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Grades K-8 Back To School Night Open House

There will be a **Back To School Open House Night** and Ice Cream Social for **Grades K-8** on Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- There will be a **New Family Orientation Meeting in Healy Hall with our principal, Kara Roisum at 6:00 PM.**
- There will be an informal time to visit your child's classrooms. Supplies can be dropped off, but they will be set aside until the first day of school. Parents and students can organize their lockers that evening. You are invited throughout the evening to enjoy ice cream and fellowship in the gym.
- Home & School Members will be available to collect dues, assist with final volunteer sign-up and LogoWear pick up.
- Mrs. Trudy Stensaas, Extended Care Director, will be available for Extended Care registration.

We hope to see you at this special Back To School Night and Ice Cream Social.



Kindergarten Back To School Conferences August 29

Kindergarten parents will receive a sign-up genius link to sign up for a 30 minute Back to School conference time with Mrs. Fields. Conference times will be held on August 29, 8 AM - 12 PM and 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. If you are unable to meet with Mrs. Field that day, please email her to make arrangements for a different time, carol.fields@stanns-school.org.

1st Day of School

Thursday, September 1, 2016

The first day of school for **Kindergarten through 8th grade**, will be on **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. Classes for K-8 will begin at 7:50 AM and release time will be 3:05 PM. On school days listed on the calendar as early release days, dismissal time will be 11:00 AM and there will be no afternoon 4K on those days.

The 4K Class will begin on Wednesday, September 7 and will meet 12:00-3:00 PM (with the Religion component meeting from 3:00-3:20 PM) and will meet following the Stoughton Area School District 4K calendar.

4K students must be escorted into the classroom and left with an adult staff person and will be dismissed from their classroom to an adult at the end of their school day. Your child's designated pick-up person must come to the classroom to pick up your child.

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Principal's Corner

Happy Summer, Everyone! I hope your family is taking advantage of long days, lazy evenings, and family bonding. Hopefully when you receive our newsletter, you take a second to read it and then toss it aside to resume your summer break, leaving the thought of school far behind you.

As always, there are numerous things happening at St. Ann's while our families are away, thanks to our growing population. For the first time in a long time, we have some grades either full or close to it, which opens up numerous opportunities for our kids and necessary adjustments for our building and staff. By the time this newsletter is delivered, construction will have begun on our library to make way for more classroom space. After much debate, I made the decision to keep the computer lab as a lab/classroom space, squaring out the walls and making them permanent rather than movable. In addition, other classrooms, as well as their teachers, have relocated to other areas of the school. New teacher, Abby Boehm and her 5th Grade class will be housed in the former 4th Grade classroom; Mrs. Grutzner will teach classes in the new space in the library. All computer and Spanish classes will take place in the remodeled computer lab, and 4th Grade classes will now occur in Mrs. Stano's room in the lower level.

In addition to building changes, I have also revised the schedule and classes for the middle school. I am incredibly grateful for everyone's willingness to be flexible as I continue to work out a schedule that meets both the needs of our students as well as the teachers. The last several years have seen some crazy schedules, so my goal is to create a new schedule that provides our students with consistency and less confusion - something we all welcome. In addition, to further meet the growing middle school population, we have introduced some new classes while making others similar to an elective. We pride ourselves on rigorous content, so the goal of the new schedule is to retain the high standards as well as offer a wider variety of curriculum. The first major change will involve math. With the exception of 7th and 8th Grades, all students will now stay in their respective grades for math class. That means for a student in 5th Grade, for example, that teacher will teach all the Saxon math levels within that classroom. Students will no longer physically move to another classroom to mix with the older students. We believe the advantage of this is twofold: first, the new structure will allow younger students to remain with their peers; second, it will be much easier to move a student, in terms of skill level, in either direction without affecting his or her overall schedule. What this means for the teacher is a classroom where both independent, group, and teacher-led instruction takes place. This gives the teacher more flexibility for how she presents material and makes way for innovative instruction, such as flipped classrooms and group problem-solving. With the changes in the math structure, this also means that middle school students will return to grade level science. Subsequently, students will no longer be in multi-aged classes. Finally, I have made some adjustments to study hall. Instead of a mixed study hall, students will be placed with their grade in a 30 minute resource time. All students in Grades 6-8 will have the same resource time during which they can either work on homework or visit another teacher to get additional one-on-one help.

