

Academic Excellence

One of the best things you can do as a parent is encourage and jump into reading with your child! This could be a book you loved, this could be a magazine that has topics you both like, this could be letting your child decide so you get a little more of an idea of what they like and where they spend their time. We need to continue to use time at home for this important skill that will take them anywhere in life. I encourage you to go to the libraries and get a real book. Using a Kindle or reading device is a great option, but a book is “novel”- students get to enjoy the reading differently- and will not get distracted by other things (games, texting, Snapchat, etc.) that may be on the device.

Our 8th graders have been doing an amazing job as the leaders of our school! The process of getting students into a good high school starts now. If you would like to explore selective enrollment options, make sure to sign up for a testing date through <https://go.cps.edu/high-school>. We just had a bunch of high schools come out and speak to the students. There were some that could not make it on that date that we are in the process of rescheduling. Please remember all 8th graders should take part in AT LEAST two shadow days. I HIGHLY suggest going to shadow on a day that is not a designated date so the students can get a more realistic idea of what the school is actually like. Parents, schools are always willing to sit down with you too. If you specifically ask to speak with someone about admissions and tuition, they will set up a time to ensure that is taken care of well ahead of the Catholic school testing date.

Christian Values

Thank you to the families that made it to Family Mass! It was a wonderful day celebrating with the Cardinal of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

This idea is adapted from buildfaith.org. Creating prayer sticks can help children think of ways to pray when they are learning how to pray and think of different things for which to pray. This can help make prayer a normal, regular occurrence throughout their life.

Materials Needed

- Multicolor popsicle sticks or craft sticks
- Permanent markers
- Mason jar or other container

How To Do It

1. Choose your container. The containers used to hold these prayer sticks can range from simple flower pots and mason jars to highly decorated containers.
2. Write prayer intention on your craft sticks. I wanted to expand my daughter's understanding of prayer, so I started with four types of prayer: adoration, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving. Using craft sticks in a variety of colors, I wrote the type of prayer on the corresponding color.
 - Red = Adoration (praising God) (God is good!)
 - Blue = Petition (asking God for our own needs) (Please help me solve my problem.)
 - Green = Intercession (asking God for the needs of others) (Please help my aunt get better)
 - Purple = Thanksgiving (thanking God for our blessings) (Thank you for my family!)
3. Place your prayer sticks inside the container and set it on the kitchen table or other common space in the home.

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 Monday, 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

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more than \$150, the overage will be applied to the Spring raffle to count towards the fundraiser total of \$300.

OCTOBER 26th is the PTO's HALLOWEEN PARTY at St. Ailbe from 12:00-4:00 pm! Flyers went home about this. The afternoon is going to be a lot of fun, so bring your friends, get in your costumes, and come on over! \$5/person charge can be paid early in the school office or \$7/person at the door.

The St. Ailbe PTO is hosting a Spooktacular Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th from 12-4 pm. We're looking for St Ailbe parents to help us with the planning, set up and breakdown of the event.

Helping out with the party is a fun way to rack up parent volunteer hours. Volunteers will help set up, serve food, run games, help with the craft stations, assist with face painting and more. You can sign up for Friday night or Saturday before, during or after the event.

Click the [link](#) to view and sign up for specific volunteer needs.

Note: Volunteers who are working during the party must be Virtus trained.

TRUNK OR TREAT is going to move forward on October 31! Get your cars prepared, get in costumes; this is one of the most fun ways to get your volunteer hours! Trunk or Treat will be held in the St. Ailbe large parking lot. Please get your sign up sheet in so we can prepare for the day. All registration is due by October 25. Thank you in advance for your help and hospitality!

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!



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:

10/18: Field Trip PK-3 Apple Orchard

10/18: Field Trip 5-8th Holy Fire

10/26:

Halloween Party

@ Ailbe!

12:00-4:00

10/31: TRUNK OR TREAT!

11/4: Kente Mass



PTO

The St Ailbe PTO is hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 12:00-4:00 pm at St Ailbe School. We're looking for parents to join us as we plan a fun event for our students!! We're looking for old, Halloween costumes that no longer fit. **You can turn in those costumes to the main office. You can also sign up to volunteer for the party! A**

fun way to help out and get volunteer hours:)

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. See the flyer for more information about signing up.

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! **RAFFLE TICKETS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21!**

