

ST. AILBE NEWSLETTER

Week 12, Nov. 7

Academic Excellence

Students were able to show off all their skills this past Wednesday! Big Shoulders sponsored Lend a Shoulder Day at St. Ailbe, which brought out over 20 people from various businesses in the city so they could see the amazing work Big Shoulders helps provide in schools throughout Chicago. The visitors were able to see our build up of our primary and their beginning reading skills, the new math curriculum throughout PK-5, the amazing fact knowledge with the Constitution in 7th grade, and hands on science in our upper grades. This is an important day to build an understanding in the greater community of not only the amazing support we get from Big Shoulders, but to also let them see that with the support, we have students doing unbelievable things! Thank you to our volunteers that day, and a HUGE shoutout to our 7th and 8th grade students who helped greet our visitors and move them around the school smoothly.

Report Cards for the first trimester will go home on Thursday, November 14. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions. We are looking forward to a strong end to our first trimester and an even stronger beginning to our second!!!!

Christian Values

All of our students attend St. Ailbe, but do you know who St. Ailbe was? Here is information from CatholicBrain.com:

Bishop of Emly in Munster (Ireland); d. about 527, or 541. It is very difficult to sift out the germs of truth from among the mass of legends which have gathered round the life of this Irish saint. Beyond the fact, which is itself disputed, that he was a disciple of St. Patrick and was probably ordained priest by him, we know really nothing of the history of St. Ailbe. Legend says that in his infancy he was left in the forest to be devoured by the wolves, but that a she-wolf took compassion upon him and suckled him. Long afterwards, when Ailbe was bishop, an old she-wolf, pursued by a hunting party, fled to the Bishop and laid her head upon his breast. Ailbe protected his old foster-mother, and every day thereafter she and her little ones came to take their food in his hall. The Acts of St. Ailbe are quite untrustworthy; they represent Ailbe as preaching in Ireland before St. Patrick, but this is directly contradicted by St. Patrick's biographer, Tirechan. Probably the most authentic information we possess about Ailbe is that contained in Cuimmon's eulogium: Ailbe loved hospitality. The devotion was not untruthful. Never entered a body of clay one that was better as to food and raiment. His feast, which is 12 September, is kept throughout Ireland as a greater double.

Family Partnerships

WINNERS FOR THE FALL RAFFLE!

Lauren Kyte

Jamie Maddox

Hector Jean

Yasmina Vaval

June Wilson

****Luckner Jean** Our BIG WINNER!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle. Remember, our second raffle is in the Spring, with the same prizes! We look forward to getting our sales up to help increase technology throughout our school!

An email will go out this week about Spirit Wear! In an effort to help our students get excited about school and show off what we are about, we invite all students to wear their spirit wear tops with their uniform bottoms on Fridays. This is a fun way to give students more of a choice throughout the school year!

NEXT THURSDAY, November 14, students can wear Catholic HS or any college t-shirts/sweatshirts to school with their school pants. This is a fun way to focus on the future, start a conversation about the future, and remind all of our students that elementary school is the first step of many to come. Please support by helping your child show their future schools!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY is November 13. If you want your child to retake his/her pictures or your child did not take pictures because of an absence, please send them in whatever clothing you would like them to wear for the pictures.

NO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 15 DUE TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Junior Explorers will be attending the Museum of Science and Industry. If your child is not part of Junior Explorers and is interested in attending, you may contact the office for availability by Wednesday, November 13.

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.

We have a traveling wolf trophy to grades based on

attendance, tardies, and academics.

Check in with your student to see who has the trophy!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

11/4: Delinquent Tuition Exclusion Day

11/13: PICTURE RETAKE DAY

11/14: Catholic HS/ College Shirt Day

11/15: NO SCHOOL. Junior Explorers

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

PTO

With Halloween past us, the PTO is now looking forward to plan events during the winter months. We can always use a fresh perspective and helping heart! Please come out to help us plan with a group that is working hard towards improving our children's school in various ways! Keep an eye out for information about our next meeting.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Winners:

\$100 Prizes

Mon- Lauren Kyte

Tues- Jamie Maddox

Wed- Hector Jean

Thurs- Yasmina Vaval

Fri- June Wilson/ Luckner Jean

Picture Retake Day

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

If your child has not taken a school picture or would like to retake, please send your child in clothing in which you would like him/her to take their picture. Please contact the office with any questions.

Reminders

Please



remember to

check the school calendar on our school website at 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

