



SAINTS WEEKLY

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Principal's Message

-Mrs. Lenn

Well, the first week is already behind us, and it has been a great one! We survived the heat wave on Monday and Tuesday. Father Joe surprised the students with popsicles, which was greatly appreciated. This week teachers have been establishing routines, teaching behavior expectations, starting pre-testing, and simply getting to know your kids. So far students seem to be enjoying the new food options for lunch also!

Please be sure to fill out the free/reduced lunch application. I stressed the importance of doing so at Meet the Teacher Night, but I want to re-emphasize its importance. Our school receives funding based on these applications. It is very important that each family fill out an application REGARDLESS of whether you believe you qualify. If you prefer to fill out an application online, you can do it here: <https://www.lunchapp.com/>. Follow the prompts, and choose Anchor Bay Schools, since they are our hot lunch provider. As you continue and add your children's names, then you will choose St. Augustine as their school. It's easy. I filled one out for our family, and it took less than 5 minutes. Please take the time to fill out an application! The link is on our website as well.

Meal Magic account numbers were shared at Meet the Teacher Night. If you were unable to attend, we will send home a letter that includes the number for your child's account. Meal Magic accounts will allow you to access and monitor your child's lunch balance online. You will NOT be able to load money to your child's account online, though. In order to load money, you need to send cash or a check to school with your child and the office will apply the credit your child's account.

PTC Pizza Fridays will continue this year! PTC has created an order form to order your pizza for the month of September. This form was sent home on Wednesday, and is due back to school on Tuesday, so that the pizza can be ordered for Friday. If your child wants pizza, please be sure to turn the form in on time!!! We ask that you fill out one form for each child; however, you can send one check to make payment easier. Thank you.

J's Silkscreen has provided our school with some sample items for sizing purposes. We had the items available on Meet the Teacher night, but if you weren't able to attend, or still need to check the sizing, please stop by our office to do so next week. The deadline for the first wave of orders is next Friday, September 7. Here's the link to the store: [J's Silkscreen](#). This link is also on our website and it will remain there for future use.

If you haven't been to our website lately, or have never visited, please do so. We have been working to add updated documents and information so that you have more at your fingertips. For example, if you visit the documents, forms, and links tab, you can find the following items: tuition contract, medication forms, latchkey documents, the calendar for the year, our parent/student handbook, behavior matrix expectations, service credit program information, lunch supervision sign up genius, lunch menus, curriculum by grade, supply lists, summer packets, and links to Schoolbelles, Lands End, J's Silkscreen, FACTS, and Protecting God's Children. I hope you find it useful and helpful. Also, if you go to the Principal's Welcome page, you will see my Saints Weekly newsletters posted at the bottom of the screen for future reference.

A few reminders about uniforms: first of all, athletic shoes need to all black, which includes the sole. If you have already purchased shoes that have white soles, please darken the sole with a permanent marker. If you are still searching for all black tennis shoes, several families have found success at Payless Shoe Source. Uniform shirts need to be tucked in. Girls in grades TK-5 wear yellow polos, and boys in TK-5 wear light blue polos. Girls in grades 6-8 wear white polos, and boys in 6-8 wear navy polos. All polos need to be purchased through Schoolbelles or Land's End. Remember that gym uniforms are optional, as previously stated. Students can wear their regular uniform on gym days, or they can wear gym wear (St. A's t-shirt, gym shorts, or gym pants- purchased from either Schoolbelles or J's Silkscreen). We have our first all school mass this week on Wednesday morning. Please make sure that your children are dressed in their proper uniforms, with shirts tucked in, so that they look their best as they represent our school.

Finally, it was a pleasure to meet all of you and your children this week. I am looking forward to working with you to provide an excellent Catholic education for your children). As I stated on Meet the Teacher Night, feel free to contact me by email anytime at elenn@mysaints.net. Please allow me 24 hours to respond, not including weekends. When contacting teachers, please allow them 24 hours to return your call or email as well. Thank you! Enjoy the long weekend! Please scroll down for a list of upcoming dates you need to know about.

Upcoming dates to know:

- August 31-Sept. 3- Labor Day Break
- Sept. 4- School resumes, Latch key begins, 3 Year Old Preschool begins, **PTC Pizza forms due**
- Sept. 4, 5, 6- Volleyball practice at St. Peters gym, 3:15-5:00
- Sept. 5- 4 Year Old Preschool begins/ first all school Mass/ PTC Meeting 5:30 in computer lab
- Sept 7- Last day to order from J's Silkscreen for gym & spirit wear
- Sept. 9- Backpack blessing at all Sunday masses- students bring backpacks to mass
- Sept. 9- Good Old Days Parade- report at 12:15 (8th grade only)
- Sept. 13- Athlete Parent meeting 6:30 (for all parents who will have a child in sports this year)
- Sept. 15- Back to School Picnic 12-3 pm (K of C sponsored- **see RSVP form**)
- Sept 17-18 Picture Days (PS- grade 8 on Sept 17, PS & anyone who missed on Sept 18), Dress up day
- Sept 19- Half day for all students, 11:30 dismissal- no pm latchkey or pm bus service
- Sept 25- School Advisory Committee meeting, 7pm
- Oct. 1- Catholic High School Night at Immaculate Conception (see separate flyer for details)
- Oct. 1-12 IOWA Testing Window

