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St. Ailbe Catholic School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 14 Picture Day Survey Due (Current Remote Learners ONLY-
<https://forms.gle/5k5Y6mj9mJY2HMzCA>)
- March 16** **End of Trimester 2/ Report Cards come home the following week**
- March 19 Picture Day
- March 22** **Transition to IN PERSON (if chosen on survey)**
- 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!

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Fundraising Commitment

The fundraising commitment is critical in our budgeting, and this year is no different in that respect. This year we are offering a little different way in completing the fundraising commitment for each family of \$300. A survey (I know- another survey... I promise it will be the final one for a while) will go out next week explaining the different ways to reach that commitment so we can get started. We have different options that were discussed at different parent roundtable meetings, and we appreciate the parents input from those discussions. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.

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!

5 Essentials/ 3Cs

We are currently at 21%. THANK YOU to the parents who have filled it out already. If you have not, and especially in light of my announcement, this data will be used in figuring out how to move forward. Here is the link to take the 5 Essentials/3Cs.

2021 Archdiocese of Chicago Parent Survey

Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent/>

We use this information to help us plan out goals for the following year. Obviously, this year has been... different to say the least, but we have valued your feedback for the set up of our school year and have been proud of the consistency of our program! This will be completely anonymous so no direct answers can be made, but as always, if you have any questions or feedback or ideas or concerns, we want to be able to address them directly and immediately! Please reach out!

Return to In Person Learning

On March 22, 71% of our students will be in our building! We are very excited to have the students back in person, and more importantly than our excitement, we are ready to have the students back in safely.

Specific information for ALL in person learners will be sent out by Tuesday of next week, with drop off times for pick up and dismissal changing for all students (7:45-3:00) and with an updated schedule. Because of the increase in students, the cohorts have had to change to make sure the students would be able to be together and spread apart in the same space appropriately. Remember that if you are an in person learner, there is a chance you may need to quarantine, and we'll be ready in that case too.

For ALL students who are remaining remote, your child's schedule will change. There most likely will be a decrease in the amount of time during the day that the teacher will be available via the computer, but the instruction and materials will be available throughout the day, and communication will still continue. This information will be shared with you by Tuesday of next week as well.

Breakdown by Grade

	In School (Mar)	Home (Mar)
ECC	11	3
K	12	3
1	7	4
2	10	2
3	6	1
4	8	2
5	9	5
6	5	5
7	5	4
8	8	4
Totals	81	33

relationships come first.

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	5	11	7	9	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).

As the cold and flu season approaches, 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.

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NOMINATE A STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The idea of making a community change begins with just one person choosing “right”. Our St. Ailbe students are a force in creating an amazing wave of change, and we are going to recognize this weekly. We are going to start highlighting a student who has done amazing things by living out our motto, **I AM THIRD**, both within and outside of school. ***If you have any nominations for a student who has lived out I AM THIRD for his fellow students, neighbors, or community, please let us know so we can share that out!*** Nomination forms are available at stailbeschool.org under the Main Office tab or at this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkFJnTUo6FWRws2SOtNR-fK9eupBiYmBgm6o9iVrrBUDmMnQ/viewform>.