

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Counting today (September 2), we have nine days of school under our belts! We're all on our best behavior, full of positive energy about this new school year. Every student and every teacher has the extraordinary chance to begin again. We all start school with an "A" average.

Our theme for this year is: "We are the voice of God." Students, teachers, and staff are being called to be God's loving voice to all we meet through our words and how we treat and accept others. Ask your child about "The Blob" play which teachers performed for the students. Through this, we showed the students the power of our words. On the flip side, think of the power of our words if we are conscious of being "the voice of God!!"

The only problem I have experienced is with the P.M. DISMISSAL. If you are new to the school, don't give up; I know it's confusing but it keeps our children SAFE and that's what we're all about.

In your oldest folder you will find my attempt to give you a more simplified diagram.

Going along with our school theme, "You are the voice of God", please be respectful of our patrol students. They are trying to do their job the best they can. We've had one or two incidents this year where an adult has directed angry words and his/her frustration at a patrol student. By the same token, if any patrol student is rude or disrespectful to you please contact me.

Our wonderful ASPA has notified me that they have some funds for school use. The teachers have been invited to submit needs which will be passed back to the ASPA for payment. We'll see how far the money goes and inform you of the items which were purchased. Every time the ASPA designs or hosts an event, the revenue over the event costs will be used for child(ren). Recently an EXTREME DODGEBALL flyer was sent home by the ASPA. It will be a great time for all. Last year our school's Student Council hosted such an event for our 6, 7, and 8th graders. For many, it was the highlight of the year—no one was hurt, there was lots of laughs and craziness, and the event was enjoyed by all the students. A softer type of ball was purchased for the event and the ASPA will be using these. September 20— be there! Where else can you go, have a great evening of fun and . . . help raise money for your school? (See flier in your oldest folder)





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - -
SPIRITUAL FORMATION

“YOU ARE THE VOICE OF GOD”.... So begins our new school year and continued growth in faith. We are off to a great start and we thank and praise God for blessing us with the gift of your child/children in our school. God

has blessed us and keeps blessing us with Holy Presence. To recognize **God’s presence in ourselves and our children** can only leave us in awe. You are the first example, the witness and guide of your child’s faith life which is at the heart of his/her spiritual growth. At All Saints School now for another year we are privileged to partner with you in that responsibility.

As recently as 2005 in the National Directory for Catechesis, our bishops said:

Parents/Guardians are the most influential agents of catechesis for their children. They have a unique responsibility for the education of their children; they are the first educators, or catechists. They catechize primarily by the witness of their Christian lives and by their love for the faith.

Wow! What a great reminder and reflection as we partner together in our Catholic school.

Our **school Masses** this year as in recent years will usually be one All School Mass each month and department Masses weekly when there is no All School Mass. The Junior High students will celebrate on Wednesdays at the 8:00a.m. Mass and Grades 1-5 will celebrate on Fridays. Our kindergartners will always be present for the All School Masses and prayer services. The home-rooms take turns planning and providing leadership in the ministries at these celebrations. Each grade level will also take a turn this year in planning one of the All School Masses or Prayer Celebrations. In addition our spiritual formation will come through classroom prayer, special feast celebrations, Marian devotions, Advent and Lent rituals, Stations of the Cross, Global Village mission outreach as well as other liturgical celebrations. Please feel free to join us in our prayer and outreach celebrations. It means a lot to your child(ren) as we seek to develop the whole child.

Friday Aug. 25th found us celebrating the first **All School Eucharist**. How appropriate it is to begin the year celebrating the Feast of St. Louis of France, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Our own teachers took leadership in the special ministries of the Mass and, with Fr. Don, brought our school community into this great communal prayer of Thanksgiving of the Church. Fr. Don shared deeply with us about our theme of “YOU ARE THE VOICE OF GOD.” Our challenge is to put what we know in our hearts about God and Jesus into our words and actions as we strive to build community this year. Our next All School Eucharist will be Friday, Sept. 12 at 8:00 a.m., the Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On **Sept. 22nd** – we will celebrate as a school **International Peace Day**. We will be gathering around the Peace Pole as a total school community to pray for peace in our world. You are most sincerely invited to join us, too, at 8:05 a.m. around the Peace Pole.

