

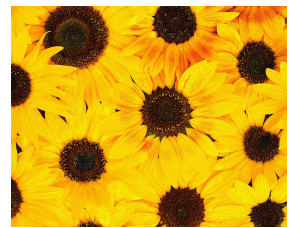


An Exciting Start for Our New School Year

Special points of interest:

- We have 36 new Pre-Kindergarten students enrolled this year.
- The Class of 2012 includes 28 students
- Kindergarten through 8th grade dismisses from the gym at 3:20PM.
- Wednesday, August 24, 2011 is a SCRIP Out of Uniform Day.

Welcome to our new school year. Despite the extreme heat, we are off to a great start. The rhythm of the school year is settling in as teachers explain procedures, students adjust to being in class and we all work together.



Teachers and Parent Together—TAP Together— is an important start of the school year. Thank you for attending the sessions this week.

Teachers were excited to give you an overview of procedures, goals and expectations during the homeroom presentations from Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The Upper School TAP night included a rotation through core subjects.

Like a sunflower that follows every moment of the sun, So I turn toward You, to follow You my God

We also started the year with the theme Bloom Where You Are Planted. The students have added unique flowers to our hallway outside the gym. The flowers include messages and hopes for the year as each student entrusted to our care blooms and grows this year. Please take a minute to enjoy the beauty of our garden.

God's Bouquet

You must bloom where you are planted in the garden we call life, and bring some special beauty to each corner where there's strife.

Perhaps you're but a dandelion, wishing you were a rose, yet in this place of growing things, you're the one God chose.

It's up to you to finish what the Good Lord has begun, by growing just the way you should and face the rising sun.

There's room for you, if you but choose, in a glorious array of beauty from God's garden, that He'll add to His bouquet

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A book is like a garden carried in the pocket

~Chinese Proverb

Check Out Our Library

Beginning next week our librarian, Mrs. Kay Bradshaw, will have students coming to the library to hear great stories, learn about libraries and to check out books. Our younger students check out books to keep in the classroom while older students check out books to take home and enjoy,

The library is a great place to volunteer. If you are interested in helping out or you need Educational Support hours, contact Mrs. Bradshaw @ kbradshaw@stjs.org. Our first book fair will be in early September and this is a great volunteer opportunity.

This semester the library will open at 7:15AM for students in Upper School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students may use the library for research, study groups or for quiet reading.

Grandparents and Grand-Friends: Sept. 9, 2011

St. John the Apostle Catholic School will celebrate Grandparents' and Grand-Friends' Day on Friday, September 9, 2011. We need your help with addresses or emails in order to invite these special people. There will be an email about this next week with specific directions for getting that information to SJS.

We plan to start the day with Mass and have time in the class rooms. We will have an inside picnic in our gym during our lunch rotations. Please contact Suzie FitzGibbon at suzifitz@mac.com if you are available to help with lunch.

Grandchildren are the dots that connect the lines from generation to generation.

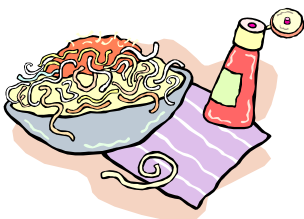
Lois Wyse

Faculty Spaghetti Dinner

Due to conflicts with pre-scheduled events, our annual Faculty Spaghetti Dinner will be from 5:30-7:30PM on Friday, September 9, 2011. The menu includes your choice of spaghetti, a salad and drink or pizza, a salad and drink. Desserts will also be available. The dinner will be in the Family Life Center with dining tables in the gym.

This is an important fundraiser for the faculty and staff. The money from this annual event is used to send teachers to conferences and workshops.

Information about tickets will come in a separate email next week.



September 9, 2011 will be a busy day!

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, August 22

Development Committee Meeting 7PM
Home & School Meeting 7PM/Teachers Lounge

Tuesday, August 23

Auction Meeting 7PM

Wednesday, August 24

SCRIP OOU Day
School Advisory Council 7PM

Friday, August 26

Sports Physicals due

Sept 2-3 Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

Monday, Sept 5 Labor Day

No school

Wednesday, Sept 7

Spirit Day see handbook page 60

Friday, Sept 9

Grandparent & Grand-Friends Day
NJHS Induction following Mass

Sept 11-16

Achievement Test Week Grades 1-8



The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln

Parent/Student Handbook 2011-12

Families received the new St. John the Apostle Catholic School Parent/Student Handbook 2011-2012 this week during the TAP meetings. Please take the time to read the handbook and review the changes.

There is a yellow insert page relating the Diocesan School Policy #6205 Online Social Media and Policy #6210 The Minimum Social Media Require-

ments. See handbook pages 25-27. Please complete this form and return it to school by next Friday, August 26, 2011.

The second insert, the Handbook Covenant, is the blue page. This also needs to be returned to school by August 26, 2011.

If you did not get your handbook, please email Mrs. Proske at dproske@stjs.org.

Social Media =Web sites and other online means of communication that are used by large groups of people to share information and to develop social and professional contacts

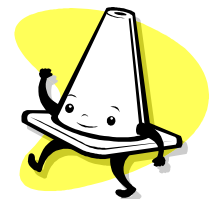
Carpool Procedures Correction [handbook 20-21]

The information in the handbook is incorrect for afternoon dismissal. We do not enter on Ruth Road and move in two lines on the far side of the parking lot. If you enter from Ruth Road you will merge with the lines that are forming behind the church. Please continue entering from Glenview and forming two

lines.

Next week Childcare Fall Programs begin and they dismiss between 2:30-3:00PM. We moved our dismissal time to 3:20PM to minimize traffic problems.

Please use caution as you exit the parking lot.



Thank you for pulling forward during car-pool.