

September 27, 2019

Dear ASA Parents and Guardians,

### **Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)**

We received the following information from the Kent County Health Department:

*“The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) notified the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) this morning a deer in Kent County was found to have Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) during a necropsy (autopsy). The KCHD is urging residents to take steps to protect themselves from EEE and West Nile Virus (WNV).”*

*The MDHHS is encouraging local officials in Kent County to consider postponing, rescheduling or cancelling outdoor activities occurring at or after dusk, particularly activities that involve children. This would include events such as late evening outdoor sports practices, games, or music practices. The MDHHS recommendation is being made out of an abundance of caution to protect the public health and applies until the first hard frost of the year.”*

As this pertains to All Saints Academy:

- We will continue to go outside for recess during the school day and child care hours.
- Please feel free to send insect repellent to school, and we will administer to your child.
- For students participating in sports, GRACEAC or your team’s coach will provide further instruction.

[Please review this flyer for some great tips and instructions for safety.](#)

### **Vote for ASA Reminder - Voting Ends Monday**

The last day to vote is Monday, September 30! Remember to vote for ASA every day, with each email address you have. Don't forget to vote over the weekend! Simply [click on the Tools for Schools ASA link once EVERY DAY](#) until the end of the month and cast your vote for ASA. Save the link...and send it to your friends and relatives, or post it to your favorite social media sites. Vote, vote, vote for All Saints Academy!

## Box Tops Contest Has Changed

Our Box Tops 4 Education contest begins October 1! The entire school, grades Toddler through 8, is working together to raise money for school items that are not included in the operating budget. All classes who participate will be eligible for the awards below, along with raising money for ASA!

Collecting Box Tops is now easier than ever! Simply download the Box Tops 4 Education app, purchase box top products, and scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase - no clipping required! Any adult (18 years and over), including parents, grandparents, all family members, friends, parishioners and teachers can also download the Box Tops Bonus App - it's free and easy! [For more information, click here.](#)

We also can accept any old clipped Box Tops that do not have the word Scan on them! Traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production; however, you can still find them on some products. If you scan your receipt and turn in the Box Tops, this will double our earnings!

The contest will run between October 1 and Wednesday, October 30th.

Here are the award levels:

Level 1 - 4,000 Box Tops (approx. 20/student) - Color Day

Level 2 - 5,000 Box Tops (approx. 25/student) - Hat Day

Level 3 - 6,000 Box Tops (approx. 30/student) - Movie

Level 4 - 7,000 Box Tops (approx 35/student) - Movie with Popcorn

Please scan and clip your Box Tops and send them in either [on this Box Tops collection sheet](#), or in a baggie or envelope, and drop them off in the school office by October 30. Our next collection month is February - but you can keep scanning the box tops with the app all year long!

## It's Book Fair Time Again!

The Elementary fair will run October 7-11, and the Middle School fair will be October 28-31.

**New for Book Fair this year: eWallet!** [Parents can set up an eWallet account for their elementary child here.](#) (The middle school link will be published prior to the MS book fair. Accounts are only linked to one school.) eWallet is a great alternative to cash, and is safe and secure. It is easy to set a spending limit for your child with eWallet. The funds are available immediately, and any unused funds are returned to your credit card!

**Also new this year: the Scholastic Store!** There are over 6000 items available! And our school still earns rewards! [Click here to start shopping.](#)

All Saints Academy has done exceptionally well with our Book Fairs in the past few years. In the last two years, your purchases have given us rewards to purchase hundreds of new books for both ASA libraries!

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help this event run smoothly. Volunteers will assist students in selecting and purchasing books. All volunteers must have submitted the proper ASA paperwork and have completed a VIRTUS session. (Please contact either school office if you need more information.) [If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here.](#)

### **Employment Opportunity**

All Saints Academy is seeking a fun-loving adult to join our Early Childhood Team as an Early Childhood Assistant. We are in need of someone Monday through Friday, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. This school calendar position may require working on non-school days including snow days. The option of summer employment would also be available if desired. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. Interested Candidates Should email Beckie Patterson - [bpatterson@asagr.org](mailto:bpatterson@asagr.org).

