

St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

4/20/16



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

Total for 20 Lunches for April: \$58.00

Monday, April 25 Hot Dog and French Fries

Supervision Wahlin

Tuesday, April 26 Walking Tacos

Supervision Schipper

Wednesday, April 27 Sloppy Joes & Tater Tots

Supervision Weesner

Thursday, April 28 BBQ Chicken Breast

Supervision Clark, Lisa Friday, April 29 NO SCHOOL

Registration for PK3, Kindergarten and new students in grades 1-8

St. Ann School is currently registering new students for the 2016-17 school year. If your child is attending PK3, Kindergarten, or if you have a child attending who is new to St. Ann School next Fall, please come to the school office to pick up a registration packet or call us if you wish to have a packet mailed to you.

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It's Time to Sign Up for FACTS -Our Online Tuition

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Payment Program for the 2016-17 School Year

****Sign up by April 30****

- Visit our St. Ann School Website and click on the FACTS Link, or
- Go to https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4008C
- Create your user name and password

Upcoming Events

April 21 6:30 PM H&S Meeting

(postponed from April 14)

April 25 Scrip Order due by 3:00 PM

April 29 No School, In-Service

Tuition Notice

Final Tuition Payment for 2015-16 is Monday, May 16. All tuition should be paid by this date. Please be sure to sign up for FACTS, our 2016-17 online tuition payment program. We would like all families to be signed up by April 30. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



Seussical, Jr. Tickets Available Soon!

We will soon have tickets available for the St. Ann School performance of Seussical, Jr. which will be held at the beautiful Stoughton Opera House. This year, all show tickets can be purchased online. Mark your calendar for our performance dates: Friday, May 6 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 PM. More information will follow.



Principal's Corner

When cruising around in my car, I enjoy listening to a variety of books as well as podcasts. Having always been a mystery buff, one such favorite is a podcast that focuses on true crimes. While listening to an episode, a comment was made by a psychiatrist that stuck with me and to this day still bothers me. She quoted someone as saying that when people speak to God, it's called prayer, but when God speaks to them, it's called mental illness. Grant it, the whole conversation centered on mental health, but it bothered me that there is this prevailing feeling that we really don't have a *relationship* with God – that it is simply one-sided – and that to "hear" God's voice is somehow not "normal." For myself, I take issue with the notion that God does not speak to us. Although I don't necessarily hear God's "voice" in my head, I certainly feel a sense of being in His presence always. Having this special bond with God opens my heart and mind to watching for the times when He is speaking to me. And since I find God to be clever and resourceful, with an appreciation for irony and humor, I am constantly on my toes for His next message. I think His messages are there all the time, but similar to a great friend whose advice you value, there are times more than others when I'm in more need and want of advice and guidance and other times when I just need Him there to be silent and comforting.

These past several weeks have been rather stressful for me. I am again taking another four credit class, and although the content is excellent, I find it is just one more thing in a mountainous pile of things I need to complete before mid-May, and I constantly worry that I won't be able to complete the expected tasks. During my panic attacks, which tend to come around 3:00 a.m., I calm myself by seeking God's comfort and asking Him to keep me strong and focused. I remind myself of the quote on my computer, "The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you." Eventually, I am able to calm down, and with God's help, fall back asleep. Of course that's usually about the time the alarm goes off; hence, God's humor. Upon awakening after one of these bouts the other night, I got up to sip my coffee and scroll through the Facebook wall where I came upon God's voice in a posting from a beautiful friend of my daughter's. Above her smiling photo was a quote from Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." I immediately text her and informed her that I was using the quote for my newsletter. There is no doubt in my mind that God was speaking to me, reminding me that I do have the strength through Him and that I need to continue to find joy in each day He has gifted me. Similar to the other quote, this one is now taped to my monitor to help me during those panicky moments.

I invite you to speak to your children about God's "voice" in their lives and to have them journal those moments or post scripture passages as their personal "motto" to live by. This is an easy way to build your child's relationship with God and to open their minds to the numerous ways God is constantly speaking to them. Our relationship with God is always there even if we are unable to see how closely He walks with us.

~ Kara Roisum

Home & School Steering Committee

The April Home & School Steering Committee will meet on Thursday, April 21 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Healy Hall. Agenda items include: Preliminary conversation about the 2016/17 H&S budget; proposed volunteer committee structure for 2016/17; RockIt! Event summary and Family Meeting planning. Guests are welcome to attend the Steering Committee meeting or submit additional items/questions for consideration. Please contact co-chair Lynn Wood at lwood@wcgpr.com if you

plan to attend as a guest or would like to submit any items for consideration.