

ST. AILBE NEWSLETTER

Week 2, Aug. 28

Academic Excellence

Classes are in full swing. You should be seeing academic planners/assignment books coming home. Please make sure to initial the planners each night.

Title I classes are beginning next week. This year, we are working hand in hand with our Title I teachers to ensure students make growth! We will have Parent Sessions for parents to see how to help continue the interventions at home, and Title I teachers will be at each of our academic conferences this year. As a parent, you are free and encouraged to reach out to any and all of your children's teachers. We all have the same goal of success for your child!

Classrooms have been focused on GROWTH MINDSET. We want our students to see the power of the word YET. We do not want the students giving up when things get hard- we want them to have grit and keep going! They may not know how to read... YET. They may not be able to multiply... YET. They may not be able to write that paragraph... YET. What they must know is that it's not impossible. If they keep trying, they will get there!

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. 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!

Kente Mass is coming up on September 9. A student from the class is honored for being a leader in the room- trying hard, helping others, and making improvement in their work. Everyone is invited to celebrate the students at mass at 8:30, where the students receive a certificate, a medal, and have the honor of wearing a Kente cloth to mass.

Family Partnerships

Remember families agree to complete the 20 hours of volunteering for the school year. On the St. Ailbe website, you'll find the area to track your hours on the Volunteer page. We have more than enough opportunities, in school AND out of school, for you to be able to complete the hours. We do not want the fee for incomplete hours (\$10 an hour)- we would much rather you were involved! Students who can see a home school connection perform better in school.

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.

Remember: NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (Labor Day)! Enjoy your extended weekend!

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact the office at 773-734-1386.

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 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.