

# St. Mary Parish Catholic School



† Our Mission: To Educate Students While Nurturing Their Christ-like Formation †

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## Thank You

I would like to thank all of you for helping us off to a good start. There are many things going on this year, some exciting (the new building), and some challenging (the budget). Regardless, the success still comes down to how well home and school work together. Your support makes a difference.

The directory/handbook is being passed out today. Please look for it. This newsletter is being sent home with students as well as through email and posted on the website. Please let us know if you do not receive it by email. Beginning in October the newsletters will be sent by email only. Look for them the last Friday of each month. **-Mr. Montgomery**

## School News & Upcoming events....

### Prayer Service – Make-up session

Monday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Faith Center Fr. Wayne will have another prayer service for parents who were unable to attend on August 15. Please make necessary arrangements to attend.

### Grading Scale

Just a reminder, the diocesan grading scale has changed this year (p.6 in the Student Handbook):

**A: 92-100      B: 83-91      C: 74-82      D: 65-73      F: 64 and below**

### Late Work Policy

Students who do not turn work in on time, can still turn in late work but with reduced credit. Work must be turned in within three days, unless specified otherwise by the classroom teacher. Grades 2-5: grade reduction of 10%. Grades 6-8: grade reduction of 15%.

### Dress Code Reminder

Just a reminder, middle school skirts need to be to the knee. Those that are above the knee will be asked to lower the hem. Uniform shorts may be worn to school through the month of September only.

### Spirit Days

There will be a Spirit Jean Day on the first Friday of every month starting in October. Children may wear their spirit shirts with jeans (no holes please) and a belt.

### Latchkey Reminders

Just a reminder, starting in October, latchkey bills will be mailed or e-mailed depending on what you marked on your registration form. Payments are to be paid in full by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month or arrangements should be made with the school office.

### Student Drop-Off/Pick-up

When dropping off or picking up students please remember to pull up as far as possible. We have had some complaints about traffic back up on Madison. Please have your students ready to get out of your car when you stop your car to drop them off. Students are to enter and exit through the gym doors only.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Sept 6-** Labor Day-No School
- **Sept 9, 7:00 PM** - Dial 3 PS/PK Parent meeting in Neumann Hall
- **Sept. 11** – K-State Band Day
- **Sept. 13** - Trash bag orders need to be turned in. This is Home and School's big fundraiser for the year.
- **Sept 15, 5:15** - Neumann Hall - 7th and 8th grade student/parent cheerleading meeting. The girls will be sized for uniforms.
- **Sept. 16-17** – Fall pictures. **Thursday, Sept. 16** - PS class and individual and K-8 individual pictures taken; **Friday, Sept. 17** - PK class and individual and grades 1-8 class pictures taken. Children may wear casual dress clothes for individual pictures on Thursday. Please follow the guidelines for what may be worn on page 5 of the student handbook, which is being sent home today.
- **Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.** - Faith Center – Make-up date for prayer service/meeting with Father Wayne
- **Sept. 28, 7:00 PM** - Home and School meeting in Neumann Hall.
- **Sign up for conferences coming up on Oct. 28 & 29** - follow the link to see the schedule and call the office or e-mail Mrs. Lesley at [alesley@stmarysderby.com](mailto:alesley@stmarysderby.com)

### **Learning Quest Education Savings Plans**

The Kansas Investments Developing Scholars (KIDS) Matching Grant Program, administered by State Treasurer Dennis McKinney, will match the first \$600 that an eligible account owner contributes to a Learning Quest Education Savings Plan account for each student or beneficiary. KIDS was developed for working families in Kansas with a 2009 Federal Adjusted Gross Income less than the amount listed.

Household of 1=21,660  
Household of 2=29,140  
Household of 3=36,620  
Household of 4=44,100  
Household of 5=51,580  
Household of 6=59,060

Enrollment is limited and applications are approved on a first come, first-served basis. Eligible contributions to your account can be made through December 31, 2010. Call 1-866-504-5898 or visit [www.KansasStateTreasurer.com/KIDS](http://www.KansasStateTreasurer.com/KIDS) to apply.

## **News from the Nurse...**

We are off to a great school year. Here are a few reminders to help keep your child strong, healthy, and ready to learn.

- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep. Younger children need 10-11 hours of sleep a night to grow and learn. Older children need 9-10 hours.
- Secondly, encourage your child to eat something nutritious for breakfast. Study after study proves that breakfast is necessary to function and learn. Breakfast can be anything from some fruit and dry cereal to last night's spaghetti.
- Finally, remind your child to wash their hands often. We will remind them in school and ask that you do the same at home.

These are all things parents have heard before. During the summer months we get complacent about practicing these basic, good-health habits. The cold and flu season will be here before we know it and practicing these healthy behaviors will keep us all out of the doctor's office this winter.

## **Fundraising News...**

### **Sunny D Labels**

Please save your Sunny D labels! For every 20 Sunny D labels we turn in, we receive 20 free books for the classroom. Last year, the school received almost 100 free books. Please send them to the school office.