Besides changes to the math and science classes, there are also two new subjects being introduced this year to middle school students. Twice a week, 6th Grade will have a study skills class to help them adjust to the more difficult expectations of middle school and eventually high school. The new class will help students not only learn how to take notes but also how to organize their work and prepare for tests and quizzes in addition to other topics. Next, 7th and 8th Grades will have health class twice a week for two trimesters. Now that classes are larger, we have recognized the need to better prepare our kids, not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well for the changes that are occurring to them at this age level. Mrs. Grutzner will be teaching all three classes, and she is excited at both the challenge as well as the content that she will be able to cover with her students.

With the addition of health, computer classes in both the 7th and 8th Grades will become a trimester class, leaning more toward STREAM subjects than the former "how to" content. Mrs. Rubin will be teaching both grade levels and will also be integrating some of the old content in the science classes. This summer, Mrs. Rubin is taking a robotics class so will be excited to bring back the robotics unit to our students this next year.

Finally, earlier in the summer you received an email, letting you know that we will be opening the door to athletics at St. Ann's for the first time in our school's history. This will be a very new and busy item for me, so I beg your patience as I attempt to navigate through the more detailed aspects of a sports program.

Principal's Corner Continued

As I have since discovered, every other school who has athletics also has an Athletic Director, so my taking this on will hopefully, in the long term, be only a temporary thing. This winter we will organize a 7th and 8th Grade boys basketball team through MAISL - the league to which the Diocese of Madison belongs. In addition, you should have seen SASD's information on their website, regarding Fund 80 which is opening the door for our students to participate in athletics at River Bluff Middle School. Families who elect to send their children to River Bluff to participate will follow SASD's procedures. Overall, I expect to be uninvolved. As the year begins, I will have more information, including a date for a parent meeting for the basketball team. Watch for more information to come at a later date.

Earlier this summer, I emailed a "School Climate" link to you to help guide my goals for St. Ann's this fall. Thanks to all of you who took the time to answer the important questions about the ways St. Ann's is meeting your families' needs as well as providing constructive suggestions for ways we can improve. I'll be taking your feedback and organizing it for our staff this August when we begin gathering again.

In addition to all the changes taking place in our building and classes, there are also a number of revisions being made to our Student/Parent Handbook. The new handbook will be available on our website. I encourage all of you to take the time to review it and come to me with any questions you may have. For most of you, you haven't looked at the handbook since you first registered at St. Ann's and so are most likely unaware of the revisions that I personally made when I took over as principal three years ago. Again, be sure to contact me with any questions you may have.

Well this is more than I had intended to write about. Watch for many more exciting updates and changes as the year unfolds. I am looking forward to catching up with many of you and seeing all those happy faces in our halls and classrooms again. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Kara Roisum

Parents ~ Please Join Us for Coffee and Rolls the 1st Day of School

St. Ann's Home & School will be sponsoring a "Coffee and Rolls Get-Together" on the first day of school, Thursday, September 1, 2016 in the school gym from 8:00-9:00 AM. All parents are invited to join us in starting the new school year and to meet and greet families at St. Ann School. We look forward to seeing you then!



Bus Information

The Stoughton Area School District provides busing for St. Ann School. Students eligible for bus service will receive a letter in the mail from the Stoughton School District with bus routes. For questions regarding the bus, you may call Rob Riley or Julie Speth at the Stoughton Schools Transportation Office, 877-5060.



Please Inform the School

When:

- Your child will be absent or tardy;
- Your child will be leaving early due to an appointment;
- Your child has a change of arrangements for going home;
- If your child is riding the bus home with a friend and does not normally ride that bus, your child must have a signed note from a parent and the principal before the bus driver will allow your child to ride the bus;
- You are going on vacation (especially if your child is remaining home in the care of another guardian);
- You have a change of address or phone number or other pertinent information on their emergency card;
- A death of a loved one or any traumatic family experience occurs where your child may need compassionate support and understanding.

