

PARENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a very successful first week of school! We made this week successful because we all worked together, hand in hand, despite the many difficulties. Yes, it did have some problems and things that we can fix, but during this second week we will try to address these and find solutions. If we work together we can make our school better and stronger. I was struck by the first reading at Friday's Mass at how St. Paul spoke about athletes and how they must dedicate their lives to be successful, and then he compares this to our living of the Gospel. **'Run so as to win.'** During these unprecedented times, this is exactly what we must do within our own personal spiritual lives and also with our day to day work of building a better world for our children. We have to always push ourselves to be better and stronger Catholics so that our children will become also better. Let us continue to walk in this faith journey together.

Parents, please keep yourself at a safe distance from other parents near and around the gates at **DROP OFF and PICK UP**. We hope that this happened only because it was the first week with parents being so close together. We want you to be safe as well as all other parents. Stay 6 feet from one another and wear a cloth face mask to protect others. We know the Grade 4-6 PICKUP was a challenge, but we are investing in **WALKIE TALKIES** this week and will have **an additional person** helping with the relaying of names to the teachers with students. During the PICK UP time we are asking teachers and students to be quiet so as to hear students names as we had to call at least three times for several families of children to finally come out to the car.

We have quite a few **DISTANCE LEARNERS**. Our 7th and 8th graders are right now learning from home but live streaming with their teachers. As I am also now a 7th and 8th grade teacher, a few things came to mind that will help our students succeed in this learning mode. Here they are:

*. Students must be ready **to learn when their class begins**, not be in bed but sitting at a table with everything they need, pencils, pens, book, notebooks, chrome book.

*. **Be on time** - do not show up half way through class. I sent home a spreadsheet with all the logins. Bookmark this so you can easily switch from one teacher to another.

*. **Do the work yourself** - last year we found that some students all of a sudden were straight A students and it was because they had other people doing their work for them. God sees and loves us, but He wants us to do our own work so that we grow. Athletes do not have other people doing their workouts - they do their own workouts so their muscles will be strong. Our minds will only grow if we struggle and work through the work ourselves.

*. **Depend on Google Classroom** for all your assignments and communicate with teachers through this. If there is a problem, let your teachers know.

I will continue to send a short daily update so that you know what is happening the NEXT DAY. We hope this will clarify any questions you may have. The **SCHOOL CALENDAR** has been updated on the **SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.saintanneschool.net**. Please refer to this often, it is under **EVENTS AND NEWS**. I am attaching with this newsletter the **MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE** as well as the spreadsheet containing the **LINKS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES**.

This month, on every Wednesday, students may come to school in their PE uniforms. If they do not have one, they should wear their school uniform. They can wear either.

Have a very blessed week!

Here are the DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 14, Monday	Full Day, 2:30 pm dismissal with daycare SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, VIA ZOOM, 6:00 PM
September 16, Wednesday	PE Clothes Day
September 18, Friday	NOON Dismissal, Daycare available

2 Attachments