

Newsletter for September 8, 2011

“Love is Patient; Love is Kind.” Today is the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Anti-Bullying Policy: Please make sure you and your child read the entire Family Handbook, especially the section about BULLYING. We now have a *Zero Tolerance Policy* concerning Bullying. **STOP= “Several Times On Purpose.** If your child has been made fun of, harassed, picked on **Several Times On Purpose, make sure you report it to teachers or to me immediately.** There is a family Signature Sheet inside your Handbook. Please sign it and have all of your children do the same. Return the sheet to school with your youngest/only child. Your signature represents your support of the school polices, including the Anti-Bullying Policy. This is one of our efforts to insure safety, happiness, and excellence here at St. Ann School. Call the School Office if you did NOT receive a Family Handbook when you paid your fees.

September Statements: Families have reported that they have not received September Statements. They WERE mailed, but the Post Office can't explain the problem. Tuition is spread over a ten-month period, so if you paid in August, your second payment of ten is now due. Please send it to the Parish Office, even if you did not receive a statement. We will credit your account. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Salad Lunches: The Archdiocesan Food Service has had some problems delivering our salad lunches....we hope to have that problem remedied soon.

FRANKFEST: Tomorrow is our annual Frankfest. If it rains, we will host the event in the school hall. The faculty and staff do the shopping, cooking, serving, etc. Mr. Brian Farlow will again be our guest D.J., playing our favorite dance music, and Father Bill has invited a very special LIVE Band to join us. Don't miss the fun! FRANKFEST runs from 5-8:00 p.m. tomorrow. Thanks to Mrs. Gill, we will also be selling homemade Tamales, as long as they last!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL-NIGHT will be held on September 15, and we will gather in the Church at 7:00 p.m. Father Bill and I will address our Catholic Identity, Our “Future Full of Hope” and the TRIP Program. Teachers will then lead discussions about classroom procedures, expectations, etc. Every parent should plan on attending....we will finish before 9:00 p.m.

Parking Lot: Please follow all procedures in the morning drop-off and in the dismissal pick-up. Everyone is busy and everyone has a place to go, but if rules are followed and safety is foremost, we will clear the Lot in less than five minutes!

September 11 – 10th Anniversary Mass of Remembrance: Sunday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann Church. All Military, First Responders, and their families will be our honored guests....everyone is encouraged to attend.

Sunday Mass....is a part of being Catholic. Please come to Saturday evening *or Sunday Mass....and bring your children!*

Free/Reduced Lunches: Our Lunch Program is sponsored by the Government, so everyone may apply for free/reduced prices. Request the paperwork and fill it out. Your child deserves a hot lunch, and the number of recipients actually helps our school get funding. Confidentiality is our utmost priority. Call me if you have questions.

St. Ann Athletic Program: In order to offer a quality Athletic Program, we need volunteer coaches, assistants, and students willing and able to make commitments to a team. Please discuss athletics as a family, and see if they have something to offer your child. School Work always takes priority, but often, athletics help a child shine in additional ways!

Enclosed with this Newsletter is information about the ordering of optional Sweatshirts, the Collection of General Mills BoxTops for Education, information about “Late Nite Catechism”, etc. Please read everything that is sent home in the Thursday Envelopes.

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