



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

05/23/18



Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive no later than 11:10 AM (10:55 AM if possible).
Total for 21 Lunches for May: \$61.95.

Monday, May 28	No School/Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 29	Walking Tacos
Supervision	Schafer
Wednesday, May 30	Ballpark Burgers & Pop Fries
Supervision	Wahlin
Thursday, May 31	Cheese, Pepperoni, or Loaded Pizza
Supervision	Shumate-Olson
Friday, June 1	Jimmy Buffet Smorgasbord in Paradise
Supervision	Mueller
Monday, June 4	Hot Dogs & Tator Tots
Supervision	Langenohl

Salad Bar included with hot lunch.
Salad Bar costs \$1.75 for cold lunch students.

Color Run Color Run Color Run

There will be a color run the morning of Tuesday, June 5. Please have your student wear a white shirt and white shorts that can get colorful without worry! This event is a fundraiser to help fund the new school playground. Buckets have been placed outside the school office labeled with class grades. They will be out before, during, and after school. Drop in spare change and dollar bills **to your class bucket only!** This is not a penny war! The class that raises the most money will get the fun privilege of bombarding the graduating 8th graders with water balloons! However, if the 8th grade raises the most money, they will get to bombard the TEACHERS!!! Parents, if you are available to help with this event at a color or water station, please contact Mrs. Aimee Stano at aimee.stano@stanns-school.org.

End-of-the-Year Family Picnic and Outdoor Mass Saturday, June 2, 2018



Join the fun and plan to attend the St. Ann Parish/School End-of-the-Year Family Picnic and Outdoor Mass on Saturday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m., East Side Park, Lynn Street, Stoughton. The year-end celebration will feature games for kids, delicious picnic fare, and time to spend relaxing with fellow parish and school families. At 4:00 p.m., enjoy the truly lovely experience of an outdoor mass at the park! Mrs. Roisum has emailed families looking for students interested in participating in the mass. Please come, even if you have graduation parties to attend before or after, and consider signing up to bring some food, help set up, or pre-grill the meat at your home. Stay tuned for more details. Thanks in advance!

If interested in participating in mass, please contact the school office, 873-3343 or stanns@stanns-school.org. To sign up to help with picnic, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ACA62DA13-stanns1>

Early Release Day Friday, May 25, 2018

Friday, May 25, is an 11:00 a.m. early release. There will be bus service after school; however, there will not be Extended Care services.

Wisconsin Tax Rebate for Dependent Children

The State of Wisconsin is offering a \$100 tax rebate for dependent children under the age of 18. You may file a claim for the rebate between now and July 2, 2018. To file, visit <https://childtaxrebate.wi.gov/>.

The last order for the 2017-18 school year for Just Coffee will be placed on Thursday, May 24. Please be sure to get your order to Jill Pedersen, jillmali@hotmail.com, by this Thursday.



Don't forget to order SCRIP!
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Principal's Corner

Feeling the Presence of the Lord

As we quickly approach the end of another school year, I want to use this opportunity to call on the Holy Spirit and write openly and honestly on a topic that has caused me to pause this week. Last week as everyone assembled for Mass, I noticed a substantial number of students not following designated dress code for Friday Masses. Many were not wearing their logo shirts, while others were wearing either athletic pants or shorts, which are forbidden, according to the current policy. I was disappointed by this show of disrespect and know that others must have felt the same, given that a few individuals attending the Mass voiced their concerns to Father Randy and me. While kneeling in prayer prior to the start of Mass, there were numerous thoughts dancing in my head regarding rules and consequences and how to get students to comply. Instead of thanking Jesus for the opportunity to be in his presence, I was envisioning detentions and calls home and the appropriate wording I would use in my emails to parents.

As Father Randy made his procession down the aisle, I became very aware of how distant my mind and heart were from Jesus in those moments. When I noticed my mind had wandered elsewhere during prayer, I paused and shifted my eyes to the altar and focused solely on the tabernacle and the image of our resurrected Lord on the cross. Much to my joy, the more I allowed myself to take in what was before me, the more I could feel the Holy Spirit waiting on me to open my heart. In a matter of minutes, my frustration and angst gave way to peace and love, and my thoughts shifted completely to prayerfulness. I started thinking about what Jesus is calling me to do and the tremendous duty I have to find balance in a community comprised of many different needs. Asking Jesus to speak to me, I listened to the Gospel in which Jesus asks Peter 3 times if he loves him. And there I heard him loud and clear, pleading with me to love him and do his bidding. I was reminded that, as principal, I have been called *to serve our children and in doing so, to model Christ*.

Yes, rules are important - and necessary - but as I looked around at the students through CHRIST'S eyes, I began to notice other, more important things that were happening: I saw with complete delight how loving our 8th graders were with the kindergartners, as the older students took their hands to enter and exit church and opened hymnals to sing; I listened to one of our 5th graders eloquently and reverently read from the Acts of Apostles; I also listened and was amazed by the 2nd graders who had clearly practiced their petitions and recited each lovingly; Finally, I smiled and thanked God as I blessed and distributed the Eucharist to our students who approached Jesus with the utmost respect, bowing and looking at me as I held Jesus before them.

Walking back to my office after Mass, my thoughts were still unsettled about the dress code violations; however, I decided I was not going to allow those feelings to detract from all the love with which this school resonates on a daily basis. As you will read in next week's final Wednesday Memo, the Education Commission, with the input from our parents, teachers and students, has made recommendations to update the dress code policy and make it more clearly defined, equitable and enforceable. This is a good and necessary thing. In the meantime, I am sending out one last appeal to all parents to help me uphold the current policy and enforce it with your own children. It is clear that there needs to be better definition, and that will come. At the same time, I will continue to focus on, celebrate and be grateful for the loving, spiritual people who are developing at St. Ann's, and continue my mission to be as loving and patient with them, while praying our St. Ann's families will do the same for me.

*Kara Roisum
Principal*