



All Saints Academy Catholic School

Inspiring students to be active stewards and responsible citizens of our world

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Dear parents and guardians,

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As we begin this year, we hope your child is transitioning to their classroom smoothly. Remember that transitioning to a new school or a new class takes time and effort. If you are having any difficulties, please contact your child's teacher for clarification or help.

In case you didn't know, we are an approved building for free breakfast and lunch every day of school for every student. This is a great benefit as your child can on any day eat breakfast and lunch and the meals are being paid for through grant money. If your child forgets his/her lunch, we will just provide what is being served in the cafeteria for that day. Because of this we must know of any allergies. Make sure that your emergency card is in and any allergies are listed.

Our school is a part of the Columbus Diocese and the grading system for the Diocese is a standard based grading system. What does this mean? This means we are NOT giving out traditional grades like A, B, C, D, F. When you receive a grade, it will tell you if your child has met that standard or expectation (indicated with a "M"), working on being more consistent (indicated with a "W") or if they are struggling and not showing knowledge of that skill (indicated with a "N"). I sent home a paper that tells about our grading system for your reference. It will be online on our website if you missed it. I will put it under forms listed at "Standards based Progress report/report card". If you need more clarification with this, please let us know and we can help you. Our first interim report will come home on Friday, September 22 in the Friday Folder. The interim is a first look for you and your child as to how they are doing with the standards. If there is a problem, a conference with the teacher can be scheduled by you or them. Interims do not get recorded on the grade cards. This is just an opportunity for you to know where your child is and allow time for improvement.

Theme for the year: "Called to Serve" Our theme this year is clear. We are all called to serve others. Our greatest expectation is the Love God and Neighbor. If we do this we can accomplish a lot for our community and our world. Our theme this year is not just for school and the students. I challenge you and your family to make this a theme for your home as well. Decide as a family how you can love and serve each other with everyone's needs. Go to volunteer at a soup kitchen or somewhere else to begin the important lessons of serving others. Each family is required to complete 30 service hours for the school. Make a commitment to take the PGC class, get your fingerprints on file and come help at the school. The cafeteria needs help every day, our gardening committee needs help on September 16 from 9:00-11:00 am (bring your gardening gloves), Athletics and Home and

School need more hands to help with their service to the students and school. I challenge you to be present in your child's education and volunteer.

Handbook reminders:

Please make sure to send your child every day in correct uniform. Shoes are blue, black, white, and gray only. Socks are white, black, or gray solid color only. Girls jumpers are only purchased from School closet or Lands End (through our website), No hooded sweatshirts allowed. Sweaters are solid colored navy blue, white, or black.

Gym uniform orders are in process. We recently filled the first orders that we received before school and the first week of school. If you are still missing gym uniforms, a second order will be placed this week.

Required forms are due in the office now. We must have the emergency card, combined permission, fees sheet, service hour agreement, Chrome book agreement, library form, and Ed choice acceptance forms in the next few days. If you haven't turned them in, please do so as soon as possible.

Bus information: If you are still waiting on a bus for your child, we are working daily communicating the needs to Columbus and to Groveport. Please understand we are doing everything possible at this time but cannot change the bus company procedures. You as a parent can call them to speak with someone about your specific case. Columbus: 614-365-5074 and Groveport(Peterman) 614-836-4962.

Calendar of Events:

- September 11: School picture day: students purchasing pictures may dress up for pictures or wear school uniforms. Dress pants and shirt or knee length dress or skirts. No holes or tears in jeans. If in doubt, wear school uniform. If not purchasing pictures, wear school uniform.
- September 14: Server training for grades 5-8: during school
- September 15: No school
- September 16: 9:00-11:00 am: gardening help needed. Meet in front of the school with your gloves.
- September 19: Parent meeting for Title 1 Students Reading and Math 1:15-2:15
- September, 22: Interim reports come home in Friday folders
- October 3: 8th grade visits Hartley High school
- October 6: Lunch on the Lawn event 12:00-2:00