



St. Luke Catholic School Newsletter

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Have a Wonderful Summer!

Mr. Weber Says:

I do hope that your summer is going well for you and your family. We have been working hard to get ready for the 2010-2011 school year. We are working with the parish to prepare for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish and school in 1961! It is exciting to think of the impact that St. Luke has had on so many families in those 50 years! Look forward to many special activities over the next year and a half!



We start this year on a high note. We are coming off one of our best years of academic performance, spiritual growth, artistic creativity and success in CYO sports. We are excited to introduce our new teachers to you and look forward to even better times!

Mr. Kyle Murphy will be teaching our middle school math. He is a graduate of Purdue University. Mr. Murphy and his family are returning to Indianapolis after teaching middle school math at Holy Family School in Washington. He will have an eighth grade homeroom.

Mrs. Kimberly Hatch will be our Spanish teacher. We will be expanding Spanish into grade 4 this year. She has degree in Spanish education from Purdue University. Mrs. Hatch has five years of experience and taught Spanish at several grade levels and most recently taught at Pike middle school. She will have a seventh grade homeroom.

Mrs. Adrian Willett will be our middle school social studies teacher. Mrs. Willett recently completed her PhD in history at Indiana University. Mrs. Willett and her family are members of St. Luke parish. She has taught at all levels with five years of experience,

most recently in Washington Township. She will have a seventh grade homeroom.

Miss Katie Laux, a graduate of St. Luke School and most recently an instructional assistant at St. Luke, is our new upper level art teacher. She will be teaching art to grades 5-8. She hails from the Herron School of Art at IUPUI and has taught art in both private and school environments.

We welcome these new additions to our school family and know that you will do the same. Change is often difficult but it also creates great opportunities to grow in new ways so that St. Luke School will continue to serve this parish and community with excellence for another fifty years!

Handbook:

The 2010-2011 School Handbook is now posted online under "School Forms". This is part of our effort to make efficient use of resources, control costs and become a little more "green". Please go online to www.stluke.org and review the handbook. The handbook receipt and acknowledgement form is included in this packet and also available with the handbook. Please pay careful attention to these areas of change or revision.

Academic Resource Support: requirements and changes

Parish Stewardship: re use of envelopes on regular basis

Photography of Student Activities: policy on use of student images

Uniform Revisions: review updates and online ordering procedures

Spirit Wear Updates: Please read carefully

Please return the handbook receipt with your start of school paperwork by August 16, 2010.

Important Dates: Please be sure to check the St. Luke webpage www.stluke.org for updates and documents relating to calendar, PTO dues payment, uniform ordering and much more.

July 15: 2010-2011 Tuition Due semester and annual payments and ten month direct debit begins.

August 2: School Office Opens
(Principals Meetings August 2-3)

August 5: 6-9PM Virtus "Protecting God's Children" training
(required for all new staff and volunteers)

August 6: Grade 8 Class Shirt online order deadline

August 9: Virtus training 1PM

August 16: 3PM 2010-11 Forms due,
including Handbook Receipt

6:00PM Meet the Middle School Team

7:00PM New Parent Orientation

**August 17: 9-11AM Meet the Teacher,
Gym/Spirit Clothes Sale**

August 18: School Starts Grades K-8
(Full day K dismisses 1PM all week)

8:15 Opening Liturgy

August 21: 6-8PM PTO Welcome Back Party
*Pizza order forms due 8/19

August 24: Back to School Night Gr. K-6
7-9PM Meet in church

August 26: Back to School Night Gr. 7-8
7-9PM Meet in cafeteria

Sept. 2: Grade 8 Parent Meeting
7-8 PM in Cafeteria

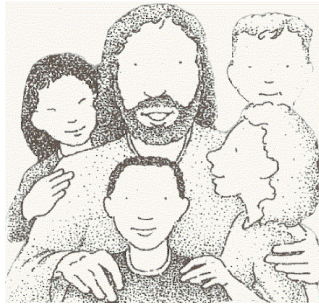
A New Look For the Office:

Expect a new look at the start of this new school year! The new entrance for the school will be the door to what has been the parish lending library, right off of the Narthex. The main school doors will remain closed and locked except for arrival, Mass times and dismissal. Parents, late arriving students, guests, etc. will check in through a new window between the school office and the old lending library. You will sign in or request a student be brought up from that window. If you are coming into the school proper to meet a teacher, get your child or volunteer, you will sign in, get a name tag and be "buzzed" into the school through the side door of the new entry area. This will help with security and traffic flow. More renovations to the office will follow.

Free and Reduced Lunch:

St. Luke participates in the federal school lunch program. Please check the school website under "School Forms" for information and the application form. Please consider applying for the assistance if your family income qualifies. The assistance is confidential, and there is no difference in how your child orders lunch. This past year about 4% of our families participated. When our rate of participation exceeds 5% our parents who

qualify for tuition assistance are eligible to apply for assistance from the Archdiocese and our ability to receive federal funds based on need is enhanced. This allows you to save the funds that you would be spending on lunch for your children.



Virtus "Protecting God's Children":

The Archdiocese requires that all staff, volunteers and others with regular contact with our children have a background check and participate in a training class to learn how to protect children from sexual predators. St. Luke will offer two sessions this August, or you may take the training at any site in the Archdiocese. **Our sessions are scheduled for Thursday, August 5 at 6PM and Monday, August 9 at 1PM.** Sign up or find other training times and locations at www.virtusonline.org. This training is required for coaches, school volunteers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, tutors,

catechists and anyone else who has regular contact with children. The training is a one-time requirement with online updates biannually for volunteers.

Summer Reading

Requirements: Students entering grades 3-8 have a summer reading requirement. The reading list and requirements were sent home earlier but are also available online under "School Forms." Now is a good time to get started!

Liturgy Schedule: The school liturgy schedule has been changed for this year:

***Tuesdays** will be the Mass for grades 5 to 8.

*Our all-school Mass will be on **Wednesdays**.

*The Mass for grades 1-4 will be held on **Thursdays**.

All Masses remain at 8:15 AM.

We will have our opening liturgy on the first day of school, August 18 at 8:15 AM. Please note that the Mass may start a little late due to the "normal" chaos of the first day. Grades 1-8 will attend this Mass. You are invited to stay for our welcome Mass that day. The eighth graders will introduce their first grade "buddies" the following *Wednesday, August 25.*