



SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM.



Total for 22 Lunches for September: \$64.90

Monday, Sept. 21 Supervision	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Welhoefer
Tuesday, Sept. 22 Supervision	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Unitan
Wed., Sept. 23 Supervision	Grilled BBQ Chicken & Buttered Pasta Haser
Thursday, Sept. 24 Supervision	Walking Tacos Haser
Friday, Sept. 25 Supervision	Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese DeBruin

Protecting God’s Children Session

If you missed the August “Protecting God’s Children” session, we are holding another session on Monday, September 21 in Healy Hall at 6:30 PM. Please sign up through www.virtus.org, Madison Diocese, St. Ann Parish/School. Attendance is required if you wish to volunteer at school with activities involving children (including lunch supervision.)

Koats for Kids



We will again be collecting coats for the Koats for Kids program starting this week, sizes infant through adult, and infant and toddler snowsuits. All items must be in good repair and only winter outerwear items may be donated. Please drop off your donation in the boxes outside the school office. Thank you for helping those in need in our community.



Reminder: School Picture Day Friday, September 18

You may order online or using the envelope sent home last week.

Photos will be taken in Healy Hall. Parents of PK3 students may bring their child on Friday Morning for pictures or you can wait for the October 20 Photo Retake Day, which will be held during their class time.

Our Next SCRIP order will be placed at 3 PM Monday, September 21. Please turn paper orders in to the office, or order online or email Diane Neumeyer at neumeyerdiane@yahoo.com.

Insurance Forms

Accident Insurance forms are being sent home today. If you have adequate insurance please sign the waiver and return it to school by the end of the week. If you wish insurance, please complete the form/envelope and return it to the school office.

Home & School Notes

Logo Wear orders have been placed and will be arriving soon.



If you haven't yet paid your \$35 dues, please drop a check off with Virginia in the school office. Your dues are essential to the education support and the community building work of St. Ann's Home and School and we have lots of fun and exciting plans for your kids this year!

If you are still shy of the 10 volunteer point mark, there are still many awesome volunteer opportunities available through www.signupgenius.com. The work of our parent volunteers is so important to our school--and as an added bonus, your kids love seeing you helping out!

*****Save The Date*****

Family Harvest Party and Dance Friday, October 9

6:30-9:00 PM

(more information to follow in the Wednesday Memo in upcoming weeks)





Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Every once in a while, I think it's helpful to stop everything and remind ourselves of what matters and to assess how things are going. Now that we're into our third week of school, I think it's a great time to do this for school. From talking to parents, staff, and students, my impression is that the school year is off to a wonderful start. The 7:50 a.m. bell which seemed quite alarming the first few days, now feels a little less intrusive. Likewise, the teachers have been tweaking the schedule to accommodate instruction as well as free time.

Although overall everything is going well, there is one area that has me concerned to the point where I find it necessary to devote this week's article to the topic. We have now celebrated two Friday School Masses, and I'm observing an increasing lack of participation from our students during Mass. Years ago when I was a student at IHM in Monona, we attended weekly Mass and it was always a given that some students refused to sing, especially the older kids who lacked confidence in their voices or thought they were too "cool" to sing. By and large, however, those kids were few and far between, and participating in the Mass was fundamental to our going. We didn't think twice about it. What I am seeing now, however, is much different; not only are students not singing, they're not making proper responses to Father Randy's acclamations (i.e., "The Lord be with you."). In addition, many of them are not praying during the communal prayers, such as "The Our Father." Some kids are not even following the various cues to stand or kneel and must be coaxed or reminded to do so. This increasing indifference is very disheartening and worries me, and although they are very well behaved and respectful, it feels like many of our children do not KNOW the Mass and hence do not know what to do. Perhaps they don't understand the importance and NECESSITY of their involvement or don't realize that they are expected to participate.

On Friday, I visited several classes to ask their help in making our Masses a true celebration. I explained to them that Father Randy is helping to bring Christ to us and that we must be active participants. We spent the time distinguishing between the altar from which Father Randy celebrates and a stage where performances are held. I explained that unlike a performance where for the most part we are passive observers, during Mass we are active participants who must constantly interact and exchange our prayers with the priest. Furthermore, I emphasized that the offering of the Mass is only complete when we conclude the prayer Father initiates. I finished by telling the kids that I am so grateful for each and every one of them and that I wouldn't trade them for the world. The fact that I could share this concern with them reflected my confidence and trust in their goodness and willingness to listen carefully to my concerns.

I have done my part, and I know the teachers will continue to stress and practice the parts of the Mass in religion classes. You can also do your part by taking the time at home to share your thoughts about Mass and the importance of participation. Finally, when your family attends Mass, ask your kids to open the hymns and sing and respond.

As always, thank you for your children and your support.

Kara Roisum
Principal

Congratulations, St. Ann Super Summer Readers!

St. Ann School had the highest percentage of completions for the Summer Library Program, out of the students in Kindergarten and up. Stoughton Library will be presenting a "traveling trophy" that will be displayed at our school for the 2015-2016 school year, and our achievement was also mentioned in the Stoughton Courier Hub.