

September 16, 2016

Dear Families of All Saints Academy Students,

Communicating With the Middle School Office

You may have noticed we have a new schedule in the middle school front office. Since Mrs. McGavin, Mrs. Pitsch and Mrs. Mitchell are working on different days during the school week we have created a single email address for all communications directed to the middle school office: msoffice@asagr.org. Please use this email address instead of their individual emails for communications with the middle school office.

Map Testing

Fall assessments for grades 2-8 begin Monday, September 19, and continues through October 7. Please try to avoid taking your children out of school during this time. All Saints Academy faculty use data from the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment to make instructional decisions. There is no way for your children to study for this assessment, nor should they be nervous about it, it is simply a tool to measure what the students know. ASA administers MAP assessments at the beginning of each school year and again near the end of the school year to measure student growth. This tool helps the teaching staff measure which skills students have mastered and which still need more practice. You can help your child do his or her best by making sure your children get plenty of sleep the night before, and eat a good breakfast in the morning. This week's testing sessions are:

- Monday Sept. 19th - 4th grade and 8th grade language test in the morning, 6th grade language test in the afternoon
- Tuesday Sept. 20th - 5th grade and 7th grade language test in the morning
- Wednesday Sept. 21st - 5th grade and 7th grade reading test in the morning, 6th grade reading test in the afternoon
- Thursday Sept. 22nd - 3rd grade and 2nd grade reading test in the morning, 8th grade reading test in the afternoon
- Friday Sept. 23rd - 4th grade reading test in the afternoon

Picture Day

Wednesday, September 21 is school picture day at ASA, and it is a dress up day at both campuses. This is the time to order your 2016-2017 school yearbook. The yearbook is included with some picture packages or you can buy it separately. Picture packets were sent home with students earlier this week. If you need one, there are more available in both school offices.

Home & School - Tuesday, September 20th

At 7:00 pm there will be a formal Home & School discussion about volunteering needs. At 7:30 pm, we will open up a parent forum on grading at ASA and our Middle School cell phone policy. Please come join the conversation Tuesday, September 20th, at the Middle School Holy Family Learning Center.

Eat Pray Run Pledges and Registrations

Please remember we need your registration forms and pledge envelopes for our Eat Pray Run event next Sunday, September 25, at Riverside Park. If you haven't turned in your registration forms yet you can still do so, but please hurry. It's a great social event for our entire ASA family, and the proceeds we raise go directly back to our students and our school. There's a timed 5K run, a mile and half-mile fun run, games and face painting for the kids (for you, too), lots of fellowship and a Jimmy Johns lunch. Please get your registration forms and pledge envelopes into the school office as soon as possible.

Early Childhood Wish List

The early childhood rooms are in need of the following items:

- Ride-on toys
- Small refrigerator for snacks/juice
- CD player - boombox
- Toddler appropriate toys
- Board Books
- Preschool age games

Rosary Repair

Melanie Starback will repair your broken Rosaries and get you praying again! Send your Rosary (and the parts) to either building in a ziplock bag or sealed envelope. Please include your name and a phone number or email address.

Land's End Sale

Get the best price for your school uniform needs. [Click here to shop now.](#)

At checkout, manually enter the **Promotion Code FRIENDS30** and **PIN 4071**

This code/pin are valid only Sept. 22-27, 2016.

Flu Shots Available at ASA

We have the opportunity this year to host a clinic for flu shots here at the All Saints Academy Elementary Campus. Staff from Meijer Inc. will be on site providing flu shots for anyone in our community who is interested. The clinic will take place on Thursday, October 6 from 7:30 AM-9:30 AM in the Teacher's Lounge. No appointment is necessary, but [please sign up here](#). Maximum cost will be \$27.99 with the cost potentially decreasing with the number of participants (as little as \$20 with 100 people receiving shots). Your insurance may cover this cost depending on your provider. Please fill out the form with your family's last name and the number of shots you will need. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Mr. Debri](#).

Van Andel Education Institute Invitation for Students

If you are interested in information or registering for these two great options call (616) 234-5528.

7th/8th Grade Science on Saturday

October 8, 2016

9:30 a.m. – noon

Examine the wonders of plant and animal cells and extract their DNA. Make a DNA necklace to take home.

5th/6th Grade Science on Saturday

November 5, 2016

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Investigate aquatic organisms and discover how they depend on each other. Make a model aquatic ecosystem to take home.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, 9/19/16

8:15-9:15 AM 4th Grade Language MAP Test

9:45-10:45 am 8th Grade Language MAP Test

12:45-1:45 pm 6th Grade Language MAP Test

6-8 pm Protecting God's Children Training, Blessed Sacrament Church Basement

Tuesday, 9/20/16

8:15-9:15 am 5th Grade Language MAP Test

9:30-10:30 am 7th Grade Language MAP Test

7:00 pm Home & School Meeting, Holy Family Learning Center, Middle School

Wednesday, 9/21/16

School Pictures

8:15-9:15 am 5th Grade Reading MAP Test

9:30-10:30 am 7th Grade Reading MAP Test

10:30 am Elementary Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

12:45-1:45 pm 6th Grade Reading MAP Test

Thursday, 9/22/16

9:00-10:00 am 3rd Grade Reading MAP Test

10:15-11:15 am 2nd Grade Reading Map Test

10:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

2:00-3:00 pm 8th Grade Reading MAP Test

Friday, 9/23/16

Spirit Day

2:00-3:00 pm 4th Grade Reading MAP Test

Sunday, 9/25/16

9:30-1:00 pm Eat Pray Run, Riverside Park

Monday, 9/26/16

12:45-1:45 pm 6th Grade Math MAP Test

2:00-3:00 pm 4th Grade Math MAP Test

Tuesday, 9/27/16

8:15-9:15 am 5th Grade Math MAP Test

9:30-10:30 am 7th Grade Math MAP Test

6:00-7:30 pm Elementary Open House for Parents

Wednesday, 9/27/16

9:45-10:45 am 8th Grade Math MAP Test

10:30 am Elementary Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

12:45-1:45 pm 3rd Grade Math MAP Test

2:00-3:00 PM 2nd Grade Math MAP Test

Thursday, 9/29/16

9:00-10:00 am 3rd Grade Language MAP Test

10:15-11:15 am 2nd Grade Language MAP Test

10:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

6:00-7:30 pm Middle School Open House for Parents

Friday, 9/30/16

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God Bless,

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