

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK!

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

The school year is off to an unusually good start! The children have been most cooperative and have settled into their classes nicely. We extend a special welcome the following new students and their families:

J Huiet, J Williams, J Ayers, E Miller, A Nolasco, T Kaiser, D Crawford, A Gibson, K Lee, Z Walker, K Arnold, C James, T Smith, and D Weber-Walker.

Kudos to the 81 students treated to an ice cream sundae yesterday because they completed the summer math homework!

Congratulations to our Summer Readers: B Brannon, J Clark, M Clayton, D Damico, B Dugan, B Dugan, B Portilla-Curry, and E Sweet. B Brannon, M Clayton, and B Dugan earned enough points to be invited to a pizza and game party. B Dugan read enough to also take his favorite St. Lawrence staff member to lunch at Skyline! I wonder whom he will invite?

Next Thursday, September 1st, is our Open House at which you will be able to meet your child's teachers and see the classrooms. I hope you will join us at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Open House will follow a brief PTO meeting. Every parent is invited to become a member of the St. Lawrence Parent Teacher Organization by paying dues of \$2.00. The PTO helps our school by raising money to buy the little extras for the students and teachers.

Please be sure there is a way for us to reach you during the day in case of emergency. Let us know if your phone number changes.

Tomorrow grades 2-8 will go to our opening Mass at 9:00. You are welcome to join us.

SNACKS

Next week we will begin selling snacks after school so that those who stay for after school activities can get something to eat and drink. Most items cost \$.50 with a few \$.75 items. Snacks are sold in the lower hallway and only St. Lawrence students may buy snacks. Bus riders may not buy snacks because that would cause them to be late for the bus.

CONSTRUCTION CLUB

This year boys and girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 will have the opportunity to participate in Construction Club. This will be a ten-week program that gives them hands-on experiences with the building trades. It will take place right here at St. Lawrence on Wednesdays after school. Enrollment is limited to 15 students. More information is in the Parent Communication envelope today.

ARRIVAL TIME

School starts promptly at 8:00 am and all students are expected to arrive early enough that they are ready to begin learning as soon as the bell rings. There is no adult supervision for any students arriving in the school yard before 7:45 am. The cafeteria opens at 7:15 am ONLY for those eating breakfast at school.

DISMISSAL TIME

Our students are dismissed at 2:45 pm. Please make arrangements to meet/pick-up your child(ren) by entering the parking lot off Warsaw Avenue and then exiting the lot through the Sturm Street gate. We feel this is the safest route for all students being picked up by parents as there will be a yellow bus and several daycare vans picking up other students along Carson Avenue.

SERVERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

August 27/ 28, 2011

Please be in the sacristy ten minutes before Mass

4:30 pm: N Hornback, B Hornback

9:00 am: D Damico, M Damico

11:00 am: B Brannon, B McEntush

7:00 pm: C Ernst, C Feldman

BINGO WORKERS

Sunday workers please report at 12:30 pm

Tuesday workers please report at 5:30 pm

****100% Smoke-Free Facility!****

Sunday, August 28: M Foreman, D Dudley

Tuesday, August 30: N Mirick, G Rinear, B Portillo-Curry

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

August 26	9:00 All School Mass
September 1	PTO Meeting & Open House at 7:00
October 3-21	Iowa Testing for Grades 2-8
October 12	Picture Day

School Bus Safety

Here are some rules parents can teach children to get on and off the bus safely:

1. When getting on the bus, stay away from the danger zone and wait for the driver's signal. Students should board the bus one at a time.
2. When getting off the bus, look before stepping off the bus to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder (side of the road). Move away from the bus.
3. Before crossing the street, take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen. Wait for the driver to signal that it's safe to cross.
4. Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus. To make sure traffic is stopped. Keep watching traffic when crossing.
5. Help your child gets to the bus stop on time, explain to wait far away from the street and avoid rough play.
6. Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick something up, the driver cannot see him/her and the child may be hit by the bus. Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.
7. Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose straps Or drawstrings that could get caught in the handrail or bus door.

News from Ms. D-C, School Nurse

Hello to all my friends at St. Lawrence School!

I am delighted to be back for my eighth year of keeping everyone healthy here at St. Lawrence!

Parents if you have a student who is new at our school (kindergarteners and other grades) please be sure we have current immunization records on file in the office at once. This is an Ohio State Law. It is also state law that if your student must take medication at school we must have a current medical permission form signed by you and the child's doctor on file in the school office. If you have not sent in the necessary forms please do so immediately.

Health Hints for a Successful School Year

I hope everyone has a successful and healthy 2011-2012 school year. Below are a few tips on making this school year the best that it can be.

-Washing your hands with soap and water is a very important part of staying healthy. Don't forget to wash your hands before you eat, after you use the toilet, after coughing or sneezing and when you get home.

-Get a goodnight sleep. A child should get at least 8 hours of sleep each night, although some may need 10-12 hours to feel fully rested.

-Eat a good breakfast every morning either at home or at school. Include some milk, juice and some protein to get your brain and body moving and ready to learn.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SIGN-UPS

Girls in grades 3-12 interested in playing volleyball, there will be ONE LAST sign-up at the PTO Meeting on September 1st.

For more information please call Lori Boeh, Volleyball Coordinator at 513-508-4027.

Space is limited so sign up early!

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.

-Margaret Mead

SCRAP PAPER, which may be used by the school office to run copies for the teachers is always needed. If you know of any persons or businesses that may have usable scrap paper please notify the school office at 921-4996.

My Coke Rewards is another way to help our school.

You simply collect your code points found on various Coke products and sent them to school, or sign up for your own account online and donate them to us. Points may be redeemed for school and playground supplies.

BoxTops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels

are collected by our school. They can be found on many of the grocery items you already buy. Simply cut them off the carton, package or can and send them into school with your children.