As we continue to use our **Religion series “Blest Are We”**, we ask your special assistance when family activities are sent home. Every chapter begins with some special way to involve your family. What an excellent opportunity to realize “whole community catechesis” – we’re in this together!

As we speak of Eucharist as the parish community’s best way to express gratitude, **Sunday Eucharist** with the parish family is essential. Each parent/guardian is called to the responsibility to assure that his/her child at every age has the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with the parish family on the weekend. Though this may be challenging because of outside activities or priorities, it is nonetheless our responsibility to raise children to their deepest possible unity with the Body of Christ through this sacred sacrament. At our school Masses we invite the Kindergartners, First and Second graders who have not received First Eucharist to come forward with their arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing. Many of you do this with your children at Sunday Eucharist already, but if it has not been a practice before,

we invite you to bring your child forward with you to be blessed. It brings them little by little into fuller participation of this great sacrament..."Let the little children come to me..." (Matt. 19:14).

The invitation has gone out for grades 5-8 to renew their commitment or become a new member of **All Saints Shalom Club**. This year our moderators are Amanda Suchara and Pat McCoy. If you have not heard your child speak about this club, ask him/her! This club shares the vision and commitment of the international network of the School Sisters of Notre Dame to reflect on and act on the need for peace, justice and the integrity of creation. In the light of the Gospels and the Catholic Social Justice teachings, we aim to provide hope to others, communicate and network with other youth throughout the world who share our same vision and bring unity to our global community. We meet the first and third Tuesdays each month after school from 3-4p.m. – what a great way to enjoy meeting with and sharing visions with students of other ages and classes and international groups! In Jesus' own words we try to echo: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

Know that **I feel so blessed** to have such willing partners on this journey of faith formation of children. Be assured of my prayers and support as we journey together in faith this school year. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you in your role as primary educators of your child/children in faith. Let us keep our theme before us as we work, pray, and lead our children to Christ: "YOU ARE THE VOICE OF GOD..."

Blessings on this new school year!
Mrs. Debbie Goheen



Partnership of School and Home

As always, we work to develop a partnership with you, our parents/guardians. One of my goals, and a goal of the faculty at All Saints, is to establish positive communication between home and school. Your involvement in your child's (ren) education is essential!

To keep communication a two-way street, we suggest the following:

- gain more knowledge about skills and topics being studied in your child's classes.
- increase awareness of your child's scholastic goals and accomplishments.
- communicate with teachers to exchange praise, questions, and concerns.
- encourage your child to be accountable for his/her schoolwork.
- increase your knowledge of assignments and long-term project deadlines.

Our school uses Student Planners in grades 2 – 8. This resource is designed to teach students time management, organization, and goal setting skills. Each book can also be a resource tool for maintaining communication among teachers, students, and parents. You are able to:

- help your child complete work that is assigned and recorded in his/her planner.
- initial or sign-off on assigned tasks after your child successfully completes them.
- use the planner as a reference tool when needing to speak with a teacher.
- have your child also record home responsibilities and activities in the planner.

We need your help to ensure success with this new school year. Together we can support our children as they learn skills and religious values for now and for the future!

ST. JUDE MATH-A-THON

Due to a scheduling conflict, St. Jude Math-A-Thon date has been postponed until January. Be watching for more information in December.





BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars for our semi-annual book fair to be held at Barnes and Noble on Friday, November 21, Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23. You might be able to get many great Christmas gifts!!

SOS-CALLING ALL PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Our Speech Team is in need of speech moderators for the 2008-2009. School Year. Your commitment of time would be to attend one training meeting in the fall. After this meeting you will receive your moderator's card. If you receive a moderator's card, it will be necessary for you to moderate at least one of the four speech meets during the school year. We cannot send a team to a meet unless THE SCHOOL provides a moderator. Please help us to keep this wonderful program running smoothly. If you are interested, or simply want more information, please call Mrs. Lapinski at 397-1477. Thanks!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

As you can see from this newsletter that there is a lot of information to be shared with families. This year we will be sending home a newsletter twice a month. One will come home the first Thursday of the month and will include your "Lunch Account Balance." The other will be sent home the third Thursday of the month.



