

ST. AILBE NEWSLETTER

Week 19, Jan. 8

Academic Excellence

Sign up for Student Achievement Conferences is attached today, but will be sent home by teachers tomorrow. Your child's teacher is going to request a conference if necessary, and you may request if one was not requested. All students are going to have very clear math and reading goals set that you should discuss with your child's teacher for the coming month. These short term, ambitious goals are how we are going to see and ensure growth from every student. Student Achievement Conferences are on January 16, so dismissal will be at 11:30 on that day- no lunch.

Christian Values

Kente Mass is on Monday, January 13 at 8:30. Please celebrate with us!

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

Instagram

If you have not yet connected to our Instagram, check out **StAilbeSchool** ! ECC: "I can change the world with my own hands, Make a better place with my own hands, Make a kinder place with my own hands." -My Own Hands

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 will open their application on **JANUARY 14 at 8:00am**. The applications get timestamped to the millisecond, and that can be a

make-or-break reason as to why you did or did not get a scholarship. Having all of your information ready and a fast typer is essential to having the greatest chance of receiving a scholarship.

Empower Illinois will open their application on **JANUARY 15 at 6:30pm** to fill out the information, with the submission beginning at 7:00pm. This is a new way of doing it. 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 AS SOON AS the screen changes to allow submission, you go.

St. Ailbe will be open during the time of the Big Shoulders application process. If you would like to use our computer lab, please feel free to reach out so we can ensure there is a computer, but we'd love to have you! If you are concerned about the speed of your typing or having the information ready, again, please reach out so we can make sure all of the information is ready to go when needed. All of this information and more is available at <https://www.stailbeschool.org/tax-credit-scholarship>



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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

Check our school website for the monthly calendar of activities!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/10: Coffee with the Principal 8:00am

1/13: Kente Mass 8:30am

1/14: Big Shoulders Fund SGO Tax Credit Scholarship application 8:00am

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

1/16: Early Dismissal 11:30am/Student Achievement Conferences

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

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 out 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

