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August 26, 2011

Principal's Corner

"Lord, teach us to pray"

Luke 11:1

Prayer has many styles, dimensions and levels. Each day at St. Margaret Catholic School, we spend time as a school family in prayer. We pray traditional prayers but also listen to Scripture and offer prayers for those in need. As a family, you also rely on prayer to help you through the day and all of life's many challenges.

Bishop Glen Provost has provided a wonderful resource for the families of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The booklet entitled "Prayers, Beliefs and Practices of our Catholic Faith." This booklet is an educational guide to the basics of our faith. It is the Bishops' wish that all families have this resource to spend time learning more about their faith. It represents academically what is expected of our students on each grade level as they grow in knowledge of their faith. These booklets are being distributed one per family. Please ask your

children for them and use them as we begin our school year.

Have a blessed weekend and remember - "When we pray, always thank God." (Colossians 4:2)

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Brenda Dufrene

Uniform Guidelines

- Undershirts are optional. If worn, they must be white with no design on them. Undershirts may not extend past the shirt sleeve.
- Jewelry - 1 watch, 1 ring, 1 necklace and 1 bracelet may be worn. No multiple "rubberband" type bracelets. Girls may wear 1 pair of earrings. Only one earring per ear. Dangle earrings are not allowed. Loop earrings may be no larger than a dime. Post earrings may be no larger than the earlobe.
- No make-up, artificial nails or nail polish is allowed.

Extended Day Care

Extended Day Care registration forms were sent home during the month of August. The registration form along with the \$20.00

registration fee is due by **Friday, September 2nd**. If you did not receive a form and are interested in registering your child, please request a form from the school office.

Extended Day Care is available everyday that school is in session from 3:00 - 5:30. EDC will **NOT** be available on 12:00 dismissal days. If for any other reason EDC will not be available, you will be notified in writing.

EDC statements will be sent home the first Monday of each month. The statements will be sent home with the oldest child in each family. Payment due date will be typed on the statement. There will be an additional **\$5.00 late fee** for any past due accounts. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Blackwell at 436-6674.

Clare Blackwell
EDC Director



Events

Tuesday, August 30th

6:00 pm - Kindergarten thru 5th grade Open House

Wednesday, August 31st

Sally Foster Fundraiser Kick-Off

Friday, September 2nd

8:40 am - Mass

A-Look Ahead

Monday, September 6th

Labor Day Holiday

Club Meeting Dates

Thursday, September 1st

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Chess Club Meeting (Both Groups)

Lunches

Monday - August 29
Spaghetti

Tuesday - August 30
Country Fried Steak

Wednesday - August 31
Oven Fried Chicken

Thursday - September 1
Frito Chili Pie

Friday - September 2
BBQ Sausage on Bun

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

Birthdays this week are:

Brylee Anderson, Brian Wesley, Eva Mortimer, Miles Guillory and Mrs. Alice Adams.



Tuition Due

15th of
every month

(Late fee of \$25.00 after the 25th)

Did You Know??

Kindergarten - 5th grade classes will be holding an Open House on **Tuesday, August 30, 2011, @ 6:00 pm**. Please feel free to come and visit your child's classroom and teacher.

Viking Lagniappe

Development

Sunday, September 11, 2011 is "Grandparents Day". We would be celebrating and honoring Grandparents of our students in grades K-8 the week of September 6th. On **Friday, September 9th**, all grandparents are invited to attend **8:40 am** Mass with their grandchildren and attend a reception in their honor immediately following in the Family Center.

"Sally Foster" Fundraiser

"Take Part for Art"

Our annual fall fundraiser, *Sally Foster* will begin with a kick-off assembly, **Wednesday, August 31st**. The sale will end on **Friday, September 16th**. We are sure this sale of "*Sally Foster*" wrapping paper and gift items will be a huge success.

The proceeds will be used to update the Art Department.



Counselor's Corner

Aptitude, Attitude, and Altitude

No, I am not talking about an airplane pilot...LOL.

I'm talking about your children, our students, and their potential. **Aptitude** being your child's natural capacity for learning. **Attitude** being one's mental position regarding a task or matter. **Altitude** being the vertical position of something in relation to its horizon. With that being said; Our job as parents and educators is to keep these 3 aspects of a child's self-image in a positive position.

Children are born with certain aptitudes. A child's aptitude can be worked with and improved, but most importantly it must be understood.

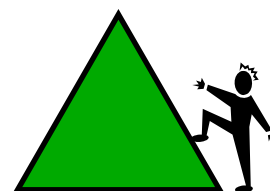
Children learn attitude. They learn it from their families at an early age and we hope it develops and remains healthy as the child matures.

The altitude is what we work to raise to the upper limits. This is where we want our

children to understand that anything is possible!

As students learn, grow, mature, and change, we pray that the children we love come to understand these aspects of themselves. Kids need to know that all of us can make the best of what God has blessed us with, attitudes can always be adjusted, and the sky is the limit!!!

School Counselor,
Mrs. Kimberly Ardoin



Pick Up and Rainy Day Procedures

All parents are to proceed as normal in the car pick up line. **Do not** park and walk to drop off or pick up your child. They will not be allowed to leave the covered area. This is especially dangerous during rainy weather. Please understand that we will keep your child/children **safe and dry** until you arrive in your car.

Please remember to post your sign so the teachers can see them during pick up. If you need a sign please ask the office.

Arrival

1. **No student** is to be dropped off or picked up on the North side of the school next to the Parish and School Office building.
2. Cars **are not** to enter from Sycamore St. when dropping off children. Parents are to enter from 18th St., stop behind the cafeteria and unload then proceed West on Sycamore St.

Departure

Parents are to join the car line from 18th St. church parking lot entrance. **Have your pick up sign ready in your car window.** Do not exit your car to pick up your child. Grades **4-8** will be picked up in the church parking lot.

Let's all work together for the most efficient and safe arrival/departure of our students.

Announcements

Library News

The Jo Self Library is collecting codes from Coke products and boxes. This program is called MyCoke Rewards. These points can be redeemed for Discovery Channel DVD's, library books and educational games. Please send the codes to school with your children.

Second Grade News

The second grade classes are saving tabs from canned drinks. These tabs are sent to Brazil for the ladies to make purses to sell in order to buy things for their families.

Calcasieu Parish Library News

Central Branch would like to spread the following information:

Interested in Manga, Photography, Games, Reading, or being a leader? The Library has a club for you! Call the library at **721-7121** for more information.

Learn to draw and develop your own cartoons at Cartooning with Author Mike Artell, a young adult program offered by Central Library on Saturday, August 27th from 2:00-3:00 pm. Register for this program using our online calendar at www.calcasieulibrary.org/library

Edline

Edline, an online grade reporting system is up and running. Please check Edline often for updates on your child's academic progress. No additional progress reports will be sent home during the nine week period. If you have any questions concerning Edline, please contact Mrs. Elaine Greenman at egreenman@stmcs.com