MUSICAL DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, April 2, 2009
Archdiocesan Musical Festival—
Grade 7 & 8 performing
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Spring Concert—Grades K-8

2008-2009 MEMORYBOOKS

Last year's memorybooks were received after school dismissed in May. If you placed an order you should have received your child's memorybook.

There are extra memorybooks available on a first-come basis by contacting the office. The cost is \$10.00 per book.





VOLUNTEER/VISITOR SIGN IN

To volunteer in our school you must attend the Archdiocesan Workshop, "Protecting God's Children" (a one time class). For a schedule of workshops go to the Archdiocesan Website www.archstl.org. You must also have filled out a child abuse form, and read and signed the last page of the "Ethical Conduct Code."

When you enter the school building you see signs that state you must sign in at the office whether you are visiting or volunteering. This will help us to keep track of all persons in the building. Also we will be able to log how many volunteer hours are given by our ever-giving parents/guardians. This year we are asking each volunteer to pick up an Emergency Card.



DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Remember, safety of our children at dismissal is our NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

Please review the procedures found in your Parent/Guardian Handbook. Please file this with your handbook. If you are not on the parking lot before the barricades go up, the students are to wait in the safe area until the barricades are removed and you are allowed to come on to the parking lot. NEVER tell your child(ren) to meet you behind the barricade. Always pull out of your parking spot SLOWLY and DO NOT cross over another parking row. Leave the lot by going down the drive area in front of your parking spot. The children are instructed to walk behind parked cars and this could be potentially dangerous if you are driving across this area. **Again, REMEMBER, our children's safety is #1. Above all, model kindness and patience for the children.**



DRESS CODE

The ASPA and teachers work hard to develop a reasonable dress code for the good of all. We, teachers and staff, try to enforce this code to the best of our abilities. In the past, we have had some difficulties with skirt length, no belts, shirts not being tucked in, nail polish, and make-up. We thank you for your cooperation as we have daily uniform checks during September and once a week after this.

CAFETERIA



The cafeteria is now open. Hot lunch is \$1.85 per day and this price includes drink (milk and juice is offered). You should have set up your family account which allows your child(ren) to purchase lunches. If you have not done so yet, you may still open an account by sending in a minimum of \$20 per child. Once a month you will be sent a statement of your account. Please keep your account active to help alleviate our paper work. **You may reimburse your account at any time. You do not need to wait for the reminder letter.** Students may order extra portions of the main entree for 50 cents. This cost will be deducted from your "family account". On the last lunch day of each month birthday treats will be given to those who have a birthday in that month and who are buying a tray. You must buy a tray to receive a treat. The "birthday treat students" will come through the line first. If a student brings a lunch, milk/juice is available for 35 cents. The 35 cents must be brought in. This amount is not deducted from your "family account."

Students in grades 4-8 may bring in micro-wavable foods. Students in grades 1-3 MAY NOT use the microwaves. **NO student** may "pop" pop corn in the microwave. "Fast foods" (McDonald's, Taco Bell, etc.) are not allowed to be brought in at lunch time. In fairness to our cafeteria program, we offer two choices; cafeteria service or lunch brought from home. Free and reduced lunch applications were included in the front of your

Information handbook. If you are eligible for either free or reduced lunches, please fill out the form and return it to school as soon as possible. This program is subsidized by the government and does not cost the school.

Please do not send soda as a lunch drink.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



If you are interested in sending treats to celebrate your child's birthday, please make sure that you send enough for each child in the homeroom. Treats **must be** commercially prepared. Simple items should be sent; those that need no refrigeration. **Please -- NO SODA OR ICE CREAM. INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED TREATS—CANDY BARS, TWINKIES, ETC. ONLY.** Students will not be going to other homerooms to pass out treats. Students, and faculty/staff members, are welcome to dress **UP** on their special day. **THOSE WHO HAVE SUMMER BIRTHDAYS ARE TO CELEBRATE ON THEIR ½ BIRTHDAY.** (Example: July 29th birthday would celebrate on January 29th.) If your birthday falls on Saturday, Sunday or a day we are not in school, you may dress UP on the day before or day after that special day.

