

July 22, 2016

Happy Summer All Saints Academy Families!

To our new families, welcome to All Saints Academy! To our returning families, we're happy that you're back with us!

With August approaching quickly, we wanted to share some important information with you as you transition from pools and beaches to pencils and books. You will be receiving more information as school nears, but this email provides all the essential information you need as of today. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you read this email in its entirety and follow the links appropriate to your family's needs.

*First, let's talk about some important dates approaching.*

### **August 15**

*Fall Sports Begin*

GRACEAC (Grand Rapids Area Catholic Educational Athletic Council) has yet to determine mergers for sports. The deadline to sign up for fall sports (Grades 5-8) is August 1. If you would like more information for sports sign ups please contact Athletic Director Angie Mitchell ([amitchell@asagr.org](mailto:amitchell@asagr.org)). Coaches will contact athletes and parents with information about practice schedules as information becomes available.

### **August 18**

*Forum on Parent Involvement-7:00 PM at the Middle School Campus*

Come join Mr. Debri and Ms. Giroux to discuss how parents can become more involved in growing the school community and supporting the mission of the school.

### **August 25**

*Ice Cream Social 6:30-8:30 PM*

Our annual Ice Cream Social is held at both campus locations on August 25th from 6:30-8:30 PM. This night is designed to informally welcome students and families back to school and gives everyone a chance to say hello to old friends, meet new ones, visit teachers and classrooms, and of course indulge in ice cream! Please join us for the full two hours or stop by just to say hi.

### **August 30**

*First Full Day of School (Uniform Required)*

Whoo hoo! More information to follow about start/end times and pick up/drop off procedures.

### **September 25**

*Eat Pray Run*

Just "jogging" your memory to remind you that it's time to lace up those running shoes and start training for our annual 5K race! This is one of our two major fundraisers. It also features an outdoor Mass, picnic lunch, play area, a Fun Run for the youngsters, and much more. It's a blast!

## November 12

### *Eaglefest*

“The funnest night of the year!” The Eaglefest Auction. This year will again take place at the Brophy Center.

*Next, an update to our faculty and staff. Please click here for a letter from Mr. Debri and Ms. Giroux. Below you will find a list of our faculty.*

Toddler Care.....Andrea Stafford  
Toddler Care.....TBD  
Ext. 3 Year Old.....Jane Reeves  
Ext. 4 Year Old.....Christen Blalock  
T-TH, M-W-F, &  
Feb <sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.....Ann Kapustka  
Kindergarten.....Colleen Anderson  
Kindergarten.....Wendy Bowman  
1st Grade.....Megan Schneider  
2nd Grade.....Annette Piotrowski  
3rd Grade.....Carrie Bowman  
4th Grade.....Dorothy Livingston  
5th Grade.....Megan Henke  
6th-8th Math &  
6th Religion.....Claire Farnquist  
6th-8th Lang. Arts.....Stephanie Zimelis  
6th-8th Soc. Studies &  
7th-8th Religion.....Tim Matlak  
7th-8th Science.....Abby Giroux

*A reminder from our Development Director Mr. John Matlak...*

### **Community Partners**

All Saints Academy has partnered with area businesses to support our community and raise funds for our students. Any time you make a qualifying purchase at one of our Community Partners, that business will rebate a portion of your purchase to All Saints Academy. Just tell them that you're part of the ASA family, and let us know (364-9453 or [jmatlak@asagr.org](mailto:jmatlak@asagr.org)) that you've spent money with one of our partners. You'll get a great deal and our students will benefit! See our website and click on Community Partners for more details.

### OUR CURRENT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bastien Chiropractic  
Carstar  
Cornerstone Companies Realty  
Dale Gould Insurance  
Decker & Sons Appliances  
DeGraaf Interiors  
Den Ketelaar Plumbing  
DeVries Jewelers  
Green Home Cleaning & Restoration  
Heritage Auto Service Center  
Herremans Orthodontics  
Hoogerhyde Safe & Lock

Kroon & Mitchell Asset Management  
Lake Michigan Electric  
Northwoods Audio & Video  
Schaafsma Heating & Cooling  
Stonestrow Furniture  
Tony Betten & Sons Ford  
Turning Point Builders  
Van Anandel & Flikkema Chrysler/Jeep  
Village Motor Sports  
Weatherhead & Sons  
West Michigan Band & Instruments  
Woodland Travel Center

### **Amazon Smile**

If you ever shop on-line, AmazonSmile is an easy way to find what you want and earn money for All Saints Academy at the same time.

Just go to AmazonSmile.com to set up your account...it only takes a few minutes. Be sure to list All Saints Academy as the charity that benefits from your purchases. If you have an existing Amazon account, you can adjust it to list ASA. Then, every time you shop, you get the same terrific prices and the same shipping terms. AmazonSmile puts a small percentage of each purchase into the All Saints Academy account, and several times a year they add-up our purchases and send us a check. It's that simple.

Please sign up for AmazonSmile as soon as possible, and tell your family, friends and neighbors to register and list All Saints Academy as their designated charity. Every time they shop our students will benefit!

### *Important Links*

#### **[T-Shirt Size](#)**

Please click the link above to fill out the t-shirt size for your child(ren). They will be receiving two new FREE t-shirts this fall!

#### **[Uniform Information](#)**

Click the link above for information about the dress code at All Saints Academy. Don't forget to come visit us at the Elementary Campus and check out the uniform exchange! Clothes from both campuses are housed here for your one stop shopping convenience.

#### **Student Supply Lists for [Early Childhood](#) and [K-8 Students](#)**

Please click the links above for student supply lists.

## [2016-2017 Parent Calendar](#)

Click the link above for the major dates of the upcoming school year.

## [SCRIP](#)

Please click the link above for more information about Scrip programs at ASA. It is another easy way to pay for your tuition by purchasing items you already do.

## [Virtus](#)

Click the link above for information on Virtus training. Beginning this year, VIRTUS is a requirement for ALL parents.

*Other important "stuff" and good news to share!*

### **Volunteers**

We are firm believers in our mission: to serve and partner with our families and communities as we focus on the spiritual, intellectual, moral, social and physical development of our children. And we believe the best way to do that is to involve the whole family in everything we do: the children, the parents, the teachers and the staff members. We hope you'll join in as many events and activities as your schedule permits. You'll find it very rewarding.

### **Middle School Garden**

With the help of community members, school families and students we have been harvesting zucchini, beans, lettuce and herbs from our garden through the summer! There will be plenty of opportunities to continue to get involved with our community garden through the fall. Watch our Facebook page for updates and contact us if you want more information.

### **New Chromebooks**

We have upgraded our Elementary computer lab with new Chromebooks, replacing our outdated desktops. We have also added a number of new Chromebooks to our Middle School Campus, inching closer to a 1:1 student/device ratio!

### **Building Improvements**

We have been busy painting, cleaning, and refreshing both of our campuses in preparation for a new school year.

### **Grants**

\$5,000 from Erhardt Construction for use in classroom improvements.

\$1,000 grant from Logan's Roadhouse for use in purchasing sheet music for our band program.

### **New Students**

We are excited to welcome a number of new students and families to All Saints Academy this year. If you see someone you do not recognize please introduce yourself. We believe we are one community and want to make sure all feel welcome and connected.

You'll no doubt have questions about your child's first days and weeks in the new school year. Please feel free to call us anytime at 364-9453. We are here to help!

We're thrilled that you're a part of our All Saints Academy family!

God Bless,

Michael Debri  
Principal