

ST. AILBE NEWSLETTER

Week 6, Sept. 25

Academic Excellence

Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled this week. Please make sure that you turn in the sign up sheet to your student's teacher. These conferences are expected to make sure we have a strong finish to our first trimester. This is a good time to remind you that these are at our midterm- students have a significant amount of time to show their actual ability after these conferences and have that ability reflect their grades on their report card that will come out in November. We encourage you to always contact the teacher with any concerns or questions about your child because we are all on the same page here! We are expecting success from all of our students!

Christian Values

Kente Mass is coming up on October 7. If your child is chosen as the class' Kente Student, showing the true spirit of St. Ailbe through dedication to academics and towards others, you will be contacted by your child's teacher this coming week. We love for parents to celebrate mass with us on Monday mornings, so Kente Mass or not, your child be honored or not, we love having you there, and students do too! Our masses begin at 8:30 am.

Our first Family Mass is on OCTOBER 13 at 10:00 am. Please put this in your calendar now if it is not already there. All students and families are expected to attend. This mass is even more special because Cardinal Cupich will be presiding. We look forward to celebrating our Mass with you!

Family Partnerships

Raffle tickets must be picked up or have arrangements made in the office. Please remember that the Fall Raffle is one of two mandatory fundraisers to reach the \$300 fundraising requirement of the school year. Information was sent home weeks ago explaining this raffle and picking up the tickets. If you have not yet gotten your family's tickets, please get to the office now to have enough time to sell those tickets! All money is due in the office by October 21. Any uncollected money of the \$150 due on that day will be added to FACTS for a payment to be made with your November tuition. If you collect more than \$150, the overage will be applied to the Spring raffle to count towards the fundraiser total of \$300.

We love our parents! Our amazing PTO is currently working on collecting costumes that students have outgrown. They are also looking to plan a fun Halloween bash and want your help! The next planning meeting is on Monday, Sept. 30 at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Junior Explorers was an amazing day! Thank you to all of our students who started seeing the city, beginning with the Shedd Aquarium- so fun! We look forward to our next outing!

We are looking for zero tardies! At the beginning of our Morning Meetings, if 100% of students are in attendance on time and in full uniform, classes will get a point towards a whole class dress down day! When classes have ten days of 100% attendance AND 100% uniform, the class will receive a dress down pass! Help ensure your student gets there by dropping off by 7:45. Thank you for your help in starting our day of strong!

PICTURE DAY IS MONDAY, September 30! Students may dress out of uniform, but please no t-shirts or ripped jeans.

TUESDAY October 1 is our first EARLY RELEASE for extended collaboration and professional development opportunities. After care is provided, at no charge, from 1:30-3:30. At 3:30, regular fees apply to after care.

WEDNESDAY October 2 is our first Parent/Teacher Conference. Students must be picked up at 11:30; there will not be after care provided. Please make arrangements necessary. Your scheduled time for conferences is when you can come. Please feel free to bring students.

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.

- Coffee with the Principal
- 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

Morning meetings happen immediately following drop off. This is a great time to set the right tone for the day, so please make sure that students are getting to school on time and ready to go! We are looking for 100% of students getting to school on time! Being tardy disrupts the day and can interrupt the learning, especially in the early day classes.

Morning Meetings

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, students have a Morning

Meeting that focuses on being part of the St. Ailbe community. We have a focus on our Christian values while focusing on values that held throughout the school! Ask your child what happens during the meetings. Fridays are Morning Meetings in their own classrooms.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

9/30: Picture Day!

10/1: Early Release @ 1:30 for extended PD- all aftercare from 1:30-3:30 is provided AT NO CHARGE for all students. At 3:30, the regular fees apply.

10/2: Dismissal @ 11:30 (no lunch/ no after care) Parent/Teacher Conferences

PTO

The St Ailbe PTO is hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, **October 26, 2019** at St Ailbe School. We're looking for parents to join us as we plan a fun event for our students!! **If you have a penchant for ghoulish activities, come and join us at our next meeting, Monday September 30 at 6pm in the St. Ailbe Cafeteria.**

We're looking for old, Halloween costumes that no longer fit. **You can turn in those costumes to the main office.**



Halloween Trunk-or-Treat

Start preparing your ideas now! Trunk-or-Treat will be back on Halloween! We had 48 families decorate their cars last year and help pass out candy, and this year, we are looking for even more! Most creative car, as voted on by the adult participants, will win a Dunkin' Donuts gift card and bragging rights. More information to come, but start thinking about it now!

Raffle Tickets

Please remember to pick up your Fall Raffle Tickets in the office. All families are responsible for selling 30 tickets. You have about a month to get those sold! Come in soon to get started! All tickets have a chance to win a \$1000 prize!

AUP

Acceptable Use Policies were sent home with all students in grades 3-8. Please ensure students get those back to their teachers so we are able to get students using their computers with complete engagement!

