

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEMO
Everything You Wanted To Know
Week of September 14, 2009

Hello Family and Friends,

Welcome to our kindergarten families! Their youth and energy as they walked through the door this past Monday was a great sight to see. Celebrating our first all school Mass with Father Forbes on Wednesday sure brought back the roots to why we are all here...great education under a solid spiritual umbrella. The all school welcome back assembly led by our student board officers this afternoon was a great way to kick off the year for all.

Now that we are all back in the swing of school routine, we are looking forward to seeing you at the Back to School Night this upcoming Wednesday. The goal of Back to School Night is to spend time getting to know the teachers and curriculum that your children will work with this school year. Due to limited space and to help maintain a speedy meeting, we will NOT have babysitting at this event so please make arrangements for your children. The agenda for the evening is:

- 6:30 Welcome/Introduction of teachers/Announcements by PTC
- 7:00 First Session with Teachers
- 7:25 Second Session with Teachers
- 7:50 Third Session with Teachers

I hope to see you all this weekend at our Jubilee festivities. The family picnic will be on Saturday from 1:00-4:00 and our celebration Mass will be Sunday at 11:00 followed by a luncheon in the cafeteria. Special thanks again to Susan Menendez, our Jubilee committee chair, and her team of volunteers for organizing this birthday celebration for our entire community! See you then!

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- Fri. Sept. 18th – FT/Gr. 2 – Tryon Creek/8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Fri. Sept. 18th – 50th Jubilee setup/5:00-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. Sept. 18th – Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ramus!
- Sat. Sept. 19th – 50th Jubilee Celebration/1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Sun. Sept. 20th – October Hot Lunch Orders due to orderlunches.com
- Sun. Sept. 20th – 50th Jubilee Celebration Mass/11:00 a.m.
- Mon. Sept. 21 – Gr. K & 4 Bear Picnic
- Tue. Sept. 22nd – School Picture Day! *remember to send your child/ren with their order form
- Tue. Sept. 22nd – FT/Gr. 7 – Hoyt Arboretum/8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- Wed. Sept. 23rd – Gr. K-8 Children’s Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 6)
- Wed. Sept. 23rd – “Back to School” Night/6:00-8:10 p.m. (**No Children at this event**)
- Thu. Sept. 24th – Gr. 7 & 8 High School Visitation Day
- Fri. Sept. 25th – NO SCHOOL! – Archdiocesan Inservice
- Sun. Sept. 27th – Gr. 6 leaves for Outdoor School/2:15 p.m. from Robert Gray Middle School

PLAYGROUND DUTY SCHEDULE/11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

- Mon. Sept. 21st – Miller, Joanne
- Tue. Sept. 22nd - Labasan
- Wed. Sept. 23rd – Lilly, Kim
- Thur. Sept. 24th - Arenz
- Fri. Sept. 25th – NO SCHOOL

If you have a conflict with your scheduled duty, please contact Renee Huglin @ 503-244-2258.

IMPORTANT STUDENT ILLNESS REMINDER

We would like to remind all of our families, that if you have a student that has any symptoms, such as; fever, sore throat, stomach complaints, headache, cough, body aches, chills, fatigue or have experienced any vomiting, please keep them home for a minimum of 24-hrs. after their symptom(s) has resolved. With the prediction of H1N1 Swine Influenza the incubation period is longer. If your child is diagnosed with the Swine Flu, please contact the school immediately. The illness may last up to seven days and individuals are considered to be contagious for seven days after the onset of their symptoms or 48 hours after their symptoms resolve, whichever is longest. If you or your child have mild flu-like symptoms, monitor and, please contact your physician to consult if necessary. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep our school as free from viruses as possible. Also, please remember to contact the office by 8:30 a.m. if your child will not be in school.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Please note that school pictures will be taken of all students on Tuesday, September 22nd. Students have been given a picture packet through their classroom teacher which must be returned on the day of pictures and presented to the photographer. **PLEASE DO NOT RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

HOT LUNCH REMINDER:

Please remember that you need to order October Hot Lunches no later than Sept. 20th. Please access your account at www.orderlunches.com. You will also find instructions on how to order lunches on our webpage @ www.sjfschool.org. Click on the link "forms" for the password required to access your account.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

If you are planning to volunteer in any capacity this year, you are required to have a current "Background Check" on file with the office. Background Checks are valid for a 3-year period. Your identification card provided by the Archdiocese will indicate your expiration date. If there are any additional members in your family that will be volunteering this year and need a Background Check form, please download a copy @ www.sjfschool.org. Also, in addition to having a Background Check you must attend a "Called to Protect" training, and complete the online courses; "Meet SAM" and "Standards of Conduct for Ministry with Children and Youth." **Please see the attached flyer for the necessary information you will need to access the Archdiocese "Armatus" website.**

HEALTH DAY UPDATE

Last week we mentioned that Health Day was scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9th. Due to scheduling issues we have made a change and have now scheduled students in Gr. K, 1 and new students for their "Hearing Screening" on Friday, October 2nd. On Friday, October 9th, all students in Gr. K-8 will have a "Vision Screening." We will not be conducting height, weight or head lice checks.

PORTLAND ORNAMENT 2009

Once again, Betty Gimarelli-Artist-Designer of the Portland Ornament offers her collectible holiday ornaments to the SJF Community. The ornaments are sold at retail prices at such stores as Nordstrom, Made in Oregon and Norm Thompson. If you are interested in ordering, please find the order form attached. This year's ornament is the "Capitol Dome" Celebrating Oregon's 150th Anniversary. **All orders are due to the office no later than Monday, October 12th.** If you have any questions, please contact Chris Vancil @ chrsv@sjfschool.org.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2010'

The 2010 Entertainment Books are now available through the office. Hard to believe, but the cost is still only \$20.00. Help support SJF by purchasing your book today and begin enjoying all

the many discount offers. If you are interested in ordering, please fill out the form included in today's electronic email and return with your check made payable to St. John Fisher. You can either pickup your book(s) or have them sent home with your child/ren. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Vancil @ chrism@sjfschool.org or @ 503-246-3234 ex. 10.

ST JOHN FISHER BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 5th and plan on donating blood between 2:30-7:30 p.m. The American Red Cross is in need of blood donors! Summer is over, vacations are winding down and a more structured existence emerges. This fall, it is imperative that we collect enough blood to keep the community blood supply at a satisfactory level throughout flu season. To schedule your appointment or, for more information, please contact Liz Lilly @ 503-452-7898. The need is constant and the gratification is instant. **GIVE BLOOD!**

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Come join the St John Fisher Men's Club Thursday September 17th at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to build our SJF community and get to know the dad's of your children's friends. We have a lot of exciting new plans for the year and want to extend an open invitation to all you men who are interested in facilitating fellowship and camaraderie at St. John Fisher School and Parish:

- Fund raising
- Facility upkeep
- Volunteer support
- Community involvement events
- Speakers on current events/topics

Have fun and get involved: \$10 suggested donation for BBQ dinner. Contact: Tom Lenth @ tomlenth@spiritone.com

GYM/FACILITIES USE

Prior authorization from the school office is required in order to use the gym or school facilities. This includes CYO, PTC, Auction meetings, Men's Club, etc. To make arrangements for use of a classroom, cafeteria, gym etc., please contact Chris Vancil @ 503-246-3234 ex. 10 or email @ chrism@sjfschool.org.

Please look for the following information that is included in today's electronic email:

- *Armatus Volunteer Requirements***
- *PACE Fundraiser information flyer***
- *Portland Ornament order form***
- *Entertainment Book 2010 order form***
- *SJF Blood Drive information flyer***