

**August 14, 2023**  
**Saint Ann School News:**

We hope that the first week of school was enjoyable for your child (ren). It was wonderful to have all the students back on campus. They are the reason we love being here at Saint Ann School!



**World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser is Back!**

This Friday August 18, your oldest child will be coming home with one box of chocolate bars.

If you are opting out of selling boxes, please notify the office before Friday. We will not accept any returned boxes.

Safe Environment Training - All volunteers must complete our Safe Environment Training if completed before January 2023.

- **No School Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> (Feast of the Assumption)**
- **Reminder:** There is no supervision for students before 7:15 AM at school. *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.
- **Reminder:**
  - Remember to place your **scrip pre-orders** 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 call the office for the enrollment code.
  - 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)
- This **Wednesday, August 16**, is **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**. Some very important information about this evening:
  - Back to School Night begins at **6:30 PM** in the Parish Center.
  - The general session will adjourn at 7:00 PM. Following there will be two 15-minute meetings in each classroom with bells marking the beginning and ending of each session. The classroom presentations are not the appropriate time and place to discuss your child's unique circumstances. This would be more appropriately handled in a private conference with the teacher.
  - **Please do not bring your children to Back to School Night.** It is important that you and those around you be able to give full attention to the teacher's presentation.
  - **EDP is being offered free of charge for registered children of St. Ann School. Please sign up in the school office.**
  - **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!**
- **Spirit Day Wednesdays:** Every Wednesday students may wear Spirit Wear shirts with uniform bottoms only. Spirit wear includes our uniform polo's (red or black), and t-shirts with the hawk logo.

- **Milk:** We are now on our 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 \$.40 cents, or you can pay \$65.00 for the year. Please try to avoid bringing in \$.40 cents daily. If you believe that your child is eligible for free milk, please request this form from the school office.
- We highly encourage students to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. We currently have three 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.
- **Hot lunch** will be available starting Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will go home in the Monday envelope that week. Please refer to the flyer titled “Other General Information and Reminders.”
- **Ice-cream sales** will start this Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Otter Pops are \$0.50 cents and ice-cream bars and ice cream bars/sandwiches are \$1.
- **STAR Testing** will be held from August 28<sup>th</sup> - September 15<sup>th</sup>: Please do your best to NOT schedule vacation days or doctor/dentist/orthodontic appointments during the STAR testing period.
- **Emergency Preparedness Kit Cover Letter, Information Form, and Baggie**  
The information on the form and in your child’s kit is extremely important for responding to an emergency at school. Additionally, we would like to suggest that you include a reassuring letter telling your child(ren) what may be expected in case of emergency and that you love them. However, do not make promises because you may not be able to keep them. You may also wish to enclose something to keep them busy in the event of a long wait before being picked up (playing cards, scrap paper and crayons, etc.). Please return this emergency form and the kit to your classroom teacher no later than **Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- 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. Contracts need to be turned in to the office by Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- If your child (ren) has/ have received the Sacraments and would like to Altar Serve , we have Altar Server training forms available at the school office.
- **Rosetta Stone-** information is in the Monday envelopes for new students and kindergarten. Please fill out and sign and return it tomorrow.
- **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.
- **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.

### Upcoming Events

Tue. Aug. 15.....**No School** (Feast of the Assumption)  
 Wed. Aug. 16.....Back to School Night- 6:30PM Parish Hall **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!**  
 Fri. Aug. 18.....School Mass, 8:15 AM (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Mon. Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – Sep 15<sup>th</sup>.....**STAR Testing (K – 8)**

For any parent concerns or changes you would like to see at our school please email the Advisory Board at [advisoryboard@parishofsaintann.org](mailto:advisoryboard@parishofsaintann.org)