



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

3/9/16



**Lunch supervision volunteers
must arrive no later than 11:15 AM
(11:00 AM if possible).**

Total for 17 Lunches for March: \$50.15

Monday, March 14	Sweet & Sour Chicken Nuggets and Rice
Supervision	Ross
Tuesday, March 15	Goulash "Beefy Macaroni"
Supervision	Sorensen
Wednesday, March 16	Grilled Cheese and Soup
Supervision	Nelson
Thursday, March 17	BBQ Chicken and Mashed Potatoes
Supervision	Breton
Friday, March 18	Alfredo or Marinara w/Penne Pasta
Supervision	Milota

Final Reminder: Msgr. Healy Scholarship for St. Ann School

Several scholarships are available for students attending St. Ann School. Applications are available in the school office or on our school website under "News Archives." Deadline for the application is 3:00 PM, March 11, 2016.

Final Reminder: Yearbooks for Sale

Order forms for yearbooks for the 2015-16 school year were sent home in your family envelope last week. The order deadline is March 10. Please **make checks payable to St. Ann School**. You can also order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (ID Code 11887716).

Upcoming Events

Thursday, 3/10	Yearbook Order Deadline
Friday, 3/11	3:00 PM Deadline for Msgr. Healy Scholarship Application
Friday/Saturday, 3/11-3/12	24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 4:30 PM on Friday.
Tuesday, 3/15	Grades 2-5 to Overture Center
Thursday, 3/17	Grades 6, 7/8 Madison Children's Theater
March 21-28	Spring Break
March 29	Classes Resume, Scrip orders due by 3 PM
April 1	<u>6:30-8:30 PM</u> Family Bingo Night

Family Bingo Night



Join us for a
fun night of
BINGO!

**Friday, April 1, 2016
6:30pm to 8:30pm
St. Ann School Gym**

This is a fun, free, family event!
Popcorn and beverages will be
provided.

Sponsored by the St. Ann School Family
Enrichment/Social Committee.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

Dr. Onsager has made the decision to close all Stoughton schools on Friday, March 11 for the girl's basketball game in Green Bay. Therefore, since bussing will not be available, we, too, will be canceling classes.



Principal's Corner

Thinking Ahead

I'm sure many of you feel a renewed sense of energy this time of year thanks to spring's impending arrival. I know your kids do at least. The laughter is a bit louder, energy is heightened, and the kids are overzealous in their race to get outside and run around. It doesn't help when Mother Nature is teasing us with brighter mornings, warmer days, and unseasonal thunderstorms. Last week, I spotted the robins and multitudes of geese, and just this morning I spotted the first of the hosta poking its leaves from the ground.

We all enjoy this sense of newness, but often what marks the beginning of one thing means the end of something else. It's no different for us here at St. Ann's as we begin spring, as we always do, thinking ahead to next year and making plans. Perhaps the greatest excitement is formalizing our plans to divide the 7th and 8th Grades into their perspective groups. This is wonderful news for our growing school, and it means hiring and shifting staff to meet the needs. Julie Grutzner will be moving up to the middle school, continuing PhyEd as well as middle school social studies. Aimee Stano, on the other hand, has decided to move to the 4th Grade – an age level of which she is very knowledgeable. Both teachers are very excited at the prospect of sharing their expertise and talents within a new setting. This means that I'll be looking for a new 5th Grade teacher and potentially another part time person to fill in any subjects that still need coverage.

On the flip side, what marks an exciting new adventure for one of our staff members, means the end of her time here at St. Ann's. Karie Manhart – our lovable cook and dear friend – is leaving us after 10 years of dedication and service to our families. To say we will miss her is an understatement. Her dedication, sense of humor, and compassion for the students and staff has always been over and above what a typical employee exhibits. And personally I will miss her friendship, sassiness and fabulous culinary talents. In the interim until we can find a permanent replacement, several people have offered to fill in, and for that we are extremely grateful. If any of you know of someone who would be interested and qualified for the position, please have him or her contact me.

