

Thursday, August 25, 2011

A September calendar is attached.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We're off to a great start at school! I believe I'm the one with the most to learn! I have learned that we have amazing students. They are kind, fun-loving, anxious to learn and caring. Thank you, parents, for providing us with some wonderful students. We are so happy that so many of you took advantage of the Back to School Block Party to meet teachers, see classrooms and visit as a St. John family. (We'll buy more food next year.)

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Next week we'll be collecting soup for the food pantry at chapel. In place of a monetary offering, please send a can of soup with your child on Wednesday, August 31st. We've talked about how Jesus is our leader and we "follow the leader" by doing what Jesus did. Since one of the things Jesus did is feed the hungry, we are following His lead and making a donation to the food pantry. Classes will be discussing other worthy charitable causes for donations of our chapel offerings. Thanks so much for your support in teaching your child about charitable giving.

PTL ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BOOK FAIR

It's not too early to put September 19 on your calendar for the PTL's (Parent/Teacher League's) kick-off Ice Cream Social and Book Fair. Come find out about PTL activities and how you can help support our school. Enjoy a refreshing sundae bar and expand your child's personal library. PTL begins at 7:00 P.M., but feel free to come any time after 6:30 to check out the Book Fair.

Dates to remember:

Thursday, August 25 – Baseball/Softball games at Cohen Field vs St. Marks 4:15 pm
Tuesday, August 30 – Baseball/Softball vs Steeleville Public away 4:15 pm
Thursday, Sept. 1 – Baseball/Softball vs Evansville home 4:15 pm
Sunday, Sept. 4 – Junior Choir sings at 10:00 am service
Monday, Sept. 5 – NO SCHOOL Labor Day Holiday
Thursday, Sept. 8 – Baseball/Softball vs Coulterville away 4:15 pm
Friday, Sept. 9 – EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:30 pm for K-8. Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.
Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Baseball/Softball vs Red Bud Lutheran away 4:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 14 – 1st Quarter Midterm
Thursday, Sept. 15 – Baseball/Softball vs Red Bud Catholic away 4:15 pm
Friday, Sept. 16 – Booster Club Dance for Grades 5-8 at the Parish Hall 7:00 – 9:30 pm
Sunday, Sept. 18 – Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 am service
Monday, Sept. 19 – PTL Ice Cream Social/Book Fair at the Parish Hall 7:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 19 – Baseball/Softball vs Evansville away 4:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Midterms go home with students in Grades 1-8
Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Baseball and Softball regionals begin
Sunday, Sept. 25 – Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 am service

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29 & 30 – NO SCHOOL SID/CID Teachers' Conference in Springfield

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 27 at 6:30 pm Autumn Rowold and Kara Mehrer

Sunday, August 28 at 7:45 am Clayton Richelman and Nicholas Rinehart

Sunday, August 28 at 10:00 am Mason and Mallory Westerman

SCRIP ORDERS

Attached is a new Scrip order and information explaining how the Scrip program works and how to place orders either through school, church, or online.

9th ANNUAL ST. JOHN DINNER AUCTION

The dinner auction will be Saturday, November 5th. Please remember to turn in your drawing tickets to the school office by Friday, November 4th. If you need any extra tickets, please stop by or call the school office.

Please remember to turn in all forms sent home in the first day packet. These forms include the computer/photo release form, free and reduced lunch application, member caller form. Also, don't forget to turn in your child(ren)'s physical form and shot record (if attending school for the first time or have a child in Kindergarten or 6th grade) and eye exam if your child is in Kindergarten or a new student in Grades 1-8 and a sports physical if your child is in grades 5-8 and planning on playing sports this year.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Stepping Out in Faith

The New Facility Fund was established in May 2007 with a kick-off dinner in the Parish Hall. The goal is to raise \$2,000,000 in pledges and cash before beginning any building project.

The Pledge Drive Committee meets regularly to evaluate current pledges and report cash investments on hand. Currently, there is over \$364,000 in the bank.

St. John School provides a quality Christian education for children of the community. Many of the honor students at Chester High School and Christ Our Savior High School are from St. John. We have a history of competitive athletic programs as evidenced by the banners in the gym and crowded trophy case. We graduate students who become homecoming queens, talented musicians, all-conference athletes, science award winners, valedictorians, student council officers, and members of the National Honor Society. Many of them go on the college and graduate school.

Anyone can make a tax-deductable donation to the New Facility Fund. This is a meaningful way to honor a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or as a memorial to a departed love one. If your children went to school at St. John but now live away, your donation will help assure that present and future students can receive the same quality education that your children enjoyed.

Wanted: One Special Person

If you are looking for an easy way to serve St. John with an investment of 30-60 minutes a month, here is your chance. The Christian Library has over 600 items on its shelves. There are videos and story books for little children, longer books and family movies for the older children and adults, devotionals, self-help guides, marriage enrichment books, parenting tips, grief resources, seasonal selections, and much, much more. This library needs a keeper, a dedicated individual who will keep things in order, purchase new items, and promote its use. Please consider serving your church through this wonderful program. Contact Jill Arbeiter at 826-2578 or the church office if you are interested or even if you have a question or suggestion.

Popeye Picnic

Plans are underway for a float for the Popeye Picnic. We have a wagon, some props, some ideas, and a few willing workers. We will need children to ride on the float and sing VBS and Sunday School songs similar to how the Christmas floats work. Some Youth Group members and adults are needed to walk along handing out magnets and other items with St. John and Christian messages. Notes will be coming home to the children soon.

St. John Wimpy's Hamburger Stand

Workers are still needed for the Popeye Picnic hamburger stand and for the onion peeling and slicing. The onion peeling and slicing will be Thursday, Sept. 8th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. If you are able to help in the hamburger stand, please contact Ron Sheely at 826-2720 or rpsheely@hotmail.com or leave word with Kelly at the church office.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Brenda Owen