Protecting God's Children - Awareness Session

August 17

Lower Level Healy Hall

6:30—8:30 PM

All parents, guardians, etc. who wish to volunteer at St. Ann School and have contact with children are required to attend a Protecting God's Children Awareness session and complete a background check.

This includes parents attending field trips, helping with lunch supervision, etc. Please take this opportunity to complete this requirement before school starts. Register online at www.virtus.org under Madison Diocese St. Ann Parish or School.

Important Forms for You to Complete!

Your summer newsletter includes important information as well as forms to be completed and returned before August 19.



1. Please return your child/ren's Emergency Card/s (fill out both sides of card) on or before August 19. These forms must be on file at the start of the school year. Don't forget to include an email address where we can contact you.
2. The yellow sheet is your permission for information to be published in the St. Ann School Family Directory, and for your child's picture or their writings to be published on the website, yearbook or other school sponsored publications. We also will need your email address, if you have one, where school information may be sent electronically. Please indicate on the form if you would like to receive your weekly handouts by email.
3. The Walking Permission/Insurance & Contact Information Form should be filled out and returned with all other forms on or before August 19.
4. Free and Reduced Lunch applications are included in this mailing.



St. Ann School Extended Care Program

Registration for the Before and After School Extended Care Program will be held at Open House Back To School Night on Wednesday, August 31. Mrs. Trudy Stensaas, our Extended Care Director will be available to register students, answer questions and collect fees for the new school year. If you have any questions regarding the program please call the school office, 873-3343.

August/September Calendar of Events

August 1	St. Ann School LogoWear order should be placed by this date no later than 5:00 PM (see pg. 7 for details).
August 17	Protecting God's Children for Adults, 6:30-8:30 PM
August 29	Kindergarten Back To School Conferences
August 30	Mandatory 4K Parent Mtg., 6:30 PM, Healy Hall
August 31	New Family Mtg. Healy Hall, 6:00 PM
August 31	Back to School Night Open House & Ice Cream Social, 6:30-7:30 PM
September 1	Classes Begin, Coffee and Rolls for Parents in the Gym
Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	All School Masses, 8:10 AM (Don't forget to wear your LogoWear.)
September 5	No School, Labor Day
September 6	St. Ann School LogoWear Late Order and reorder date
September 7	4K Classes begin
September 8	6:30 PM, Home & School Mtg.
September 15	School Portrait Day
Sept. 17/18	Parish Festival

St. Ann Home & School Association



The goal of the St. Ann Home & School Association ("HandS") is to enhance collaboration and communication among parents/guardians, teachers, administration and parish. To that end, HandS coordinates efforts that support school activities and events related to the academic, social and spiritual development of St. Ann's students and raises funds to finance those efforts. All school families are automatically part of HandS.

Included in this packet is a document that summarizes the ways families are invited to participate in HandS, including: Volunteer/Committee opportunities for the 2016/17 school year and dues payment. The document outlines details for all of the volunteer committee opportunities which will be available for sign up on **July 20, 2016** via Sign Up Genius (www.signupgenius.com). To access the sign ups, click "find a sign up" button in the green menu bar at the top of the page. Enter hands@stanns.com and then "search." You will see the list of all volunteer opportunities available for sign up along with the point values as well as lunch duty sign up dates. Each family is asked to commit to signing up for 8 points. The \$35/family dues payment can be made at Back to School night on August 31.

Schedule:

July 20, 2016 – Sign Up Genius scheduled to go live and committee sign up begins www.signupgenius.com login=hands@stanns.com.

August 1, 2016 – LogoWear order due (www.stanns-school.org). (See pg. 7 for details on LogoWear.)

Sending Medication To School

Please follow these rules when sending medication to school with your child.

All prescription medication must be in its original container labeled with the child's name and dosage. Ask your pharmacist to give you an extra labeled bottle for your child to bring their meds to school. A form must be signed by your physician and must accompany the prescription when your child brings it to school.



