

**August 23, 2021**

***Saint Ann School News***

### **Principal's Message**

It was great to see you at Back to School Night!!! The teachers, staff, and I feel so blessed and fortunate to have such wonderfully dedicated and generous families who give of their time and talents. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. We love them and cherish them.

STAR Testing is scheduled for the weeks of August 30 through September 17. All students from K-8th will participate in the STAR Testing Program. Please make sure your children eat a good breakfast, get plenty of sleep and are in school on testing days. Please do not make any appointments for the students during testing weeks. This is very important. STAR testing enables us to plan the curriculum for the year and focus on areas needing attention as well as identify the areas where students are doing very well.

As we begin our third week of school, classroom routines and procedures are starting to become familiar and automatic. To keep all classrooms running smoothly, please help us maintain and reinforce our dress code. Uniform polos and Spirit Wear t-shirts must be tucked in the entire school day (including EDP). Hair must not be chemically treated (dyed, highlights, etc.) and fad haircuts and fad hair styles are not allowed. Please make sure your child is wearing socks that are both visible and of a solid color (solid red, solid black, solid white, or solid grey) with no embellishment (i.e. Nike sign, pink top-stitching). Mornings are a busy time for everyone, and we don't want to have to call you back to the school to bring the appropriate uniform for your child, but students are required to be in the proper uniform when they arrive on campus. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Your child's consistent attendance is vital to their academic success. Please use our academic calendar to plan family trips during the summer months and school holidays. Make-up can be given in most circumstances, but notes and worksheets are a poor substitute for a full day's curriculum taught by the teacher. Students can miss no more than 18 days during the school year.

- **Reminder:** Parents, there is no supervision for students before 7:15 AM at school. Students may be on campus at 7:15 AM. ***Any child on the school grounds before 7:15 AM must be supervised by parents/guardians.***
- **Reminder:** Monday Envelopes are intended for the parents/guardians. Occasionally, we send home sensitive/confidential items in the Monday Envelope (tuition information, report cards, etc.) so please make sure:
  - (1) that a parent/guardian is the first person to go through the Monday Envelope, and
  - (2) that a parent/guardian signs the front of the Monday Envelope each week indicating that you have reviewed the enclosed items.Also, please check your e-mail regularly for the school newsletter, the teacher's letter, and any other information that may have been sent electronically.
- **Lunch Vouchers** – They will be in your child's Monday envelope if you ordered them. Vouchers are still available for purchase throughout the year. The value of each voucher is \$3. If you would like more than one item for hot lunch, please submit 2 vouchers.
- **Milk:** We are on week two of full day schedule and students are able to order milk. Please send your child with milk money to turn in to their teacher. They may order white or chocolate for \$.30 cents, or you can pay \$50.00 for the year. If you believe that your child is eligible for free milk, please request this form from the school office.
- **Picture Day is September 1st**-Flyers and order forms will be going home the week of the 30<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child bring the order form in on Picture Day with payment.
- **Rosetta Stone**- New students received information last Monday. Please fill out, sign and return it as soon as possible.
- We encourage students to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. We currently have two drinking fountains where students may refill their water bottles. Despite the summer heat, water bottles may not be used to spray or otherwise saturate students to stay cool.

- **SCIENCE CAMP** – Time to start planning for Science Camp for current 6, 7, & 8 graders. We are looking for a lead and support to help guide fundraisers. Please call or stop by the office if you are interested.
- **Cell phones for students:** If your child has your permission to bring a cell phone to school, they must first obtain a cell phone contract from the school. These forms must be filled out each year. Students who have a signed cell phone contract understand that the cell phone remains in the backpack and is turned off for the entire school day. The only time a student would have need to use the phone is if their ride after school is not there. In that case, the student must first obtain permission from a school employee to use the phone.
- Reminders:
  - Remember to place your **scrip preorders** on-line by Tuesday at 8:30 AM for pick up on Friday. Register by going to: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), then enter your e-mail address and enrollment code 25L431848721.
  - We are looking for SCRIP sellers (counts as parent fundraiser hours) on Fridays before and after school. If you're interested, please contact Abby Nazeck at [scrip@parishofsaintann.org](mailto:scrip@parishofsaintann.org)
- **Visitors to campus:** To help us maintain a safe educational environment and prevent classroom interruptions, it is crucial that oncampus visitors sign in at the school office and receive a visitor's badge. Teachers and staff will approach and question visitors who are not wearing a visitor's badge. If you need to visit the classroom, please make prior arrangements with the teacher.
- The **Extended Day Program** (EDP) will once again be available to provide care for your children. This program is particularly helpful on minimum days if your regular childcare arrangement cannot accommodate the additional hours. Please come by the school office or call and leave a message if you would like EDP information or a contract.
- If your child has received the Sacraments and would like to Altar Serve, we have Altar Server training forms available at the school office.
- **Facebook-** Our school has a Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/StAnnsSchoolRidgecrestCA](http://www.facebook.com/StAnnsSchoolRidgecrestCA). You may also request to join the "Saint Ann Families" page, which is a closed group only open to our school families. If you do a search on "Saint Ann Families" you can request to join this group.

### Upcoming Events

Fri. Aug. 27.....School Mass; Grade 7 leads  
 Mon. Aug. 30 .....STAR Testing Begins thru Sept. 17  
 Wed. Sept. 1.....Picture Day  
 Thurs. Sept 2.....Hot Lunch-Grade K (Pizza)  
 Fri. Sept. 3.....**Minimum Day; 11:30 AM Dismissal (Accreditation)**  
 Mon. Sept. 6.....**No School; Labor Day**

*Have a blessed week!*