



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

2/8/17



Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive no later than **11:15 AM** (11:00 AM if possible).

Total for 18 Lunches for February: **\$53.10**

Monday, Feb. 13	Breaded Chicken Sandwich
Supervision	Drifke
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Hard or Soft Shell Tacos
Supervision	Waldorf
Happy St. Valentine's Day!	
Wednesday, Feb. 15	Truck Stop Breakfast
Supervision	Wahlin
Thursday, Feb. 16	Pizza
Supervision	Ross
Friday, Feb. 17	Sub Sandwich
Supervision	Schumacher

Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 21 & 22, 4:00-8:00 PM

Conference forms were sent home last Monday by email.

February conferences are not mandatory and will be teacher initiated. If you do not receive a request from your child's teacher, you are not required to schedule a conference. If you have concerns and feel you need to meet with your child's teacher, you may complete the form that was emailed to you or email us and we will schedule a conference time. (stanns@stanns-school.org) All requests should be sent to the school office by February 9, 2017.



4K Registration

- **Complete online registration now at** www.stoughton.k12.wi.us
 - ◆ Explore SASD - Registration and Enrollment
 - ◆ New Students
 - ◆ Online Enrollment Icon
 - ◆ Submit Registration for **17-18 Registration Year**
 - ◆ **Submit before February 21**
- **February 21 - Come to Sandhill School** between 7:00 - 10:00 AM or 4:00 - 7:00 PM
 - ◆ Turn in Site Request Form
 - ◆ Provide Proof of Child's Age
 - ◆ Provide Proof of Residency
 - ◆ Provide Parent/Guardian ID
 - ◆ Provide Immunization Record for Student



Many Thanks

"The Playing Field" Daycare wishes to express their deep gratitude for St. Ann students' generous donations and support to their program. We were able to donate over \$600 in gift cards and cash to their program as well as many items of basic needs. Check out our St. Ann Facebook page to see more on this wonderful project. Thank you all for your participation.



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Principal's Corner

This past weekend I once again had the opportunity to join 350 teens and chaperones at the Kalahari for the Diocese's annual Frassati Fest. For those who do not know, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati lived in Italy during the early 20th century. From an early age, his spirituality drew him to those in most need, and he became an advocate for the poor, joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the age of 17. He was also a social and political activist, and in 1919 joined the Catholic Student Foundation and promoted the Catholic Church's teaching on social justice. At the young age of 24, he contracted polio and died. He is an amazing inspiration for our young, and the Frassati Fest weekend was filled with testimonies, break-out sessions, prayer, Mass, and lots of fun. As an adult, I used the time to reflect and pray, particularly during Adoration Saturday evening. I used the time to talk to Jesus about numerous needs and to give thanks for the gifts that he has given me and the good people with whom he has surrounded me.

As I mentioned, we enjoyed some excellent breakout sessions with two youth ministers from Rockford. During the women's session, the one youth minister, Lauren, spoke to the girls, drilling a message that I don't think our young women AND men hear enough these days, and that is the fact that God is happy with the person we are NOW and not the perfect person we THINK we need to become. Our kids more than ever strive to be the epitome of perfection – perfect hair, perfect body, perfect skin, perfect grades, perfect athlete, and perfect actor – and not coincidentally there are more kids suffering from anxiety today than there ever were when I was a kid. Why is this? Similar to the campaign to end teenage smoking, there has been a huge push to build our children's self-esteem and self-image, so why isn't this message seemingly getting through? I wish I had the answers, and sometimes I wonder if we as parents put too many expectations on our kids. No matter what the reason may be, I do know that as parents, teachers, and mentors, we need to keep bringing Lauren's message back to our kids: God loves them as they are, not as they want to be. Somehow we have to show them that not only does God love them as is, but that we as the adults ALSO love them the way they are.

When I think back to my 25 years in education, I reflect upon the hundreds of students who passed through my classrooms, and what I remember most about many of them is not how good looking they were or how smart but, rather, how quirky they were or the hilarious, odd things they used to do in class to make me laugh. I know my teachers would agree that we love our students for all their imperfections and their ability to forgive and love each other. If we follow their lead, then together we can continue to make St. Ann's the beautiful community it is. So, the next time you sit down with your kids, deliver the message: God loves them as they are, not as they want to be.

~ *Mrs. Raisum*