





## **WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!!**

Saint Agnes School will open for the 2010-2011 school year on Tuesday, September 7. This day will be for faculty ONLY.

### **STUDENTS WILL REPORT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:**

**GRADES 6-8**                      Wednesday, September 8. **Grades K-5 do not report.**  
Students will assemble on the playground by 7:50 am  
12:00 Dismissal

**GRADES K-5**                      Thursday, September 9. **Grades 6-8 do not report.**  
Grades 1-5 will assemble on the playground by  
7:50 am  
Kindergartners are to report directly to the classroom  
by 7:50 am.  
Students in grades K-3 should bring a healthy snack.  
12:00 Dismissal

**ALL STUDENTS**                      Friday, September 10.  
Grades 6-7-8 may go to their lockers and homeroom  
at 7:50 am.  
Grades K-5 will assemble on the playground by  
7:50 am.  
Grades K-4 should bring a healthy snack.  
12:00 Dismissal

**Pre - K**                                      Monday, September 13

**GRADE K**                                      **Kindergarten** will be dismissed at 12:00 noon from  
September 13-17. Children will assemble on the  
playground by 7:50 am.

**STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN UNIFORM ON THE FIRST DAY THAT THEY REPORT TO SCHOOL.** Summer uniforms (Walking shorts & Golf shirts) are permitted until, Monday, October 4.

**FULL DAY SCHEDULE** will begin on Monday, September 13- **Gr 1-8.**  
**Grades 6-8 are to be in their homerooms by 8:00 a.m. They will report directly there daily.**

Grades 1-5 will assemble on the playground by 7:50 am for the **first week of school.** From September 13 onward children will go directly to their classrooms. **Please remember that ALL students K-8 are to be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school.**

**OPENING LITURGY** - The first liturgy of the school year will be on **Wednesday, September 17** at 9:00. All are invited.

Physical Education classes will begin the week of September 13 and all students **MUST** have their gym uniform, which consists of the grey T-shirt, maroon shorts, white socks and WHITE sneakers.

The Physical Education Class schedule is as follows:

Monday --- Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Tuesday --- Grades K, 1, 6, 7 and 8.

On gym day, the gym uniform will be the school uniform for the scheduled grades.

# **WELCOME**

We also welcome our 12 new Kindergarten students.

We are proud to say that as of this date, St. Agnes School also adds 6 new members to the upper grades. Welcome to everyone!

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**At the beginning of the year various forms are sent home with your child. They are requested to be return immediately, usually the day after. Your cooperation in this matter is essential so that the office may complete the necessary information for records, etc., as soon as possible. Remember, one person can hold up a whole procedure if a form is not returned upon request. This also applies for anything that goes home during the year.**

## **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (IN TRANSITION)**

It is recommended by the National Catholic Education Association and supported by the Archdiocese of Newark that schools transition to a new model of boards. Members are appointed who have expertise in critical areas that can advise and assist the school in continued growth.

## **HOME-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The Home-School Association will hold its **FIRST** fundraiser event of the year a “**TRICKY TRAY AUCTION**” on Friday, October 22, 7:00 PM at the L’Affaire. This is the one **MANDATORY** (other than food certificates) fundraiser of the year. Each family is **required to contribute \$50 and/or a Themed GIFT BASKET valued at \$50.**

The Home-School Executive Board will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge. Officers are: President, Kim Broadwell, Vice-President, Carol Genco, Secretary, Cynthia Petrowski-Monahan, and Treasurer, Kelly Neas.

The Home-School Association will hold its first general meeting on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

Back to School Night will be on Wednesday, September 22 with parents assembling in the auditorium at the following times:

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| Grades K-5 -- 7:00 pm | After a brief assembly you will be able to go to the individual classrooms to meet with the teachers. |
| Grades 6-8 -- 8:00 pm | All teachers and parents will meet in the auditorium.   |

You are requested to be on time as the meetings will begin promptly at the times stated.



## **HOT LUNCH**

The school’s **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM** will begin on Wednesday, September 15. “Maschio’s” will continue to service our cafeteria program. Laura Lutz and Mary Jean O’Grady are the co-managers of the cafeteria program. (CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS are still needed and a vital part of the cafeteria’s success.) Please note that we do not provide milk or juice on Monday and Tuesday. Children are permitted to bring in their own drink choice on these days. **NO GLASS BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED.**

A drink can be purchased a la carte or with the hot lunch choice on cafeteria days.

**The Monthly Menu is sent home for September in this packet. In the future, we are going green and the monthly menu will be available online. Children are not permitted to charge.**

## **ASSIGNMENT PADS**

Once again there will be a uniform assignment pad for all students in grades 2 to 8. The cost of the pad will be \$2.00 and the students should have the money with them to purchase the assignment pad on the first day that they report to school. No student will be given the assignment pad unless it is paid for.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The After School Program will be continuing this year. The program will begin on Monday, September 13. **Please note that when there is a 12:00 dismissal the program is only in operation on announced calendar dates.**

## **BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

New this year a Before Care program will be available. This will start Monday, September 13. Stay tuned for more information the first week of school.

## **VOLUNTEERS' MEETING**

There will be a meeting for volunteers on Friday morning, September 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Volunteers are needed for lunch duty on Mondays and Tuesdays and for the Hot Lunch Program on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Volunteers for playground supervision on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays would be most appreciated.

## **CLASS MOTHERS' MEETING**

Class mothers for grades K-6, one for the boys and one for the girls, will be asked for at the Home-School Meeting on Wednesday, September 29. A meeting for ALL class mothers will be held on Friday, October 1 at 10:00 am in the auditorium.

## **UNIFORM COMPANY**

The Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company will be here on Thursday, September 16 at 9:00 – 11:00 am for anyone still in need of uniforms. Order forms will be available in the office.

## **EIGHTH GRADE PARENT'S MEETING**

There will be a special meeting of Eighth Grade Parents on Monday, October 4 at 6:30 pm in the St. Thomas Room (lower-level meeting rooms). At least one parent **MUST** attend. Some of the items to be discussed will be the high schools' Open Houses, the high school entrance examination, class trip, etc.

## **PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

A section of the parking lot will be roped off daily so that the children have a safe area in which to play. You are asked to park **ONLY** outside of the area used by the children. See the attached diagram.

When dropping your child(ren) off at school in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon, you **MUST** do so in the **BACK OF THE SCHOOL**. The front of the building must be kept clear for any emergency vehicles.

## **SECURITY SYSTEM ACTIVATED**

For the protection of our Children, a security system is activated in the school. All school doors are fitted with a buzzer and all visitors must ring and be recognized for admittance. All school visitors are to use the main door by the administrative office in the back of school.

All persons entering the school at any time of day **must** report to the office, sign in, state the purpose of their visit, and **receive a pass**. We are following the recommendation of the prosecutor's office. This is also the procedure for coming into the school for the purpose of seeing a teacher, etc. We hope you will understand and appreciate the need for upgrading our security procedures.

## **VERY SPECIAL THANKS**

As usual, the school building is in excellent shape and we owe this to Arles Sierra, our Maintenance Supervisor and his summer assistant Patrick Bonner. All should take pride in the environment--students, teachers, parents-- and assist in whatever way to maintain what they have done.

## **THANK YOU**

It is no wonder that I feel so blessed and happy in my ministry as Principal of such a wonderful school and that I eagerly anticipate the re-opening of school each year. I have already had the opportunity to meet some of St. Agnes' families throughout the summer, and I cannot wait to meet all the wonderful children at St. Agnes.

I hope you have all experienced the joys that vacation brings to children and families and that your summer was safe, happy, and holy.