MEDICINE NOTE



Please take a few moments and review this year's Parent/Guardian Information Handbook which states the Missouri guidelines that schools must follow with regard to passing out medicines of ANY KIND. **ALL MEDICATIONS**, including over-the-counter, must be accompanied by a doctor's verification (cough drops and lip balm are now permitted without a doctor's prescription). The Drug Store label on prescription medication is the doctor's verification. If your child takes Tylenol or some other type of over-the-counter pain reliever, this too, requires a doctor's note. We must say "no" to cough drops or throat lozenges unless the office is provided with a parent's authorization. **ALL** medications must be turned in to the Office; students are not to carry any medication on their person. Medication prescribed three times a day will **not** be given at school. The dose should be given before school, after school, and at bedtime. The medication form is

found in the Information Handbook. Please cut this form out and send it to school along with your child's medication. **DO NOT** copy the form.

According to the Privacy Act the office is not allowed to call a child to the office to receive medication. The child must remember to come to the office before lunch to receive his/her medicine.

Thanks for your cooperation on this very important matter.

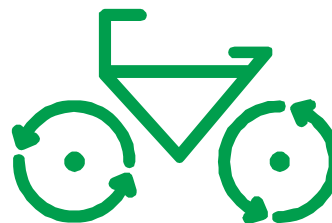
DAY CARE/WALKERS

If your child is enrolled in either a day care or is a walker, please fill out the form that was included with the Parent/Guardian Information Handbook and return it to school **immediately**. This information is important for the school to have on hand in case there is a problem.



Also, if your child will not be leaving in a day care van or not staying for After School Care, it is imperative that a school secretary, Diane, Jenny or Sandy, be notified. This is in addition to you notifying your day care. This is necessary to avoid confusion on your child's part and also on the part of the persons in both After School Care and Day Care. The school office is the place that "needs to have answers" for anyone inquiring. Thanks so much!

If your student(s) is walking/riding a bike home everyday or just on certain days the Walker/Bike Rider Form must be on file in the school office before your child will be allowed to leave with the walkers. If the child is only leaving in this manner on varied days, please send a note on the day the child is leaving school in this manner. The original form must still be on file in the office stating that this is what will be happening.



LIBRARY NEWS

The new AR (Accelerated Reader) Program has been implemented. We now have access to over 120,000 quizzes and new ones are added daily. Do you want to see the list? Visit the library website today!



STUCO NEWS

Student Council elections for 4th through 8th grade will be held on Friday, September 5. We look forward to a great year with excellent leadership and many exciting activities.

Mrs. Sue Shelley, Mrs. Wegescheide, and Mrs. Richau

SCHOOL PICTURES

Thursday, September 11th, school pictures will be taken. Students are allowed to **dress up** on this Day. Please remember appropriate clothing—no spaghetti straps, low cut tops, inappropriate graphics or wording on t-shirts or shorts shorter than walking short length.

In order to have his/her picture taken, the student must have the enclosed envelope in hand at that time even if you are not purchasing a picture package.



AFTER SCHOOL TEACHER SUPERVISION

After school supervision will be provided until 3:00 P.M. or for fifteen minutes past the posted dismissal time. After 3:00 P.M., or fifteen minutes past the posted dismissal, the teacher on duty will take the child(ren) to the All Saints After Care Program (Parish Center) where a table will be provided for the child(ren) to work on homework or read. When the child is picked up a fee, payable to All Saints After Care Program, is required.

FEE SCHEDULE:

- A. First fifteen minute period (or any fraction of that period, 1-15 minutes) = \$ 5.00 per family
- B. Additional fifteen minute period(s) (or any fraction of that period(s), 16-30 minutes, 31-45 minutes, etc. = \$15.00 per family per period plus \$5.00 for the first period

The Administration and Parish Board of Education believe this procedure is necessary due to the legal requirements of after school child care supervision as well as the inequity of many families enrolling in, and paying for, All Saints After School supervision while a few families, perhaps unknowingly, take advantage of the kindness of All Saints staff members.

