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St. Ailbe Catholic School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 30

Required Virtus Class for Students

April 1-7

EASTER BREAK

Remember to read over the TRAVEL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS below!

We're all making sacrifices to make sure everyone can stay healthy!

As families in person are making decisions to travel, please understand that we keep the safety of all within the building as the top priority. For your safety and the safety of all within the building, we must enforce the quarantine period necessary. If your child is in the building and must quarantine due to traveling, please let your child's teacher know so we can send home work. Devices will not be sent home in most grades, as the students in school are no longer using the device as the primary mode of learning. Packets, books, and information about the work will be sent home to be completed over the quarantine period.

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Virtus Class for Students

On Tuesday, March 30, all students in grades K-8 will take part in a class with grade specific content relating to understanding stranger-danger, how to tell another person, "No," and how to get help if something is making them uncomfortable. These classes are made specifically for children and are completely appropriate for students and have important information for the students to hear. This is a class required by the state of Illinois (Erin's Law) and put together by the Archdiocese of Chicago. If you would not like your child to participate, they will be removed from the class for the entirety of the lesson with alternative work given. [This form MUST be completed only if you would like for your student\(s\) to be removed by Monday, March 29.](#)

Fundraising Commitment

[Please fill out this survey for the fundraising commitment by Monday, March 29.](#)

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm! Bingo and prizes!!!!!!

B-I-N-G-O!

We are going to have a virtual BINGO fundraiser! Get your drinks... get your snacks! Let's have some fun together!

Bingo cards to play will be \$25 each. You must purchase a card from St. Ailbe in order to be able to play. Prizes for each round, ranging from \$5-\$500 in value. Toys, gift cards, baskets, cash... get excited!!!!!! Pictures of our prizes will be posted throughout next week on our Instagram and Facebook. Our fundraiser event for the school year will be held on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm.

Bingo cards can be purchased using this link: <https://forms.gle/cG9cYgwQKXz1JJrEA>

If you would like to create a prize basket for bingo night, the cost of the basket will be deducted from your fundraising total with receipts provided to the office.

Cash is not accepted in the office. All families will see a \$300 fundraiser fee added to their FACTS account, due by the May tuition payment. Families can choose to pay \$300 by April 19 in order to participate in BINGO, pay half of the \$300 to play BINGO with less cards, or pay \$300 by the May tuition payment in order to meet the required fee. All payments are going to come through families' FACTS accounts- families will collect the payments and make an online payment towards the fundraising fee.

If you chose to split the payment, we will put in two separate incidental expenses listed as Fundraising- Family and Fundraising- Raised. That way will allow one payment of \$150 to be due by April 19 and one to be paid by the May tuition payment.

BINGO cards can be picked up after payment is processed on FACTS. Cards can either be mailed or picked up at the school. Please indicate which method you would prefer. A Zoom link will be provided when cards are picked up. Please note the BINGO card must come from St. Ailbe to be eligible to win prizes. If the bingo card needs to get to family members outside of your household, we can email the card or mail the card to other addresses as needed.

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Women's History Month

Any students who would like to wear a PURPLE or Women's History Related shirt on Thursdays are encouraged to celebrate with our school as we honor all the important women in our history who have helped make our world a better place!

Return to In Person Learning

Students need to be dropped off between 7:45-8:00. After 8:00, please use the main entrance door off of the large parking lot, Door 1, for students who are tardy.

At dismissal, students MUST get to their lines first. PLEASE DO NOT call students out of line. This is very unsafe as cars are moving around and the younger students (older students as well) are not looking for the cars that are ready to go. Parents- please get your students from the lines by waving. The students need to tell their teacher they are leaving so teachers can visually see that everyone is getting out safe. We appreciate your cooperation as student safety is a primary concern for all of us at St. Ailbe.

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REGISTRATION

[You can register HERE.](#) 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	6	12	7	11	5	9	13	10	9

We are now registering families for \$175 through April 11!

Save \$150! Don't miss out- get your seat today!

Remember- waitlists will happen this year!

REFERRAL INCENTIVE

If you are a current family, there are benefits to letting others know the great things going on here! If you refer one family and they register and stay the school year, your fundraising requirement (\$300) is waived! If you refer two families, your last month's tuition is waived. If you refer three, your last two months' tuition is waived. If you refer four, your last three months' tuition is waived, and so on. Your students could attend for free if you get more students to register and attend!

EXTENDED 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, 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..

IN SCHOOL STUDENTS

If your child is going to miss a day, he/she will make it up when he/she returns instead of jumping onto virtual learning. An example of an acceptable reason for a single day absence would be a dentist appointment. At this point, most of the classrooms have had a significant change in the instruction method and the switch between the two is not as seamless as it was when everyone was learning virtually. The only time a switch will be made is if the child is going to be quarantined or need to stay out for an extended period due to illness that is communicated to the school. Remember that if your child is experiencing any symptoms, please keep him/her home to monitor for a 24 hour period. If the symptoms happen at school, he/she would be out at least one more full day to ensure that 24 hour period is met.

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 10 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).

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.