

August 29, 2019

Dear Families of All Saints Academy Students,

No School Friday and Monday for Labor Day Weekend

All Saints Academy is closed Friday, August 30th, and Monday September 5th, for Labor Day Weekend. Child Care is open Friday, but closed Monday. Classes and child care resume Tuesday, September 6th.

Beginning of the Year Paperwork

Please remember to complete and return all beginning of the year paperwork to the school office by Friday, September 6. All families should have received a packet at Ice Cream Social or on the first day of school. Any families who did not receive a packet should contact the elementary office at 447-2997 or the middle school office at 363-7725.

Blessing of the Backpacks Tuesday

When students return from Labor Day weekend, there will be a special blessing of the backpacks during morning prayer. Students will receive a blessing card to keep in their backpacks for the school year. The Middle School blessing will be at 8:00 am, and at the elementary it will be 8:15 am.

Eaglefest Auction News

The annual Eaglefest auction, one of two main fundraisers for ASA, is Saturday November 9, 2019. If you are interested in buying an ad in the auction booklet, and/or if you'd like to help with the auction planning/execution, please contact John Matlak, 447-2997, ext. 1203, or jmatlak@asagr.org.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account Setup

Instructional letters were sent to all parents in grades P3-8 who do not already have an Infinite Campus parent account. Most parents received these instructions via email from kszczytko@asagr.org on Tuesday. If you do not have an email listed at ASA, you will receive a paper copy of the instructions via US mail. Infinite Campus is how parents can see lunch activity/balance, schedules, teacher contact info, grades, and report cards. If you do not have a parent portal account and did not receive a letter, please contact Karen Szczytko, 363-7725, ext. 1106 or kszczytko@asagr.org.

Middle School Open House Next Week

We look forward to seeing middle school parents at the Open House Thursday, September 5th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Parents will start in the Gym, and pick up a schedule to visit teachers. This will be a great opportunity to see what your child will be learning this year, and discuss Diocesan Standards, grading, Canvas, and report cards.

Middle School Drop Off

The middle school office opens at 7:30 am. We are ready to monitor students at 7:35 am, once doors are unlocked, lights are on, and phone messages are checked. If it is necessary to drop off your son or daughter prior to 7:30 am please make arrangements to drop them off at the shuttle bus stop at the elementary campus. The shuttle bus arrives at the elementary campus at 7:20 am. It leaves the elementary campus at 7:40 am, and arrives at the middle school around 7:50 am. Not only do we want to be sure an adult is present to care for all of our students once they are on school property, it will start to get darker and cooler in the morning, so we want to be aware of the safety and comfort of everyone in our community!

West Catholic Robotics Information Night

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to learn more about West Catholic robotics 7:00-8:30 pm September 5th. [See this flyer for full details.](#)

Instagram Was Named the #1 App for Child Grooming by CNN

Our testing proves why. After the CNN report, [Protect Young Eyes](#) created test accounts and impersonated an average teenager using the app. The results were shocking. Their testing proves that even good kids are exposed to extremely tempting and potentially compromising situations simply due to how the app is built. Instagram's feature, like hashtags and DMs (direct

messaging) create significant risks. [Please take 5 minutes to read their full report](#). Be warned - some information is offensive. PYE didn't censor what they experienced.

Back to School: Time to Set an Electronic Curfew

From a recent [Screenagers](#) blog post: Getting back into the new school year and on to regular sleep patterns is critical. Leslie Walker-Harding, pediatrician and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington (who is also in Screenagers) recently told me, "Sometimes a sleep-deprived teenager will appear just like they have anxiety, clinical anxiety or clinical depression and its sleep." [Find out why and when you should set an electronic curfew for your children](#).

Please follow ASA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming Dates

Friday, August 30

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Weekend

Child Care OPEN

Monday, September 2

NO SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

8:00 am Blessing of the Backpacks, Middle School Gym

8:15 am Blessing of the Backpacks, Elementary Gym

Wednesday, September 4

10:30 am Elementary (K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

Thursday, September 5

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

6:30-8:00 pm Middle School Open House

Friday, September 6

Spirit Day

8:15 am Elementary Rosary, Gym

Monday, Sept 9

MAP Testing Begins, grades 2-8

Tuesday, Sept 10

6:30-8:00 pm Elementary Open House

Wednesday, Sept 11

10:30 am Elementary Mass (K-3), Blessed Sacrament Church

6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting, Middle School

Thursday, Sept 12

8th Grade to Camp Manitou-Lin

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, Sept. 13

Spirit Day

8:00am - 3:25pm 8th Grade Retreat, Brophy Center

God Bless,

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The Vision of All Saints Academy is to provide a transformative education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this education meets the needs of individual learners, preparing them to make a positive impact on others.

The ASA Sponsor/Community Partner of the week is: Licari's Sicilian Pizza Kitchen



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