As the year begins to wind down, please continue to keep St. Ann's in your prayers. I'm sure I don't need to tell you what a gem we have and how much of an important role we play in the community. Please continue to spread the good news about our school and encourage people to come visit and /or shadow for a day. We'd like others to have the opportunity to experience St. Ann's for themselves.

~Kara Roisum

A Fond Farewell

The past 12 years of being the “Lunch Lady” here at St. Ann School has been the most rewarding, satisfying, and successful experience for me.

To The Students:

I will miss all of you dearly. Each and every one of you have given me love, sunshine on cloudy days, and a whole bunch of laughs. You are all amazing in your own little ways. My love for all of you will be in my heart forever! Because of you, I can say that I loved my job.

To The Staff:

I LOVE YOU ALL!! You are what makes St. Ann School “not the norm”. It’s your warmth, caring, and compassion for these kids that makes this school so different. I will truly miss each and every one of you. You have all had a profound influence on me and I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity I had to work with all of you.

To The Parents:

You are the most supportive, enthusiastic, loving, and compassionate school community around. I have been blessed by your support and love. As volunteers, you have helped out serving the lunch, playground duty, and some have even helped out with the dishes. We have laughed, and sometimes even cried. I will miss the close connections we have. It has always been about the kids for me, and they gave me a great reason to come to work every day.

To My Family:

Thank you for being the “Lunch Lady’s” kids and husband. When Sister Gertrude approached me about this position, Kayla Jean was starting 3rd grade with Ms. Gully, and Nicholas and Emily were starting 1st grade with Mrs. Timm. My, how time has flown. Kayla is now finishing up her Sophomore year at UW Platteville, and Nicholas and Emily will be graduating in June. I love you all so very much. Thank you for your support and love.

I wish nothing but the best for St. Ann School. I have been so blessed to have had this time with all of you. Keep loving the kids unconditionally. Lift them up when they are down. Listen to LIFE 102.5 often, and feed them Pizza, Canned Corn, and Texas Sheetcake. All their favorites!!

With Love Always & Forever
“Lunch Lady” Mrs. Manhart

Important Letter about Next Year's Online Tuition and Fee Payment Program

Dear Parents,

Among our goals this year is to concentrate our efforts on improving how we manage the *business side* of the school. In the past few years, many strides have been made in the area of financial stability and information technology. We continue to move forward in this direction and it is in everyone's best interest that we take advantage of these improvements.

As you know, the timely collection of tuition is critical to operational success of our school. With this in mind, we have been searching for a better way to collect tuition, while at the same time offering better flexibility to families. To this end, we have partnered with FACTS, a tuition management company, whose services are used by over 7,000 schools.

For the 2016-2017 school year, we will be implementing the FACTS services. Families will be able to pay their tuition in 1 of 6 payment plans:

- Payment in full due in August.
- Semester payments in August & February.
- Quarterly payments in August, November, January and March.
- 10 monthly payments beginning in August.
- 12 monthly payments beginning in June.
- Bi-Monthly beginning in August.



The budgeted payments will be processed by FACTS in one of two methods:

- The first is having your payment transferred by your bank.
- The second is by using a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express credit card. These credit card payments will incur a "service fee" of 2.75%.

Either payment method may be made on the 1st, 5th or 15th of the month. YOU select the date.

Utilizing the same payment methods, we are also very excited to note that parents will be able to pay incidental fees such as Field Trips, Drama Club, etc. and options for paying school lunch and extended care will be available.

Parents can view all of their payment activity online, change payment method from month to month, make additional payments, and view previous / upcoming payments. Parents will also be able to view and print tax credit statements from FACTS.

One of the universal challenges in Catholic education is achieving a balance between our educational mission and financial stability. It is precisely for this reason we are enlisting the service of the FACTS Tuition Management. With FACTS, St. Ann's still maintains all decision-making control. We will continue to be able to adjust to any special family circumstances that may arise. At the same time, the improved financial picture brought about by the new program will enable us to give increased time and attention to our educational goals.

We thank you for your continued loyalty for our school and your support in our efforts to provide the highest quality of education.

More information on enrollment procedures will be sent to you soon.

Sincerely,
Kara Roisum, Principal