

#8 SUMMER NEWSLETTER for St. Mary's Parish School
Week of August 1, 2021



Summer Program



THEME: *Fun in the Sun...* This week is filled various activities focused on water activities such as a water balloon pinata. The children will be creative chalk on the sidewalks and PE activities and time at the East City Park. Activities to be ready for the **CARNIVAL** event on Thursday, August 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. As one of the parents have told us, this summer program is one of *structure AND joy!* *There are only have two more weeks of the Summer Program.* Do let Lori Johnson, Director (208-669-1119) if you want your child to attend. For the Carnival on August 12 we want to **create animals from balloons** (we'll provide the balloons and instructions on HOW to make them!). Can you assist us? Please call and talk to Lori Johnson, Director: 208-669-1119. Thank you so very much!



With the knowledge that Mrs. Flanders will not be returning to assist Debbie Johnson, Office Manager. This position is now open. Person to be hired needs working knowledge of computer programs such as Excel, Word, Outlook, Power Point, etc. Person must possess excellent phone and people skills and is discreet. And given all that does take place in any given day, the person needs to be able to be a *multi-tasker*. It is a position that is filled with many tasks, yes; but the rewards are out of this world!!! If interested OR if you know some persons who would be GREAT in this position, please have them call the school for an application form (208-882-2121). Thank you! The job will remain open till filled.

Some questions we've been asked about school are the following

- Q. Key question is the health provisions regarding school this fall are?**
- A. Given that the start of the new school year is still a month away (August 31) and given the recent rise in the virus cases in our area, etc. we will need to have the best information available in order to make the best decisions for the health, safety for our students and staff. We are keeping close contact with Carol Moehrle of North Central.
- Q. Will there be an opportunity to have all families come together for a *Back to School Night*?**
- A. *As it stands now:* the answer is "yes". On Monday, August 30, our plan is to have a BBQ for all families provided by the School Board members. It is planned for 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. After the BBQ, the schedule is: **6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** meeting with teachers of Grades PS through Grade 5 and then **7:00 to 7:30 p.m.** meeting with teachers of Grades 6-8 upstairs in the wing off the gym.

Also, grades PS through Grade 5 will repeat their presentation to give the opportunity for all families with multiple children to meet with their children’s teacher.

Q. When does school open?

A. School opens the day after the BBQ---on Tuesday, August 31st. All students need to be on the ground on/by 8:00a.m. for school. (Childcare begins at 7:00 a.m.). When they come to school it will be necessary to have their temperature taken at the kiosk in the school.

Q. Where do we buy the School Uniform? And what is required for the Uniform?

A. Schoolbelles is our uniform company. **Attached is the order form from Schoolbelles Company.** Please connect with them to place your order.

Q. May we buy the clothes required by the school for the uniform at local stores?

A. As long as it is exactly the same, the answer is “yes”. However, the school logo **IS required** on the student’s shirt. Thank you!

Q. Why are the families in Preschool through 8th Grade required to participate in the school’s fundraisers?

A. As a school, a key focus is to create viable ways of connecting the families in meaningful ways. As you may know the *actual* cost to education *every student* is \$7200. Tuition covers about 47% of the actual cost. Donations from the Foundation, St. Mary’s Parish and individual donors assists with about 30% of the actual cost. The remaining amount comes from our **fundraisers**. And our focus here is not only on the money for the school budget, but actually on the **fun** part by bringing parents together so they get to know one another in a common project.

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Remember to share your **favorite dessert** recipes with us. The Catholic Women’s League is collecting “*Dessert Recipes*” for a dessert cookbook. Please bring your recipe to the church office.

EVENTS coming up:

A. Have you heard about the movie, **The Chosen**? It’s a wonderful adventure in the life of Jesus—it’s a wonderful portrayal of Jesus and his companions. It will be shown on **Thursday evenings** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church Parish Family Center on East First St. It’s free for all.



- B. Vacation Bible School will be two days at the Parish Center (August 11 and 12th) For more information and to sign-up, call 208-882-4813 and ask for Jen Morrison.

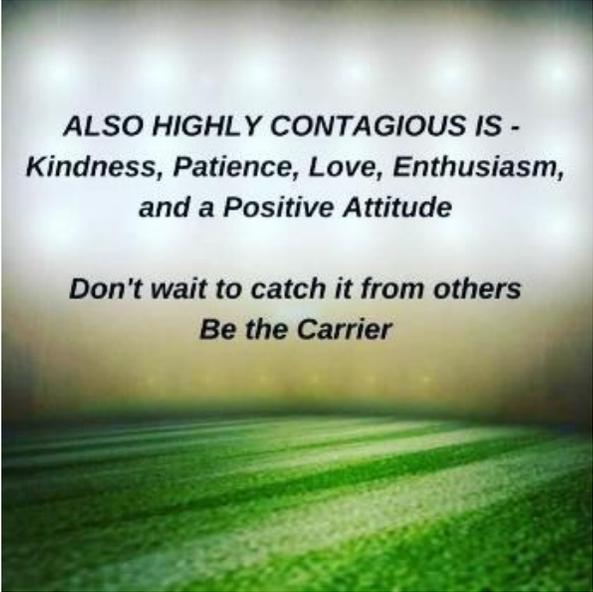
- C. Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? Or becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who would? Classes will begin on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Each one is invited to **come and see what we are about.**



And please ***continue inviting your neighbors and friends to consider St. Mary's School*** for their children....you are doing a great job spreading the Good News!!! We have accepted new families for this coming year in grades Preschool through 8th Grade!

Blessings on your family during this summer break,

Sister Margaret Johnson, osu
Interim Principal



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