

St. John the Baptist School Newsletter

August 21, 2009

Dear families,
Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. We have successfully completed our first three "school days" but there have been several weeks of work to get us to this point.

We have welcomed Father Cyril Fernandes as our new pastor. It is a blessing and a joy to share our community with him and continue our faith journey under his leadership.

Other significant changes are with our physical plant: tuck pointing is completed, a new roof on the entire school building and PAC, numerous repairs to the interior of the school from the years of water damage, a new fence for the protection of our students, a new procedure for drop off and dismissal, professional cleaning of the vent system in the PAC, and a new parking lot.

Whether these are considered individually or collectively, one can see the significant changes. This is a sign of growth, of optimism and hope. I cannot think of a better way to start a new year.

We will continue to grow and look forward. Our family of Saint John is a family rich in faith, strong

in compassion and gentle in patience.

This school year is our opportunity to gather together, join hands, reach out to others, embrace our differences, and become a better people. That is truly our goal as a Catholic school: to be a witness of our faith and grow in our faith.

Together in Christ,
Mrs. Sandor

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

We are celebrating family this year. Thursday, August 27, is our first family night: Back to School Night. We have planned a family picnic to start the school year. Families are asked to complete the enclosed RSVP for Back to School Night so that we can make adequate preparations.

H1N1 Information

The ACNPSA (Allen County NonPublic School Association) has been closely working with Dr. Mc Mahon from the Allen County Health Department to develop a plan for all students. As the information comes to us, we will send it home in the family envelopes. There is excellent information available from the US Department of Health at <http://www.flu.gov>

You are encouraged to consult this site for information.

As a school, teachers will be posting student work/assignments on the school website. Please use this tool when your child is absent. As we progress through the year, more information will be available on our website.

WELCOME TO MRS. PARR

We welcome Mrs. Parr as our new music teacher. We are fortunate to have such a talented teacher on our staff.

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW FAMILIES

We have several new families who joined our school family. Be sure to welcome them and offer a helping hand or a smile to them.

Grade Level Liaisons

Good communication is essential. This year we have one volunteer at each grade level who will serve as a school liaison. If you have a question on where something is, how something is done or any general information. Please contact one of the following people.

Pre School: Connie Heflin

Kindergarten: Lisa Fink

1st Grade: Kelly Korjenek

2nd Grade: Kristen Romary

3rd Grade: Monika Coates

4th Grade: Nan Possemato

5th Grade: Brian Neher

6th Grade: Barb Berghoff

7th Grade: Jane Williams

8th Grade: Tess Steffen