

March 28, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's planting time again and the ASA students have been busy redesigning our community garden! At ASA *We Believe We Can All Grow* so we have been carefully evaluating our first attempt at a garden last year to improve our methods and program this year. We have some very exciting news we are happy to share with the ASA community!

At Eaglefest this past fall we were able to raise the funds to improve our irrigation system for our garden over the summer. At ASA *We Believe That Creativity and Innovation Promote Success*. Students are designing a creative and innovative system that will include rain barrels assembled with the help from our partners at WMEAC, as well as a timing system provided by our partners at Urban Roots.

Thanks to Fr Tom Page, we have also formed a partnership with World Renew that has allowed us to partner with Urban Roots for 25 weeks of community garden programming beginning April 10th!

For the remainder of the school year Urban Roots will work with our 7th grade class once a week on garden lessons and work in science class. They will also join us on planting day (to be determined for some time in May) and support all ASA students in taking part of planting our many sprouting seedlings.

Throughout the summer the Urban Roots Mobile Classroom will be at the middle school campus once a week to do garden work with any interested community members! So, we need to hear from you! If you have ideas from last year OR simply want to learn more and get involved this year please take a few minutes to fill out [this form](#) .

As ASA *We Believe We Are One* and *We Believe That All Things Are Possible Through Christ!* We are hoping to improve and grow this project this year to include as many members of our ASA, founding parishes and local community as possible! Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to get involved!

We are planning a community information night later in the spring to share out more details and bring together interested participants and partners. Look for more details after Spring Break. Also after Spring Break look for information about a summer outdoor science camp at the middle school.

In the fall of the 2017-2018 school year Urban Roots will join us for a harvest day and community harvest meal lead by the 8th grade class!

Already this year the Kindergarteners have helped us start some seedling and the 7th grade has been working very hard on a number of garden redesign projects. Here are some of their own reflections on that work:

*"We have been separated into different groups for the garden, some groups are for chickens, goats, irrigation, and researching what's good for a plant. My group has been researching goats so we can get fertilizer for our garden we also have been researching ways to care for goats." - Quinlan*

*"I have been researching crops. I have looked at what plants grow better next to each other. Along with what plants don't grow good next to each other. I am working on an outline of the garden." - Mia*

*"We have been reaching a irrigation systems and which will be most costly effective which one will work the best, and how to rebuild the garden to make it better. The more types of plants for our garden the more different, and better it will be." - Joey*

God bless,

Miss Abby Giroux

Middle School Principal

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