also know many families are dealing with unemployment, family issues, health issues, sometimes even food and housing issues.

We would invite those who are more fortunate to help support those in need. A \$25.00 donation provides 1 day of education. A \$125 donation provides a week. A \$500 donation would provide a month.

- Please contact me by phone or at [elizabethgard@saintannschool.com](mailto:elizabethgard@saintannschool.com) if you can help . . . one student for one day, one week, one month.

### **Parish Commissions meeting**

**Nov. 10 7:00 pm**

What are parish commissions? They're heads or representatives of each parish group and ministry who meet three or four times a year to share vision, information and needs. They are grouped into several categories including:

- Parish life (clubs, Scouts, athletics, etc.)
- Spiritual life (liturgy, prayer groups, etc.)
- Human concerns (St. Vincent DePaul, etc.)
- Education (School, Religious Ed, Bible study, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, etc.)

Coming together helps unite us as a parish. Please make sure your group has a representative.

### **Title I starting mid-November**

The federal Title I extended learning program will begin mid-November for students in Grades 1-5. Students living in Districts 151, 154.5, 156, 157, 158, and 171 may be eligible based on previous enrollment or learning needs.

### **Plan now for enrollment for 2010-2011**

Please begin planning now for enrollment for next year. We will base our staffing on the number of students enrolled at each grade level as of April 1, 2010. Tuition payments will need to be current, and registration paid at that time.

### **H1N1 flu and St. Ann**



Thank you to those who made special arrangements to take care of your ill children.

We have been fortunate at St. Ann's. While we have only one case confirmed as this virus so far, we do have several students out—sometimes a significant number in one classroom. (Friday we had almost everyone here!)

Many doctors are not even testing for H1N1 since the treatment is the same as regular flu—generally a three to five day illness characterized by

- Fever (100 or over)
- Aches and pains
- Coughing, respiratory distress

We are asking that you keep your children home at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without using fever-reducing meds.

Also, if you yourself have been ill, it would be wise to limit your own presence at school, activities, etc.

At this time St. Ann will not be a site for vaccinations since there are stipulations in the four-page agreement that we cannot meet.

### **In good shape**

We've had several inspections recently and passed them all:

- The boiler is certified for operation
- Our fire safety inspection indicated no problems
- Our health inspection had one note: keep the soap dispenser in the kitchen filled.

Many thanks to all who work to get and keep St. Ann's in a safe, healthy condition.

## Volunteering with children present?

### Please make sure the following are all done:

- **Background check—online only**
- **Application Form 7703—available on line, turn in to office**
- **CANTS form—information release for DCFS—available on line, turn in to office**
- **Code of Conduct—available on line, read, sign, turn in to office**
- **Virtus training—online registration, physical attendance**

All online materials are available at

[www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org)

☞ **All room parents organizing help**—please note that any volunteers must have met these requirements. We don't like to turn away volunteers, but cannot allow access to the building to those who have not fulfilled these requirements

### Please keep in prayer . . .

- Mrs. Echterling and her family on the death of her mother
- Mrs. Jamka and her family on the death of her father
- Mrs. Hobgood and her family on the death of her mother



### Deadline for parent newsletter

We really need your assistance! Please get your information for the monthly newsletter to Janice Summerrise

[janicesummerrise@saintannschoo.com](mailto:janicesummerrise@saintannschoo.com) at least one week before the end of the month. Thanks.

## Morning routines

We start our day with announcements, prayer, the pledge of allegiance, and the student radio show.

In order to maintain an environment free of distractions during this time, late students remain in the lobby and participate there during the prayer and pledge. Normally, any guests may also join us for prayer and the pledge.

## Alumni corner

Please submit any information you have about alumni to "Alumni Corner". We'd like to keep up with the good news about our graduates—recent and long, long, ago.

## Focus on writing strategies and math

After reviewing TerraNova scores last spring, we as a school set the following curriculum goals:

- **Develop a consistent program for writing strategies so students can communicate for a variety of purposes** *We continue to work on organizing ideas*
- **Strengthen all areas of the math program throughout the school to ensure student mastery of the curriculum standards for each grade level** *Continue to work on grade level appropriate standards*

## Parent Teacher conferences

### Thursday, Nov. 5

This is a great opportunity for you and your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to work together to assist the student in learning as much as s/he can.

There will be a "Free to a Good Home" table near the office. Come, pick up some old library books and other surplus items we no longer use.

## Audio podcasting—some available on website

Many thanks to Mrs. Bonnie Hall who redesigned our website. It looks great!

One new feature—audio podcasts. These are like short radio shows that can be listened to on the computer or downloaded to MP3 type players (including Ipods) for later listening.

Right now we have students from Language Arts 8A reading from their journals.

## Reminders

- Please wear gloves when handling food
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who missed the first Rites Mass are expected to attend Mass at St. Ann's the weekend of Nov. 14 and 15

## Attached

- Market Day and Life:Style gift catalog information