

# ST. AILBE NEWSLETTER

Week 20, Jan. 15

## Academic Excellence

Achievement Conferences will be held TOMORROW between 11:30-6:00. Conferences are scheduled, so if you have not signed up for a time, please email the teacher to set that up. We are very focused on goals for students. You should always be able to talk to your child's teacher to hear where your child is academically and what goals are set for the coming month, and then also about progress towards the goals. Growth is our goal for the year! I am confident, especially after being able to see the preliminary results from our second diagnostic testing session on iReady, that students are growing... and not just a little, but A LOT! This is AMAZING to see on our end, and when results are ready in the next weeks, we will let you know.

## Christian Values

CONGRATULATIONS to our Kente Students for January:

PK Samiyah Hubbard, K Bellamy Blackmond, 1st Micah Weaver, 2nd Kaliyah Pargo, 3rd Taj Moore, 4th Danica Dean, 5th Rayna Williams, 6th Nazeer Muhammad, 7th Brooke Harris, 8th Aniyah Simpson

JANUARY 26 will be a special FAMILY MASS at 10:00 am to kick off CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK! All students are expected to come, and students that come for the mass in uniform will receive an out of uniform pass! Following mass, there is going to be a WINTER BASH. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Wallace at [awallace@stailbeschool.org](mailto:awallace@stailbeschool.org). Volunteers must sign up prior to the Bash.

The WHOLE WEEK is going to be FULL of fun activities for the families and students, and we are looking to have all of our students complete the registration for 2020-2021 school year, starting with an AMAZING deal on the registration fee! Catholic Schools' Week is THE week to register! You will not want to delay!

## Family Partnerships



• Thursday January 16 is early release at 11:30. NO AFTERCARE

• Friday, January 17 is Jr. Explorers/ NO SCHOOL for professional development.

Instagram

If you have not yet connected to our Instagram, check out **StAilbeSchool** ! 5th: The 5th graders took some time this morning to reflect on their favorite books so far this year. Thinking about what they liked and why will help them pick their next independent reading books. What is your favorite book you've read so far this school year? Let us know below!

The Tax Credit Scholarship application process is coming up quickly! There are two SGOs that will work for St. Ailbe. There may possibly be more that you hear of; investigate and see if they will work. Your best bets right now are to apply to BOTH the Big Shoulders Fund SGO AND Empower Illinois. Please visit <https://www.stailbeschool.org/tax-credit-scholarship> for links and more information.

Big Shoulders Fund SGO opened their application yesterday at 8:00. While the funds are probably already done, it is important to still apply because some other scholarships are contingent upon filling out the tax credit scholarship.

Empower Illinois will open their application on **JANUARY 15 at 6:30pm (TODAY)** to fill out the information, with the submission beginning at 7:00pm. This is a new way of doing it. **Remember, this is first come, first served.** THIS MEANS EVERYONE WHO WILL GET A SCHOLARSHIP WILL LIKELY SUBMIT WITHIN SECONDS because everyone just has to hit "Submit" if the information is ready to go. For Empower, you will need to be prepared at 6:30 and

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AS SOON AS the screen changes to allow submission, you go. All of this information and more is available at <https://www.stailbeschool.org/tax-credit-scholarship>



## 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.

**ALL HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 6.**

- 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:

**1/15:** Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Application 6:30pm

**1/16:** Early Dismissal 11:30am/Student Achievement Conferences NO AFTERCARE

**1/17:** No School/ Jr. Explorers

**1/26: Family Mass/Catholic Schools' Week/ Winter Bash 10:00am**



## Winter Bash

Following our Family Mass on January 26, there will be a Winter Bash in the Parish Hall with music, food, and drinks at no cost! This will be a fun way to kick off our week of fun with Catholic Schools' Week! Come on out to enjoy! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Wallace to get added to the volunteer list. [awallace@stailbeschool.org](mailto:awallace@stailbeschool.org)

## Registration/Recruitment

Registration for families will begin after mass on January 26 at the school. When families register early, the school can plan for the following year. Please be aware that classes will be capped! Your seat is guaranteed when you register! Keep an eye out for exciting information regarding the Catholic Schools Week SALE!

Families that recruit new students for the 2020-2021 school year can benefit from our recruitment incentive! One student recruited will forgive your fundraising requirement. Two students takes away your

fundraising requirement in addition to your last months' tuition payment. Three students, fundraising and the last two months tuition are taken away, and so on. You could have a full year with no tuition if you bring in eleven students! Our families are the best way to get out the word on the amazing things happening at the school. Thank you for all you do!

## Jr. Explorers

This month on January 17, Jr. Explorers will be venturing out to the Peggy Notebaert Museum! Students enrolled in the program may come for extended care from 7:00-8:00 and 3:00-6:00. The trip will take place between 8:00-3:00. Lunches will be provided for students.

## Reminders

**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**