



This Week:

Tuesday: Library

Wednesday- conferences (3:45-8:15) NO YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Thursday- NO SCHOOL; conferences (8:00-3:00)

Friday- NO SCHOOL

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Crusader Connection

**"IT'S AMAZING
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TOGETHER."**

Esie

Highlights from Mrs. Hohl

It's Parent Teacher Conference Time!

Our teachers spend a lot of time preparing for parent teacher conferences and are looking forward to discussing your children's faith formation and education this week! Research shows that when parents are involved, their kids do better in school. Below are some tips for making the most of PT conferences this week.

- ◆ Ask your child if there is anything in particular that he wants you to discuss with his teacher. Ask him how school is going, what his favorite subject is, what his least favorite part of the school day is, and how he is growing in his faith this year. Share this information with the teacher.
- ◆ Bring a notebook and a pen to take notes.
- ◆ Help our teachers to know your child better! What are her interests, strengths, weaknesses, etc.?
- ◆ Ask the teacher if your child is meeting grade-level expectations. Are there any concerns?
- ◆ If there are any behavior or learning issues, make a plan to check in with the teacher to gauge progress.
- ◆ Ask the teacher how your child is getting along with his peers at recess, lunch, and other social times outside of class.

Tips for staying involved all year long...

- ◇ Visit the website often for announcements and updates from the school office, view the school calendar, teacher messages, and photos of the school day and school events.
- ◇ Be supportive of homework expectations. Generally, students should average 10 minutes of homework per grade level, per evening. Not only does homework help teachers to assess whether or not a child has earned an important concept, but it helps the student to build responsibility and a strong work ethic.
- ◇ Establish a stress-free bedtime and morning routine. Start the bedtime routine early and have your children prepare their clothing, back packs, lunch boxes, etc. the night before. Getting a good night's sleep and eating a nutritious breakfast are essential to a productive school day!
- ◇ Reinforce study skills by helping kids prepare ahead of time for tests and projects. Teach your child to break things down into smaller chunks of information or tasks to complete.
- ◇ Talk about school!
- ◇ You've heard the recent radio spots and have probably seen the billboards too...school attendance is critical! We want your kids here and it's essential for a bright future! By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Kids Health. Parent Teacher Conferences. <http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/parent-conferences.html>



Christ is the eternal prophet, priest and king. As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we commit ourselves to carry on His mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing the People of God.

The Spirituality of Stewardship

“Experience shows that tasks in the area of our expertise require less time and are performed better than tasks we need to learn new skills to accomplish. It’s silly for accountants in the parish to put a new roof on a building while construction workers keep the parish books. Reflect on your own skills and talents. Then decide how you can best use your gifts in your parish.”

Smith, Colleen. *Catholic Stewardship: Sharing God’s Gifts*. Harrington: Our Sunday Visitor, 2001. Print.

Stewards

What is a Steward?



A Steward is a person who **MANAGES** the affairs of God on earth. God has made each of us a Steward and has given us **ABILITIES** that are unique.

TEAM headCOUNT

Mrs. Clupny will be taking a head count tomorrow to gauge the interest of our 6th, 7th, 8th grade boys and girls in playing basketball for St. Joe Ost this year. If needed, we will be scheduling try outs for the week of Oct. 22nd. If you have middle school students, please discuss their interests in playing basketball this year so Mrs. Clupny can gather an accurate headcount tomorrow. Thanks!



NO SCHOOL this Thursday, Oct. 5th, Friday, Oct. 6th, or Monday, Oct. 9th!



SCHOOL PICTURE ORDER FORMS WERE DUE YESTERDAY! IF YOU HAVEN'T TURNED IN YOUR PROOFS AND ORDERS YET, PLEASE

DO SO ASAP! THANKS!



From the School Office...

All students participating in school sponsored activities who have below average grades in one or more core subjects will be placed on the ineligibility list and will have his/her grades checked on a weekly basis. Ineligible students may be reinstated for eligibility when all of grades have improved to at least a 70% or higher.

Please let Mrs. Hohl know by Oct. 15 if you are available to coach either our girls' or boys' basketball teams. If we don't have a coach, our 6th graders won't be able to play in the CSAL this year.





Lunch envelopes will be sent home next Tuesday, Oct. 10th.

Thank you for supporting our first Chick-fil-A Spirit Night! The restaurant was packed with Crusaders and all enjoyed the fellowship of sharing a meal together! We don't have a total of the profits earned just yet, but we'll keep you posted! Thanks again, Maria Gear, for organizing this event!



PTO News

- ◆ There will be a basket raffle meeting this Thursday, Oct. 5th at 6:30 in the hall.



- ◆ We're now taking orders for bierocks! Both baked and unbaked bierocks will be available for \$28 per dozen. Order forms will be available on the school website tomorrow!

DID YOU KNOW?

We began a middle school leadership team this year! These students were referred to Mrs. Hohl by their teachers and meet once a week during the school day. They recently made a "Thank You, Catechists" banner with personal messages for the staff in honor of our outstanding catechists! The group is currently planning on making classroom visits during Red Ribbon Week to talk about making healthy choices and staying away from drugs. They're also preparing a presentation for Respect Life Month during the last week of October.



Health Corner

This vs. That