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St. Luke Catholic School Newsletter

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**Mr. Weber Says:** I do hope that the first few days of school went well for your family. It is such fun to see the excitement on the faces of the students as they come into school and throughout the day. We started off the year with a “first Monday” celebration to share our focus for the year. We all met in the gym for prayer, announcements, and welcoming new students.

Last year Fr. Noah called us to be servants of the Lord and to live up to our mission, which states in part that we “will make a positive difference in God’s world”. Miss Land organized the fourth grade to help with food distribution through the “Food Link”. Parents and students came on a Saturday morning to help at St. Andrew Parish. This year our teachers spent a day working at “Anna’s House and the Lord’s Pantry” getting the Haughville neighborhood center ready for a new school year. We showed a video of our work to the students. We are challenging each grade to come up with some sort of a direct, hands-on service project for our parents, students and staff. If you have a service idea that is age appropriate, you might share it with your child’s teacher for consideration.

Our goal is to more closely live under the influence of the Holy Spirit so that we may bear witness to the fruit of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Faithfulness and Self-Control. We will start each “first Monday” with a focus on one of the Fruit of the Spirit. In August and June we will take a summary view by stressing “respect”. If we respect each other, then everything else can work out. We don’t have to agree with or want to be friends with someone to respect them. Respect comes from the Latin “to look back on”, not look down on. It means that we are aware of others and are considerate of their needs. Sounds pretty much like “love one another, as I have loved you.”

Can you take time with your children and help them recognize when they are being respectful? Words are a powerful influence on actions. Your stress on respectful behavior will tend to bring more of it. More respect will bring a great year!

**PTO Back to School Party:** Join your new classmates and friends this Saturday, August 22 from 6:30-9:00 for pizza and fun. Why not attend 5:30 Mass and then have a fun pizza dinner and a great time. You must pre-order the pizza. There is a form in the family packet today. Please return it by this Friday morning, Aug. 21.

**Family Envelope:** Please be sure to remove the contents of this envelope and send it back tomorrow. Our next packet will be on September 2.

**Important Meeting Dates:** Please review the list of meetings below. If you have a child in the class or grade level it is important for at least one parent to attend.

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| <b>Thursday, August 20</b> | <b>Grade 5 Parents 6-7PM in the parish hall</b>           |
| <b>Sunday, August 23</b>   | <b>Grade 8 Confirmation candidates and parents 10AM</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, August 25</b>  | <b>K-6 Back to School Night 7-9PM meet in church</b>      |
| <b>Thursday, August 27</b> | <b>7-8 Back to School Night 7-9PM meet in parish hall</b> |
| <b>Thursday, Sept 3</b>    | <b>Grade 8 Parent Meeting 7-8PM in parish hall</b>        |

### **Other Important Dates**

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| <b>Friday, August 21</b>       | <b>Opening Liturgy g 1-8 8:15 New students introduced<br/>PTO Trash bag sale starts</b>    |
| <b>Saturday, August 22</b>     | <b>PTO Back to School Pizza Party 6:30-9 (preorder)</b>                                    |
| <b>Tuesday, August 25</b>      | <b>Instrumental Music registration dead line</b>   |
| <b>Friday, August 28</b>       | <b>Last day for spirit wear orders (order from web)</b>                                    |
| <b>Sunday, August 30</b>       | <b>Required St. Luke CYO Coaches Meeting 6-9PM<br/>"Play Like a Champion" training</b>     |
| <b>Tuesday, September 1</b>    | <b>Instrumental Music rental night 5-7PM music rooms<br/>School Commission Meeting 7PM</b> |
| <b>Thursday, September 3</b>   | <b>Room Parent Orientation 8:15 AM Reception Room</b>                                      |
| <b>Friday, September 4</b>     | <b>First Friday Benediction 2:30 PM gr. 3-8</b>  |
| <b>Monday, September 7</b>     | <b>Labor Day Holiday</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, September 8</b>    | <b>PTO meeting 7PM</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, September 10</b>  | <b>School Pictures pre order pre pay only</b>  |
| <b>Monday, September 14</b>    | <b>PTO A &amp; E "Bully No More"</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday, September 16</b> | <b>Grade 5 retreat day</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, September 17</b>  | <b>Mid-quarter reports home.</b>   |

**PTO Notes:** PTO dues can be paid online by visiting on [www.stluke.org](http://www.stluke.org), click on school, and click on the link under "New on the Web."

**PTO Spirit Wear** can be ordered by Aug 28th by visiting [www.stluke.org](http://www.stluke.org), click on school, click on the link next to the spirit wear/uniform icon. All orders rec'd by Aug 28th will be delivered prior to the first Spirit Day in September.

**Gym Clothes** can be ordered at any time using the forms located in the office. Contact Mary McGillicuddy at [marymcgillicuddy@yahoo.com](mailto:marymcgillicuddy@yahoo.com) with questions.

**Painless Fundraising:** If you shop at **Marsh** please register your card to benefit St. Luke School. Each year this provides us with several thousand dollars worth of equipment. There is a form in this week's packet. We do need to register each year. Save the **Boxtops** off of various products that you use. These are turned in for over a thousand dollars per year. We are no longer collecting Campbell product labels. **Aluminum** can recycling is one of the most "green" recycling things to do. We have recycling bins by the paper bins off of Holliday Drive.