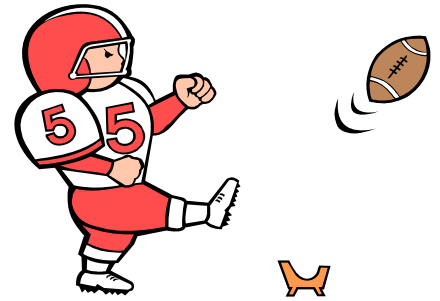


STM

Thursday, September 3, 2009

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THESE HAND OUTS ARE COMING HOME TODAY

Vigil for Life Mass - Flier - PreK-8th O/O

Hy-Vee Smiles for Education - PreK-8th O/O

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 5 - Vigil for Life Mass 8am @ St. Mary's Catholic Church Bellevue

Sept. 7 - Labor Day - No School PreK-8th

Sept. 8 - Faculty Mtg. 3:30pm

Sept. 9 - Dress Down Day - for students who enrolled in the NFCSP

- Confirmation Parent Meeting - 7pm in the Social Hall

Sept. 10 - Don & Millie's Night - Saddlecreek Location

CALENDAR CHANGE - GRANDPARENT DAY

Please note on your school calendar that Grandparent day will change from Friday, October 23rd to Friday, October 30th. We welcome all Grandparents or a special friend of the students to join us at the 9:00am Mass and breakfast on Friday, October 30th.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY - SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Friday, October 23rd at the 9:00am all school Mass we will be celebrating the vocations of our three priests, Fr. Lewis, Fr Kizito and Fr. Kenkle in anticipation of the Serra Club commemoration of Priesthood Sunday, on October 25th. The priests will be presented with spiritual bouquets and small gifts from our students and staff. You are welcome to join us.

DRESS DOWN DAY - NFCSP ENROLLMENT

All students whose families enrolled in the NFCSP are able to wear a spirit shirt and appropriate jeans on Wednesday, September 9th. Teachers will have a list of all families who participated. Thank you for your support of this program.

ILLNESS

Please be sure to keep your child home if they have a fever or any flu like symptoms. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before they return to school (fever free without medication). Help us stop the spread of disease in school. Thank you for your support.

SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of 3 Servers for September 27th @ 9:30am Mass. Currently 8th graders are assigned to this Mass, but they must attend the 8th Grade Rite of Acceptance Mass at 11:30am on this day. If you are able to help, please call Mrs. Gunia @ 553-3091. Thank you.

STM PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK - 09/10

The parent/student handbook can be found on the STM website @ stmbengals.org. If you have any questions concerning dress code or others items in the handbook please don't hesitate to call the school office @ 551-9504. We will be happy to help you in any way.

MORNING WALK CLUB

We have had a great response to the Morning Walk Club. I thank the students for your attendance and the parents/guardians for allowing me to invest in your student's health. We appreciate your support of this program. Tammie Kruszcak.

SACK LUNCHES

According to Government guidelines we cannot have any outside competitor's food or "fast foods" brought into the Cafeteria. Students are always welcome to bring their own sack lunches from home but we cannot allow competitors food. If you will be eating lunch with your student, please call the office by 9am so the lunch room can plan accordingly. Thank you.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The Safe Environment Training is for anyone who wishes to volunteer with students in the classroom, on fieldtrips, coaching, leading a girls or boys club, etc. This training is **required before** you are able to volunteer with students. Parents, guardians, grandparents, friends & family are all welcome to take the training course. Once you are trained, your certification is good for 3 years. The dates, times and contacts are listed below:

St. John Vianney - Thurs. 9/3 at 6:30pm - Contact Sr. Maritta @ 895-0896

St. Cecilia - Saturdays - (9/12, 10/10, 11/14 & 12/5) - Contact Joan @ 553-5524

QWEST FOR CASH

The first event of the Qwest for Cash/TAP program will be held on **9-26-09** for The River City Roundup featuring Billy Currington. Start time is around 5:00pm. Please call Kim Lucas @ 556-8245 or e-mail @ hannicca@aol.com if you can work or if you have any questions.

CUB SCOUT MEETING

The first Cub Scout meeting is this Thursday, September 3rd at 7pm in the Social Hall. Sign up is still available. To be a part of Pack 311 come to the meeting or contact Doreen Edmonson @ 884-6370.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

We have had an exceptional summer with BoxTops collections. Normally, we are just now sending in our first submission for the school year. However, over the summer we collected over \$400 worth of BoxTops!!!! We do have an upcoming fall deadline for submissions. If you can send in your BoxTops you've been collecting over the summer that would be great. Your continued support of this program is truly appreciated. Follow our collection success online at boxtops4education.com.

PANCAKE MAN BREAKFAST - VOX CHRISTI COFFEE SALES

Please join us for a pancake breakfast featuring The Pancake Man on Sunday, Sept. 6th from 8:15-1pm in the STM Cafeteria. This event is sponsored by the STM Knight of Columbus. Cost is \$5 per person and a max of \$20 per family. Vox Christi will be selling their coffee during the day in the Cafeteria also. Please support our organization that supports student Vocations.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT GOLF CHALLENGE

Join us for a girl's night golf challenge & dinner on Friday, September 11, 2009 at Milt's Golf Center, 64th & Q. For more information please call Missy Gates @ 731-7376.

HYVEE SMILES FOR EDUCATION

Here's your chance to earn \$5,000 for STM and a laptop computer for your student. Just stop by any Hy-Vee Store and register your student and STM School in the Hy-Vee Smiles for Education program. Sign up each student once a week, 10 winners will be drawn weekly.

FREE CREIGHTON TICKETS

Be sure to stop in the school office for your free voucher for 2 tickets to the Men's Creighton Soccer Game on Saturday, September 5th @ 7pm.

PER PUPIL RATIO VS CLASS SIZE

We hope this explanation helps to shed some light on the difference between these terms. Per pupil ratio is based upon the number of students in a K-12 program versus the full-time certified staff. It gives a distribution of certified educators and students in a building. Rule 10 Accredited Schools do not exceed 25:1 and STM is 13:1. Class size recommendations are those we have adopted as a parish. They vary based upon grade and class.