Over the counter medications must be sent in the original container and a form must accompany the medication indicating the dosage and time for administering, and signed by the parent or guardian. A copy of the requested medication form is included in this newsletter. An additional copy is available in the school office and on the school website.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Health Info for Kindergartners and 6th graders -Immunizations



All immunizations for students must be up-to-date upon entering school in the Fall. Records should be sent to school by August 19, 2016. Immunizations are required by the State of Wisconsin.

Students not in compliance and without a waiver can be barred from attending until immunizations are up-to-date. Sixth graders are required to receive the Tdap vaccine (adolescent tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine). Immunizations are available for free by appointment through Dane County Health. Call 266-4821 to make an appointment. More information is available at www.publichealthmdc.com

Health Exams for Kindergartners

All Health Exams—Medical, Dental and Vision—should be completed and the completed forms sent to school by August 19.

School Lunch

St. Ann School has an excellent school lunch program. The lunch menu, listing the main course only, will be sent home with your child on the Wednesday prior to each week and will be posted on the school website.

School lunches are provided at the cost of \$2.95 for students in grades K—8. Students who wish to bring a sack lunch will be able to purchase milk at the cost of 60¢. Students should pay in advance on a weekly or monthly basis and will credit the child's or family's lunch account. Payments should be made in the kitchen at the beginning of the school day. (Kitchen staff are not available at the end of the school day).

Due to the increase in peanut and tree nut allergies especially airborne allergies, St. Ann School Lunch Program will not be serving any food with peanut butter or nut products including peanut butter sandwiches and desserts. A replacement entrée of ham or turkey sandwich will be made available for students.

*** **Reduced or free lunches** are available to qualifying families based on income levels. Income guidelines and application are included with this mailing.

If you desire any additional information, please don't hesitate to call Greg Pigarelli at 873-3343, St. Ann School. All information received is confidential.



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Milk

4K milk will be available through the subsidized "Special Milk Program" (SMP). 4K milk will be \$15/year, Kindergarten morning snack milk is available for \$35/trimester. If your family would qualify for free and reduced lunches, your child would also qualify for free Kindergarten or 4K milk. Checks should be made payable to St. Ann School Lunch Program.

St. Ann School Supply List Grades 4K–8



Don't have time to go school shopping? Purchase your child's school supplies at Classbundl.com. Search for St. Ann School, Stoughton. You can choose to purchase all or some of your supplies and they will be delivered to your home for free.

Grades 1-8

1st – 5th Grade Computer Class

- 1st: 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2nd: 1 container of Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 3rd: 1 box of kleenex
- 4th: 1 box of kleenex
- 5th: 1 package of loose-leaf paper

6th – 8th Grade Computer Class

- 12 Pencils
- 1 Purple 3-Prong, 2-Pocket Folder

1st - 8th Grade Spanish

- 1st - 4th: pocket folder
- 5th - 8th: pocket folder and spiral notebook

1st - 8th P.E. Classes

Grades 1-8

- Gym shoes

Grades 4-8

- **Separate T-Shirt**
- Deodorant



Kindergarten

- 1 (90 count) 5 ounce Dixie cups (NOT 3 oz. please)
- 3 Elmer's glue sticks
1 bottle Elmer's white glue
- 1 pkg. Crayola markers, broad line **OR** fine line **OR** colored pencils
- 2 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 pink eraser
- 1 pkg. 250-300 count napkins
- 1 box sidewalk chalk **OR** 10 in bouncy ball
- 1 large backpack or book bag with name printed on inside
- 1 very small child-size blanket and very small pillow for rest time (These will be left at school.)
- Sturdy tennis shoes must be worn in kindergarten **EVERY DAY**

4K

- 1 (100-count) 5-ounce paper cups (*not plastic*)
- 1 large pkg. napkins
- 1 large box of facial tissue

Please bring supplies to school during your family conference time.

Please **DO NOT** write your child's name on the above items as they will be jointly used, as needed.

