



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Parents,

Now that we are in the full swing of a new school year I wanted to take a brief moment and introduce you to the St. Elizabeth School Board for the 2009/2010 year. As you will see below, we have a great mix of talent and leadership on our board.

Name	Title/Officer
Sandy Nickel	Principal
Susan Sonnenberg*	CPTA President
Steve McClain*	Board President
Mary Beth Compton*	Board Vice President
Beth Cressey*	Board Secretary
Jane Mulvihill-Jones*	Board Asst. Sec.
Jodie Reiter*	Board Member
Jeff Randolph*	Board Member
Jim Meysenburg*	Board Member

* Denotes a voting member of the St. Elizabeth 2009/2010 school board

The board faces an extra-ordinary load this year as reflected by the four main priorities we have identified below:

1. Assist school in securing MO Non Public Accreditation
2. Draft a long-term plan for the school
3. Review and begin to implement pending recommendations for the SW Pod
4. Support the succession of leadership (Principal, new board members)

Additionally, I would like to give you a very brief update on the progress of the special committee formed in April by the parishes of the Southwest Pod (CTK, STE, STM, STP and VIS). You may recall the purpose of this group was to craft an alternative recommendation to those provided by Meitler Consultants. **I am pleased to report that after many hours of candid dialogue and collaboration, the SW Pod Task Committee met its primary objective of submitting a comprehensive, joint recommendation to Bishop Finn on September 3rd.** Special thanks go to Matt Prusa and Vicky Kinney who joined me in these important meetings as representatives of the St. Elizabeth community. (Note: Summaries from each of the SW Pod Task Committee meetings, as well as our proposal to the Bishop can be reviewed on Sycamore). Furthermore, five representatives of the SW Pod joined me in a presentation to the Bishop and his staff on Wednesday. The Bishop was very gracious and engaged in the conversation throughout the two hour meeting. He committed to reflecting on our recommendations as well as those being provided by several other Diocesan-wide committees in the next several weeks. You most certainly will be hearing more details in the weeks and months ahead as we learn more about the Bishop's formal response to our recommendations. Please keep us in your prayers as we work together with the Diocese and the parishes of the SW Pod, to help secure the future of our Catholic schools.

God Bless,

Steve McClain

P.S. Don't forget we plan on having an important open school board meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2009 in Seton Hall at 7:00 PM. I strongly encourage you to join us as we plan to devote the meeting time to addressing the MNSAA Accreditation site visit and the recommendations of the SW Pod Task Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OVER THE UNIFORM POLICY
PLEASE HELP US BY MAKING SURE YOUR CHILDREN LEAVE HOME IN
APPROPRIATE UNIFORM. THANKS SO MUCH.**

PROCEDURE REMINDERS

TARDIES – The doors open @ 7:50 a.m. at the first bell. **Students are considered tardy if they are not in their classroom when the 8:00 bell rings.** If a student in grades 1 – 8 is tardy, they will need to stop by the office to sign in and get a tardy slip to give to their teacher. Students in K must sign in with their teacher.

VISITOR PASSES – ALL PARENTS must sign in and sign out at the school office when going to any part of the building other than the office. This would include going to your child's classroom in the morning before the 8:00 bell rings, as well as during/after dismissal. Make sure you take a visitor's pass when signing in and return it upon signing out.

If you need to meet/talk with a teacher, please make arrangements for a time when the teacher is not responsible for students. Once the 7:50 bell rings in the morning, a teacher's responsibility is to the students until AFTER ALL OF THEIR students are dismissed at the end of the day. Leave a voicemail or send a Pass-a-Note on Sycamore if you need to convey information to the teacher or to arrange for a meeting.