### **School Directory Opt Out Due Tuesday 10/1/19**

Work has begun on the 2019-2020 ASA School Directory. If you do NOT want your family included in the directory, [please complete this form by Tuesday, October 1st](#). The information used for the directory comes from Infinite Campus. [If any of your contact information has changed please let the office know by completing this form](#). Thank you!

### **Reminder ASA Parent Night Out - Fowling**

Join ASA Parents for fun at the Fowling Warehouse on October 11th, 9-11 pm. What is fowling? Fowling is a game that combines the football and bowling into one sport with a layout similar to horseshoes and cornhole. It's \$12 to fowl or free to come and hang out. [Please complete this RSVP form if you plan to play](#). Space is limited, so don't delay signing up. Money is due at the time of signup to reserve your spot.

### **Middle School Office Communications - One Email Address**

If you need to contact the middle school office for any reason, including reporting absences or early pick ups, you can now use one email address: [msoffice@asagr.org](mailto:msoffice@asagr.org). Messages sent to this address will reach both Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Szczytko. Just a reminder, please do not report absences or early pick ups to teachers.

## Winter Sports Registrations Due October 4 - One More Week to Register

Winter sports registrations are now open! We will be offering the following:

- Winter I: (Oct-Dec) Boys Basketball, Girls Competitive Cheer
- Winter II: (Jan-March): Girls Basketball, Boys Wrestling

All registrations must be submitted by using [the online form found here no later than Friday, October 4](#). Please remember your child must have a valid sports physical and consent form on file in the school office prior to any participation in practices or games. A valid sports physical is one that has been completed after April 15, 2019. [The sports physical forms can be found here](#).

## Reminder - Screenagers Sequel October 21

*Screenagers The Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience* is about helping young people thrive in our screen- and stress-filled world. It's a sequel to *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*. After the movie, panelists from the Franciscan Life Process Center, All Belong Center for Inclusive Education, and Kent ISD will take audience questions.

- When - Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)
- Where - Celebration Cinema North, 2121 Celebration Dr. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525
- Tickets - \$7 (must buy in advance at [bit.ly/DOGRMovie](http://bit.ly/DOGRMovie))
- Who - The film is intended for adults and youth starting from age 10 and up.

Tickets sold out when the Diocese hosted the first movie back in 2016, please buy your tickets quickly!

## CC Junior Cougar Night Reminder - October 4

Catholic Central is celebrating K-12 Catholic education on Friday, October 4 at the CAT. [Full details can be found here](#).

## What Teens Wish Their Parents Knew About Social Media

Think you know everything your students are doing online? Think again. They have ways of getting around parent rules. [This article from 2018 in the Washington Post explains it all](#).

## iOS 13 Parental Controls Explained

The new version of iOS was released on September 19. [Find out what changes affect parents and kids the most in this blog post](#) from Protect Young Eyes.

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

## Upcoming Dates

### Monday, Sept 30

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109  
MAP Testing: 12:30-1:30 pm Grade 3 Math

### Tuesday, Oct 1

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109  
MAP Testing: 10:00-11:00 am Grade 2 Math

### Wednesday, Oct 2

10:30 am Elementary (K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church  
3:30-4:25 pm Middle School Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

### Thursday, Oct 3

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109  
8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church  
12:30-1:30 pm Freshmen Alumni visit 8th Grade

### Friday, Oct 4

Spirit Day  
Winter Sports Registrations Due  
7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109  
8:15 am Elementary Rosary, Gym  
3:00-3:15 pm Elementary Blessing of the Pets  
6:00-9:00 pm CC Jr. Cougar Night, CAT

### Monday, Oct 7

Elementary Book Fair  
7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

### Tuesday, Oct 8

Elementary Book Fair  
7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

**Wednesday, Oct 9**

Elementary Book Fair

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

3:30-4:25 pm Middle School Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting, Middle School

**Thursday, October 10**

Elementary Book Fair

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

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

**Friday, October 11**

Elementary Book Fair

Spirit Day

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

8:00 am Middle School Rosary, Gym

8:15 am Elementary Rosary, Gym

9:00 pm Parents Night Out, Fowling Warehouse

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.*

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