Also, your child will need:

1 large book bag or backpack with last name printed **LARGE** on outside or inside; something large enough to carry papers, artwork, etc. to and from school. Your child **MUST** bring his or her backpack to school **EACH DAY**.

Children must wear socks and tennis shoes to school each day. No other footwear is acceptable as we are exercising daily in 4K.

1st Grade

- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 4 Dry Erase markers—fine point
- 2 pink pearl erasers
- 12 # 2 pencils-Ticonderoga, if possible
- 1 box of broad line markers, basic colors
- 4 large glue sticks
- 2 plastic pocket folders (1 green, 1 red)
- 1 bottle of Elmer's School glue
- backpack or book bag
- 1 box of Kleenex
- Scissors—Fiskars blunt tip
- 1 box (16 or 24 count) crayons
- 2 pencil case boxes
- 1 lg. container of disinfecting wipes
- Change of shoes for indoor wear—no clogs or backless shoes
- Please put child's name on everything.



2nd Grade

- 2 - two-pocket folders - HEAVY DUTY PLASTIC for daily take home
- 2 - two-pocket folders for Super Kids and daily work
- 1 composition book, WIDE ruled (not spiral)
- 1 box crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 1 pk. wide markers, classic colors (8 or 1 count)
- 12 colored pencils (pre-sharpened)
- 12 pencils, pre-sharpened (Ticonderoga, if possible)
- 1-2 pkgs. pencil cap erasers
- student scissors
- 2 dry erase markers - ULTRA fine point - 1 black, 1 color
- 2 pencil pouches with zipper
- 1 highlighter, your choice
- 3 book covers - 1 regular, 2 jumbo
- Last name A - K - 1 roll paper towels, 2 large boxes tissues
- Last name L - Z - 1 large pkg. napkins, 1 box Ziploc or Glad bags - sandwich or quart sized
- spill proof water bottle (metal or plastic)
- Backpack

3rd Grade

- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of colored pencils, sharpened
- 1 box of markers (classic colors)
- 1 pkg. crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 24 (#2) pencils
- 2 pencil pouches

- 4 JUMBO book covers or grocery bags
- durable backpack or book bag
- 2 composition wide-lined notebooks
- 4 glue sticks, scissors, big pink eraser
- 1 pkg. fine point dry erase markers for a white board.
- 1 pocket folder, your choice
- 1 large canister disinfecting wipes
- Last Names beginning with:
- A-H plain paper plates
- J-Z box of snack, sandwich, gallon or quart sized ziplock bags

4th Grade

- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- 1 Box (16 or 24 count) crayons
- 1 Box of markers (Classic colors, skinny)
- 24 (#2) Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 Pencil pouches (Clear plastic if possible)
- 3 Jumbo book covers
- 2 Spiral notebooks
- 5 Pocket folders (Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Purple colors if possible)
- 4 Glue sticks
- 1 Composition notebook
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Package of pencil cap erasers
- 1 Package of fine point dry erase markers
- 1 Large canister of disinfecting

wipes

- Last names beginning with:
A-H package of napkins
J-Z 1 ream of printer paper
- Durable backpack or book bag

5th Grade

- 5 two pocket folders
- 2 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 one and half inch binder
- 1 one inch binder
- 1 package of dividers (5 tabs)
- 1 package of loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
- 1 package printer paper
- 1 box of markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 package 3x3 post its
- 1 package ultra-fine point dry erase markers
- 1 dry eraser
- 1 scissors
- 2 packages (12 count) Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- 2 red pens
- 1 pencil box or pouch
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 canister of disinfecting wipes (last names M-Z)
- 1 8oz hand sanitizer pump (last names A-L)
- Rosary
- Durable backpack or book bag

St. Ann School LogoWear

St. Ann School LogoWear items will again be available for purchase via the Home & School Association. Items can be found at the school website www.stanns-school.org and are also included in a flyer in this packet. All students are required to wear St. Ann LogoWear for School Mass on Fridays. Orders can be placed via a link on the website or by submitting a paper form (see mailing info on the order form). In preparation for the 2016/17 school year, an order for new items will be placed on **Monday, August 1**. All orders must be received **by 5:00 p.m.** Orders typically require 2-3 weeks for delivery.