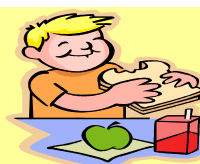
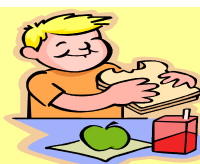
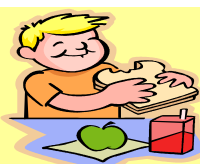
DROP OFF BASKET –There is a tan colored plastic container just inside the main door for the items that you drop off for your student(s) in grades 1 thru 8. This would include forgotten lunches, homework, clothing for after school activities, etc. Please label items clearly with the student's name and teacher. It is the student's responsibility to check this basket. **We will put a message in the teacher's voicemail or send a PAN, but items will not be delivered to the classroom.**

ABSENTEES – Please call the school absentee line at 816-523-7101 before 9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent from school on that day. **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME, HOMEROOM TEACHER AND A REASON FOR THE ABSENCE. HOMEWORK REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME ALSO.** The message will then be forwarded to the child's teacher. Homework can be picked up in the office after 3:00 p.m. Requests for homework to be picked up before 3 p.m. cannot be guaranteed. If homework requests are not made by 9 a.m., we cannot guarantee that the work will be in the office by the end of the day, as the teachers may use part of their plan time to get the work together. Parents will not be able to go to the classroom while classes are still in session to ask the teacher for homework. When you inform the teachers in advance of a planned absence, please make sure you also send the message to the school office. With all the activity in the classroom, the teacher may forget to pass this information along to the office. **IF YOU CALL THE OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENTEE LINE AND LEAVE THE HOMEROOM TEACHER'S NAME THE MESSAGE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THEM AND ALL BASES WILL BE COVERED.**

Chat N Chew

Chat N Chew begins on Wednesday September 23rd. The fall dates are Sept 23, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4 and Nov 18. It is during your child's lunch period. The students read a book every two weeks and meet with a parent and classmates to discuss during the lunch period. On the chat n chew days your student will bring a sack lunch. There is a firm limit of 7 students per parent. Having small groups will help the parents and the students have a successful discussion. All of the chat n chew books have AR tests.

Please email Jane Mulvihill-Jones @ janeandjoel@ymail.com to sign your child up. In your email I will need your child's name, grade, and teacher's name. I will send you a confirmation note and contract when I have the groups made up. The contract will need to be returned by the first meeting on Sept 23rd. In the case that students outnumber volunteers, the students will be accepted on a first come basis.



LUNCH MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 25

Monday, September 14	Mini corn dogs, baked beans, fruit, cinnamon crisp cookie
Tuesday, September 15	Hamburger, french fries, peaches, Oreo cookie
Wednesday, September 16	Waffle stix, sausage, juice, spice cake
Thursday, September 17	Pork patty, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, lemon bars
Friday, September 18	Pizza, carrots and Broccoli, fruit, pudding pie
Monday, September 21	Sloppy Joe, french fries, fruit, snickerdoodle cookie
Tuesday, September 22	Burrito, rice, fruit, brownie
Wednesday, September 23	Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, applesauce
Thursday, September 24	Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, pineapple upside down cake
Friday, September 25	Grilled cheese, baby carrots, fruit, sherbet

Hot lunch with milk - \$2.00. (Grilled cheese sandwich or chef salad can be substituted for the main entrée)

Milk - \$.30 Water - \$1.00

Extras: Hamburger, burrito, French fries, chicken nuggets, etc. \$1.00

Cinnamon roll, ice cream, chips, yogurt, granola bar - \$.50 Garlic toast, cookie, cake - \$.30

CAFETERIA NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT BRING A LUNCH FROM HOME OR DO NOT PURCHASE A HOT LUNCH, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE EXTRAS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19	Waldo Fall Festival
September 24	Fall CPTA Meeting – 7 p.m. in Seton Hall
September 24	Newsletter Posted
September 25	Trash Bag Pick-Up
September 30	School Pictures – ECC (Preschool, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten)
October 1	School Pictures – 1-8
October 2	NO SCHOOL – STAFF DEVELOPMENT
October 2	St. E. Golf Tournament
October 6	Open House 1 st & 2 nd Grades and Spanish – 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
October 9	Newsletter Posted
October 10	F.I.R.E. Bonfire
October 22	7 th & 8 th Grade Open House – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
October 22	PS/PK Open House @ 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
October 22	8 A.M. CONFERENCE SIGN UP SHEETS K-8 MAIN LOBBY-PS & PK WITH TEACHER
October 23	End of 1 st Quarter – NOON DISMISSAL
October 23	Newsletter Posted
October 26-27	Accreditation Site Visit
October 26	Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
October 28	Absentee Pix – Main School @ approximately 10:30 a.m.
October 29	Report Cards Home
October 30	NO SCHOOL – MANDATORY CONFERENCES
October 30	Trunk or Treat