

# ST. AILBE NEWSLETTER

Week 14, Nov. 20

## Academic Excellence

With Thanksgiving Break coming up and Christmas Break right around the corner, think about how to use your down time to give students a way to connect with content. Can you create a reading time or corner to encourage reading? Is there a certain time of the day all electronics need to be off? Is there a certain time the students can be on one of the websites that corresponds with what is being done in class? We want to encourage the learning, even when there is not "work". Learning should be fun! Think about checking out some of the museum passes from the Chicago Public Libraries to explore the amazing museums right in our backyard. The Museum of Science and Industry is my personal favorite and has endless options to explore and entertain. The Field Museum, the Art Institute, the Shedd Aquarium, the Children's Museum at Navy Pier... and on and on and on. Stay busy and engaged!

## Christian Values

### **I am third.**

This phrase that students hear and see regularly means a lot to our community. We all love to put God first, others second, and ourselves third. We want to live for God by working for others. Throughout the holiday season, we will have various ways to live out *I AM THIRD* in actionable ways. We hope this goes beyond our school walks so you can see your child being a young man or lady living for others.

Our younger grades, ECC-4th, are collecting travel size personal hygiene products to create bags to give to those in need. Even if your child is in a different grade, if you would like to donate, we would gladly pass on your donation!

Kente Mass is on December 2 at 8:30. Please come recognize our outstanding group of students!

*Our Christmas Performance will be on December 18 at 6:00 pm.*

## Family Partnerships

**Thanksgiving Break is from Wednesday, November 27- Friday, November 29.**



### Instagram

If you have not yet connected to our Instagram, check out StAilbeSchool!! Current events are always pictured to see what's going on. Today's picture comes from our ECC/K Thanksgiving Feast! What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season! Thank you to all the parents, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas that came!

*Pre-K and Kindergarten had a great time celebrating with family during their Thanksgiving Feast.*

If you have not filled out a lunch form for the school year and may qualify for free or reduced lunches, I am asking that you please fill out your information by November 30. Whether or not you decide to go with the school lunches, there is funding tied to the school percentage of free and reduced lunches. We need everyone filling out the paperwork to help make a greater impact!

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

Check our school website for the monthly calendar of activities!

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

**11/23:** Register for Catholic High School Exam

**11/27-11/29:** NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

**12/2:** Kente Mass

**12/3:** Early Release

**12/6:** Coffee with the Principal

**12/18:** NO AFTERCARE Christmas Performance 6:00 pm

**12/20:** NO AFTERCARE

**12/23-1/3:** NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

## Entrepreneur Club



Starting Monday during the lunch/recess period, Mrs. Mostyn is sponsoring the Entrepreneur Club for grades 6-8. The Entrepreneur Club is set up like Shark Tank, where groups create real inventions and then present in April in front of real CEOs from real businesses in Chicago. Part of the Entrepreneur Club will present and answer questions while selling the car St. Ailbe invention. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Mostyn with any questions at [amostyn@stailbeschool.org](mailto:amostyn@stailbeschool.org). We will have regular updates to let you know how far we've come!



## Nominate a Teacher

We have amazing teachers at St. Ailbe! Why not try to recognize them for all of the hard work they put in to ensure your child is growing to success? 93.9 recognizes teachers weekly with their Teacher Salute who have really made education their life's work. If you feel like you

have had a teacher that has truly impacted your child, click on the link below. We'd love to recognize teachers more, and this is one way to get the word out about everything they are doing!

<https://939litefm.iheart.com/contests/melissa-formans-teacher-salute-nominate-a-700984/>

## Reminders

Please remember to check the school calendar on our school website at [stailbeschool.org](http://stailbeschool.org). The first Tuesday of the month is early release at 1:30 for collaborative professional development. Students may stay until their regular dismissal time (3:15/3:30) at no additional charge.

**In inclement weather, student dismissal is from the church doors off of the large parking lot. YOU DO NOT NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CARS. Pull around, and your child will be escorted to the car.**

**We do not want parents/guardians entering the doors due to space constraints and safety.**

## Office Contact Information

**773-734-1386**

**Office Hours: M-F 7:00-3:30**