Please make arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up within fifteen minutes of dismissal. All "time" will be based on All Saints office clock.



**ENROLLMENT FOR
2008-2009**

Kindergarten	35
Primary 1	39
Primary 2	34
Primary 3	28
Grade 4	32
Grade 5	37
Grade 6	45
Grade 7	31
Grade 8	<u>36</u>



TOTAL 317



SEPTEMBER 22-SEPTEMBER 26

This week will be standardized testing for grades 3-8. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE APPOINTMENTS OF ANY KIND THIS WEEK.** It is very important that your child is not absent. A good night's sleep and a well-balanced breakfast will be an asset to your child's test taking.

**NEW FAMILY WELCOMING
SIGNS**

Once you decide to take the sign out of your yard please return it to school.



**GIVE KIDS A
SMILE, INC.**

With your help, Give Kids A Smile (**GKAS**) can help children with untreated dental disease have a healthier smile and a happier, more productive school year. GKAS is preparing for our 14th free dental clinic to be held on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25 on the campus of St. Louis University at the Center for Advanced Dental Education, located at 3320 Rutger Street.

As Always, GKAS will provide comprehensive dental care, at no charge, to **underserved children in kindergarten through eighth grade** in a caring, fun environment. In addition to free dental care, children and families can also visit our GKAS entertainment area for fun, face painting, balloon art and free books after the child completes their treatment. Health education information for parents/guardians will also be provided.

Do you have questions? Just visit our website at www.gkas.org or call Give Kids A Smile at 636-397-6453 Monday thru Friday, 9 am until 4 pm. GKAS hopes to treat more than 500 children at our clinic on October 24 and 25. To insure that your children are served, **call early to make your appointment.** Everyone must have a reservation in order to be treated.

ARE YOU CONFUSED ABOUT THE **SCRIP PROGRAM??**

See the attached flier that explains how this program works. If you still are unsure please contact the school office for more information.

WELCOME.....

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the families who are new to our school and their children.

Our new students are:

KB	Nicole (Nikki) Behlmann
KB	Heather Brush
KB	Noe Damian
KB	Jacob Gambino
KB	Tanner ("T") Gentile
KB	Jessica (Jess) Grayek
KB	Jacob Griesenauer
KB	Riley Keohane
KB	Kyle Kohls
KB	Madelyn Lepp
KB	Ashleigh Niemczyk
KB	Thomas (Tommy) Ramer
KB	Ty Rodermund
KB	DesLee Shea
KB	Alyson Solimando
KB	Hailey Tihen
KB	Francesca (Frankie) Voss
KS	Dylan Bateman
KS	Kaylee Burkett
KS	Conor Clover
KS	Sophia Cross
KS	Lucas Ditmeyer
KS	Seamus Flynn
KS	Wil Garland
KS	Grant Goodwin
KS	Rebecca (Becca) Hamm
KS	Noah Heath
KS	Jack Knoll
KS	Hannah LaChance
KS	Emily Lieurance
KS	Ellie Morman
KS	Chandler Payne
KS	Brandon Shelton
KS	Tyler (Ty) Stroud
KS	Rachael Voss
1H	Malik Maroney
1H	Ian Sheridan
1H	Riley Soener
1W	Tristan Fox
1W	Alexis Martin
2M	Daniel (Danny) Behlmann
2R	Anysa Kirkland
5G	Alyssa Martin

WELCOME



Although our days together have been few, I sense a feeling of positivism, warm compassion, and dedication on the part of all – parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and students. As the year unfolds the Lord Jesus will mold us ever more into a community of believers who proclaim the Christian message by our goodness and service. “We are the voice of God.”