In addition, if you have logo items that are in good condition that you would like to re-sell, you can turn those in at Back to School night on Aug. 31 and receive a credit on your order of new items or "Like Us" on Facebook and watch for details on online LogoWear sale.

Middle School Grades 6-8

All Students Grades 6-8 must have a Student Planner.

6th Religion

- Folder and notebook

6th, 8th Math

- 24 - (#2)Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 big eraser
- 3 red pens
- 2 pkgs. dry erase markers (fine tip to write on mini-white board)
- 1 mini white board
- 3 ring binder 1 1/2"
- 3 ring supply pouch (to put in binder)
- 1 jumbo book cover
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 package printer paper
- 1 scientific calculator (should cost no more than \$15)
- 1 package of graph paper
- 5-tab binder dividers

7th Math

- 2 pkgs. (#2)Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 big eraser
- 3 red pens
- 1 package dry erase markers
- 3 ring binder 1 1/2"
- 1 jumbo book cover
- 2 pkgs. loose-leaf paper
- 1 scientific calculator (should cost no more than \$15)

Science

- 12 Pencils
- 1 Package of Colored Pencils
- 1 Packages of Markers
- 2 Green Spiral Notebooks
- 2 Green 2-Pocket Folders
- Jumbo Book Sleeve
- Scissors
- 1 Package of Stick Glue
- 1 Package of Loose-Leaf Paper

6th Language Arts

- 1 notebook
- 1 folder

6th Reading

- 1 notebook
- 1 folder

7th Language Arts

- 1 notebook
- 1 pack loose leaf paper
- 1- 1" binder with divider tabs

7th Reading

- 1 notebook
- 1 folder

8th Language Arts

- 1 notebook
- 1 pack loose leaf paper
- 1- 1" binder with divider tabs

8th Reading

- 1 notebook
- 1 folder

8th Religion

- 1 notebook
- Mrs. Talbert's Grades 6-8**
- Personal Earbuds or headphones for computer use to be kept at school
 - 1 hand sanitizer
 - 1 3-pack of wipes for cleaning desks
 - 3 boxes tissues
 - 3 boxes pencils
 - 2 red pens
 - 1 highlighter

7th Homeroom

- 12 Pencils
- 2 Boxes of Tissue
- Last Name A – M:
2-3 Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Last Name N – Z:
1 Unscented Hand Sanitizer (30+ Ounces)

6th - 8th Social Studies

- folder
- Highlighter
- Pencils

6th - 7th Health

- folder
- Highlighter
- Pencils

School Dress Code

Our school handbook is available on our school website. Please note the updated School Dress Code for the 2016-17 school year.

- Shorts may be worn after April 1 and until November 1 and must be within 3 inches of the knee in length. Running shorts may only be worn in gym class.
- Shoes and boots worn as outdoor wear are not permitted in the classroom. Sandals may be worn if a heel strap is included. Tennis shoes are required every day for recess and on gym days.
- All clothing must reflect Christian Values. The following articles of clothing are not permitted: tank tops, muscle shirts, short crop tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, spandex or short shorts, ripped jeans, mini skirts, clothing with any form of drug, alcohol, anti-Christian slogans or images or shirts with inflammatory or derogatory pictures or statements. Any accessory that draws attention to a student. No hats or head gear of any type may be worn during the school day.
- Leggings and yoga pants are not allowed for grades 5-8, unless covered by a skirt.
- **Dress code for school Masses are as follows:** Boys and girls are expected to wear **St. Ann School designated logo wear tops.** (See pg. 7 for information on ordering.) For boys the following is required: a nice pair of solid dress pants/jeans (without rips or tears and non-athletic attire). For girls the following is required: skirt, dress, or dress slacks/jeans, without rips or tears and non-athletic attire. **Please remember that shorts and sweat pants may not be worn to Mass.**

Thank you in advance for taking responsibility for your child(ren)'s adherence to the dress code.