

# ST. AILBE NEWSLETTER

Week 1, Aug. 21

## **Academic Excellence**

YAY! We are THRILLED to be back at it! Having the students back makes school feel like school again! Across the board, the students have been ready to go, and so I wanted to thank parents for all the work you put in over the summer to ensure they could come back ready to work. We are ready to work with students at an individual level to get them to grow. This year is all about tracking and honoring the growth that our students work so hard for! You will get updated regularly on where we see the growth.

In grades 3-8, ask about their independent reading books! Students need to be reading every night for at least 20 minutes. Our library is in great shape, so we have plenty for the students to choose from! If you need any help finding a "just-right" book for your child, please talk with your child's teacher or Mrs. Mostyn. Students in the younger grades should be reading every night as well. They will not have a book that continues, but reading to your child every night is a sure way to help improve their reading!

Our ECC-5th grade classes have begun Everyday Math. This curriculum helps to push our students towards problem solving and using math in ways that the real world asks of us. This is a challenging curriculum that will help develop the math knowledge to excel in math throughout their education. This is taught differently than what you may remember from school, so we will have a Math Night to help you see what the expectations are and how the students practice in class. I will keep you posted on the date!

## **Christian Values**

All parents or any adult who will be volunteering in the school (including chaperoning field trips) **MUST** attend Virtus training. Sr. Judy will be conducting a Virtus training on September 8 at St. Ailbe at 1:15. There are a ton being offered at the beginning of the school year, so you can check out the other locations and dates to see if another works better for you. You must sign up online at [http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18958&theme=0](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18958&theme=0). After attending, please bring a copy of the certificate to the office to remain on file. If you have already attended a session, you do not need to attend another session. We look forward to working with you this year!

## **Family Partnerships**

We do have the Uniform Recyclery up and running. If you turn in a clean, used uniform, you may exchange for a different size in the room. We have a limited stock right now, but as you start cleaning out the closets, please think about donating the sizes that no longer fit.

We are collecting Box Tops for Education. We will get double the rewards, so please turn those into the office!

I am looking for Parent Volunteers who can help lead volunteer projects, like Wiggles and Giggles, Special Lunch programs, and more. If you are interested in a volunteer opportunity within the school, please contact the office.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Coffee with the Principal on Thursday, Sept 5 at 8:15, sponsored by the 8th grade parents, attended by all.

The staff at St. Ailbe could not be more excited to get started! We have big plans for this school year, and we are itching to get started with all of them! Please feel free to reach out at any time to the teachers or staff directly if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. At the end of the day, the success of your student is everyone's top priority.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact the office at 773-734-1386. Here's to a great school year!!!!!!

God bless,  
Mrs. Mostyn

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## Volunteer Hours

We have plenty of opportunities to get involved! We even have hours that can be completed AT HOME by leveling our library books! Our website is updated with a sheet to log your hours online to help keep track. If you have any questions or are looking for more ways to get involved, please contact the office 773-734-1386.

- Back to School Parade 9/14
- Coffee with the Principal 9/5
- PTO
- Library books
- Parking lot help
- After school programs
- Classroom Helper
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Athletic Programs
- Literacy Night
- Black History Performance

## Drop off/ Pick up

Thank you for your cooperation as we undertake a new route in dropping off and picking up the students! Please make sure you follow the route around the cones. If you need a new sheet explaining the procedures, please come to the office.

In inclement weather, students will be escorted to their car by staff members. Students will release from the St. Ailbe Catholic Church doors in the parking lot (if the space is

available) or the St. Ailbe School Door 1. Signs will be posted with directions. Please stay in your cars during the inclement weather; the route will form a line so we can safely and quickly get students to you. No adults will be allowed in the building to pick up their students. This is for the safety of the children! This goes most smoothly when everyone follows the routine. Thank you for your help!

## Uniform

Students being in proper uniform will be fully enforced this school year. If you have questions about the uniform, please call the office. Students out of uniform will call home beginning this week to rectify the uniform problem. Thank you for helping your student come prepared!



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

**9/2:** NO SCHOOL-

Labor Day

**9/5:** Coffee with the Principal

**9/16:** All Health/ Vision/ Dental exam papers due to the office

**9/20:** NO SCHOOL- Prof. Dev. Day

**9/30:** Picture Day!

## Registration

If you have not yet completed the online registration, please go to [stailbeschool.org](http://stailbeschool.org) to fill out the information. You can find a link under the Admission tab by

clicking on Registration 19-20. On that page, step 3 has a link to the Registration Information form. This is critical to the safety and security of the students. We need to know how and where to communicate important information and for releasing students. If you have trouble with this, please contact the office for help.

## Communication

In an effort to ensure parents



do receive notes

and information,

St. Ailbe uses email communication regularly. It is necessary to have a working email that is regularly checked for updates from the school.

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL, PLEASE WRITE OUT YOUR EMAIL (NEATLY) HERE TO MAKE SURE YOU GET FUTURE COMMUNICATION.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to email, in emergencies and in times with pressing information, you may receive a call from School Messenger. You need to listen to those messages, as they would only be recorded with important information.