Sincerely,

Ms. Rae Ann Keilty and
Staff

Attachments:

Lunch Account Balance
Sweatshirt Order Form
Media/Marketing Material Permission
Picture Envelope
Box Tops Flier
Computer Learning Center Volunteer Form
PE and Wellness Letter
Extreme Dodgeball Flier
SCRIP Explanation
Dismissal Map—pink paper
Garage Sale for Belize

All Saints Sweatshirt Order Form

<u>Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>per Shirt</u>
Youth Medium (10-12)	_____	\$12.00
Youth Large (14 – 16)	_____	\$12.00
Adult Small	_____	\$12.50
Adult Medium	_____	\$12.50
Adult Large	_____	\$12.50
Adult X-Large	_____	\$12.50
Adult XX-Large	_____	\$13.50
Adult XXX-Large	_____	\$13.50

This will be the only chance, this school year, to order the All Saints Sweatshirts. You may see a sample of the Sweat Shirt in the office window. This is the only sweatshirt the students in K – 7th grades are allowed to wear as part of their uniform. **The 8th grade students will receive their own shirt (information forthcoming)** . Please attach your check or cash and return in the school payment envelope no later than Tuesday, September 16th.

Please mark the envelope attention Mrs. Karen Mesler.

Students Name _____
Home Room _____
Phone # _____

Transportation of Students (5202.9)

Schools should take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of students when they are being transported for educational field trips, athletic events, and other off-campus school activities.

Whenever possible, schools should use bus transportation by an insured carrier *for* off campus school sanctioned events. There are circumstances for which a school administrator may determine that transportation in private passenger vehicles is appropriate. These could include the small number of students involved in an activity and the cost of commercial transportation. If a private passenger vehicle must be used, the following criteria are recommended:

1. drivers must have a valid, non-probationary driver's license and no physical disability that may impair the ability to drive safely;
2. the vehicle should have a valid registration and meet state safety requirements;
3. the vehicle must be insured for minimum limits of \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence;
4. drivers should be experienced drivers and demonstrate the maturity necessary to provide for the safety of those they are transporting;
5. every person in the private vehicle must wear a seat belt or use an appropriate passenger restraint system
6. adults should not be permitted to smoke in the vehicle.

Drivers should be given a copy of the above criteria. In addition, these criteria should be printed in the Parent Handbook. In the cases of athletic events and extracurricular activities, where the use of private passenger vehicles is likely, a general permission slip should be signed by parents/guardians in the beginning of the school year. In the event a private passenger vehicle will be used for an educational field trip, the regular field trip permission form should be used. Each driver and/or chaperone should be given a copy of the approved itinerary including the route(s) to be followed and a summary of his/her responsibilities.

If a school anticipates the frequent use of private passenger vehicles, it is recommended that a school establish a "volunteer driver program". These volunteers, including parents and others, would be used regularly to transport students for educational field trips, sports events, or other off-campus school sanctioned events. They would be considered school volunteers and would be covered under Archdiocesan insurance while acting as volunteer drivers. The Archdiocesan insurance will be excess coverage over the automobile insurance maintained by the volunteer.

Volunteers would be expected to abide by the criteria listed above. Volunteer drivers should provide the school with copies of a valid driver's license, their vehicle registration, and proof of insurance coverage. The documents would be kept on file by the school. The school would also maintain a record of each event and date when each volunteer driver transports students.

It has been the ongoing policy of the Archdiocese that employees and volunteers who are working with or who are in a position to be contact with children undergo a records check for prior history of child abuse in the State of Missouri. Drivers who regularly volunteer to transport students in the manner described above are subject to this records check, and are expected to attend the *Protecting God's Children for Adults* program and to read and sign the *Code of Ethical Conduct for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Working with Minors*.

Children younger than four years of age, regardless of weight, are required to use an appropriate child passenger restraint system. Children weighing less than 40 pounds, regardless of age, are required to be secured in a child passenger restraint system appropriate for the child. Children who are four feet nine inches tall must be secured in a child passenger restraint system for booster seat appropriate for the child. Children who weigh at least 80 pounds or children taller than four feet nine inches must be secured by vehicle safety belt or booster seat appropriate for the child. (Missouri SB 872)