

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo



Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM

Total for 21 Lunches for September: \$57.75

Monday, Sept. 29 Supervision	Hot Dogs and Chili Opitz, Collins
Tuesday, Sept. 30 Supervision	Nachos & Cheesy Ground Beef Cisewski, Sorensen
Wednesday, Oct. 1 Supervision	Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Opitz, Roose
Thursday, Oct. 2 Supervision	Turkey Noodle Hotdish Bailey, Apel
Friday, Oct. 3 Supervision	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Pedersen, Schafer

ITBS Testing October 13-21, 2014

Students in grades 3-8 will be participating in the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. St. Ann School students in Grades 3-8 will be administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills Tests from October 13-21. The purpose of the ITBS Tests is to show the progress that each child has made, how much he/she already knows, his/her ability to learn, and the effect our current curriculum has on learning. Our St. Ann School teachers will use the information gained from the ITBS tests to plan future curriculum and new methodologies to better meet the learning needs of our students.

**If you know in advance that your child will be gone during this time frame, please notify the school office as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for him/her to take the test before the deadline for mailing. Please email or phone the school office at the information listed in the header of this Memo.

Here are some ways to help your child do well on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the tests.
- Provide a healthy breakfast on testing days.
- Have your child dress comfortably and arrive at school on time each day.
- Send your child off to school with confidence-building words of praise and support.
- Remind your child to listen to directions carefully.
- Remind your child to read each answer before the best one is chosen.
- Remind your child to check over the answers before closing the test booklet.
- Do not schedule any appointments or early pick-ups during testing days.
- If your child is ill, please allow him or her to rest for the day, as retaking of the tests is possible.



Collection Box is outside the school office.

All coats should be brought to school by October 2.

St. Ann School Logo Wear



In your family envelope (or as an attachment to today's email), we are sending home a flyer on St. Ann School Logo Wear. We encourage you to purchase items for your child especially for field trips and for school Mass participation.

Don't Forget: There will be no school only for St. Ann School students on Friday, October 10. Please mark your calendar. Teachers will be attending the Catholic Educators Convention in Milwaukee.



Principal's Corner

The Pure Joy of It

Much to my disappointment, my son in his 8th grade year opted to leave St. Ann's and spend his final primary year at River Bluff. It was a very difficult decision – so much so that we didn't even register him until mid-August, hoping that he would change his mind; however, understandably, he wasn't real keen on spending the year with his mother as the principal. It was challenging enough having me as a teacher, so in the end I felt I had to cave.

Carson has made daily visits after school ever since the school year started, hanging out with the Neumeyer boys and even on occasion Michel Carpenter. It's a daily mini-reunion around here. Just this past Sunday after spending a very fun day at our Parish festival, Carson and I got to talking about St. Ann's. I asked him if he missed it at all. I was happy to hear his response that, yes, he does actually miss this place despite the wide array of friends he has made at River Bluff. What really tugged at my heart strings, however, was his reasoning. I asked him what he missed most to which he responded, "the pure joy of it."

As he often does, Carson nailed what makes St. Ann's unique. As I wandered down the halls this week, I had to agree with him. This building is alive with pure joy, from the children's yells and laughter at recess, to the lively classroom discussions and bustling activity. But the joy your children feel at St. Ann's is deeper because we know that we all embody Christ's love for us. As a principal, former teacher and now past parent, I know teaching Jesus's love is something we instill in your children each day. What greater joy can they feel but to know that not only do they have your unconditional love at home but that through our mission to teach as Jesus did, they have ours as well at school? Jesus says in John 16:24, "Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete." Let's continue to work together to nurture that joy in our children.

~ Mrs. Roisum

Please Return Your Wednesday Handout Envelope:

Wednesday Handout Envelopes should be returned to school by Thursday. Please make sure that your child gives you your envelope with these handouts on Wednesday.

For those who receive handouts by email, most Wednesdays you will still receive an envelope with handouts. Your email will tell you whether or not to expect an envelope that day.



SAVE TONER, INKJET CARTRIDGES AND OLD CELL PHONES FOR ST. ANN SCHOOL. THANK YOU!

Does your business use toner cartridges? Please ask them to save them for us. Is your business getting rid of their older cell phones? Please ask them to recycle by donating them to St. Ann School.



As a Reminder: Please do not park in the school lot between 9:00 AM and 2:45 PM. Students are often using the playground for recess, breaks, gym class etc.