

# the weekly.

St. Ailbe Catholic School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 12                      Staff Development Day- NO SCHOOL  
Feb. 15                      Presidents' Day- NO SCHOOL  
Feb. 19                      100th Day of School! (WHAT?!)

## excellence is intentional.

### Black History Month

Teachers are all excited about our plans for Black History Month, and we know the students will be too! Students are encouraged to wear GREEN, RED, and/or BLACK on THURSDAYS throughout the month of February. Throughout the month, we have virtual field trips and experiences planned for all the grades, working with Microsoft and museums from around the country. As students take part, we'll share the information and work the students complete- we are so excited for these to begin, for all students- both at school and home!

This Monday, we are starting a new special for students in the building. All students at school will be participating in African drumming! We are very excited to get this started and excited to share what the students learn!

### Catholic Schools' Week

THANK YOU to our volunteer readers, Steve from Let the World Know, and Vincent from McDonald's for helping make our Catholic Schools' Week special, even in this different time. THANK YOU, especially, to all of the families that sent in messages for our staff! You brought many smiles after this week of new teaching! We love you; we love our students! We will continue to provide values-based education in whatever means we need to ensure that our students will grow to be whoever they'd like to be! No doors will be closed to our students!

## relationships come first.

### REGISTRATION

If you'd like to get a head start on registration, please click here with the forms that must be completed. Remember the registration fee will not be added to your FACTS account until this has been completed. Please inform the office when it is so we can move forward with the registration processing.

### We most likely will need to cap classes next year based on social distancing requirements.

That means that classrooms will be capped at a capacity limit, which will be between 15-20 students, depending upon the classroom. **We fully anticipate filling classes and having waitlists for grades.** The earlier you register, the better chance of guaranteeing your seat.

### Currently registered:

ECC	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6	5	3	2	4	2	6	7	3	3

**We are continuing the \$75 registration fee THROUGH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9! Don't miss out- get your seat today! Remember- waitlists *will* happen this year!**

### RETURN TO IN PERSON

In person instruction and virtual learning are going to be different. The needs of the students within the classroom are returning to the responsibility of the teacher, which is a major and joyful switch! There are activities, just like the African drumming and different 100th Day Celebrations, that will be for in person students. There are Zoom times that will be only for virtual students. EVERYONE, every single person, is sacrificing in some way, and we are keenly aware of that. No one is better. No decision is right. We are doing the very best to ensure that all students feel happy and excited to be doing school! This transition has been exciting and tricky, but I know everyone in school would agree that we are SO grateful to have the masked faces back! That being said, we also completely understand and respect that coming back in is just not the right fit for all students right now. We love all are students and are genuinely looking forward to the day that everyone can be back. Until then, we'll keep Zooming, we'll keep lunches open, we'll keep doin' what we do because we are St. Ailbe and all of our students deserve to see growth this year!

Another change due to the increase in cohorts is the drop off and pick up procedures. Students who come to before care can arrive at 7:00 am at Door 1, off the main parking lot. Students staying for extended care will be picked up at Door 3, between 3:15-5:00. We are not yet able to extend that time past 5:00 pm, but it is something we are working towards.

There will be a staggered drop off. While this drop off is now longer, it ensures that students have as little crossing of cohorts as possible. Students who are tardy will not be allowed in any door outside of Door 3 (main door off of the large parking lot). **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DOORS FOR K and TARDIES.** This was a logistical issue that was fixed with the switch. Thank you!

	Door 1	Door 2	Door 3	Door 4 (ECC)
7:00-7:45	Before Care			
7:45-8:00	Cohort 5-8	Cohort 3-4	Cohort 1-2	
8:00-8:15		K	TARDIES	ECC
2:45-3:00		K		ECC

3:00-3:15	Cohort 5-8	Cohort 3-4	Cohort 1-2	
3:15-5:00			After Care	

Extended Care takes a little more planning now with the spacing restrictions and wanting to keep cohorts separated. Starting for the week of Feb. 8, **[ALL FAMILIES NEEDING EXTENDED CARE MUST SIGN UP HERE BY THE WEDNESDAY THE WEEK PRIOR TO ATTENDING.](#)** You can always access the sign up through our school website, [www.stailbeschool.org](http://www.stailbeschool.org), click on MAIN OFFICE, then click on EXTENDED DAY SIGN UP. Any families who sign up later or do not sign up but use the services, you will be charged \$15 for that week in addition to the cost of extended care services..

### FRIDAY INDEPENDENT STUDY

Similar to what we've started throughout the month of January, we are going to continue with the independent study time from 1:00-3:00 in grades 1-8. This time is used for collaboration by our teachers and has been successful in getting goal setting and planning for students moving forward. That time is going to be done in school as well, with students split by cohorts, work assigned by teachers, and supervision by aides for those cohorts. **[If you would like to pick your student up at 1:00 on Fridays to complete the work at home, there will not be any "ding" to their attendance. THIS IS NOT NEEDED AND NOT REQUIRED- the students will have work to complete and the supervision to do so.](#)** PK students and K students are set up differently, with nap time (PK) and center time work for the students. As a treat, not on a regular basis, classes may be rewarded with a movie day during that time.

### UPDATED TRAVEL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

This year is different. In order for our school to be able to remain open, we need families to make safe decisions for everyone within the school. This year shows how interconnected we all are and why we need to make decisions for the consideration of all. **The Archdiocese of Chicago has just updated their travel policy in regards to in person students/staff since last week.**

- Quarantine periods for all domestic travel (travel out of Illinois) is **now 14 days**.
- Quarantines for international travel quarantine remain 14 days.
- Quarantines for COVID-19 exposure cases also remain 14-days (based upon the recommendation of all departments of public health in those jurisdictions in which the archdiocese operates and our own medical advisors).

As the cold and flu season approaches, please remember that students will be sent home with any fever and/or exhibiting symptoms on the list that was sent out. If the student remains fever free for 24 hours without any fever reducing medication in addition to a reduction of symptoms by at least 75%. If the symptoms have not subsided or the fever is still present, the student will need a negative COVID test and remain out for 14 days from the onset of symptoms, positive COVID test and remain out for 10 days, or a definitive doctor's note with alternative diagnosis and stating it is not COVID. We do this for the safety of everyone at school.

**catalyst for change.**

**NOMINATE A STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

The idea of making a community change begins with just one person choosing “right”. Our St. Ailbe students are a force in creating an amazing wave of change, and we are going to recognize this weekly. We are going to start highlighting a student who has done amazing things by living out our motto, **I AM THIRD**, both within and outside of school. **If you have any nominations for a student who has lived out I AM THIRD for his fellow students, neighbors, or community, please let us know so we can share that out!** Nomination forms are available at [stailbeschool.org](https://stailbeschool.org) under the Main Office tab or at this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkFJnTUo6FWRws2SOtNR-fK9eypBiYmBgm6o9iVrrBUDmMnQ/viewform>.