



FROM THE OFFICE



August 1, 2011

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Monday, August 22, 2011. Please note that it is a full day of school.

We extend a warm and enthusiastic greeting to all students and their families. We're looking forward to a joyful and productive school year. Family members, please stop by the cafeteria on the first day of school to enjoy *Pastries for Parents*, sponsored by the Home & School Association (HSA).

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM & BUS FORMS: *Please complete the attached forms and send them to school with your child on August 22. It is very important for us to have emergency contacts and bus information on the first day of school.*

NEW TEACHERS: St. Columba School is blessed with three new faculty members: Mr. Shane Spotts, 7/8 grade homeroom & middle school math; Mrs. Roxann Humphrey, pre-school; Ms. Erin Bown, physical education.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Available on the first day of school. Please send a snack and/or drink for your child to enjoy after school. We're looking for volunteers to assist our coordinator. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Volunteers must have the required clearance, and we can guide you through that process. Thank you!

MASS: Monsignor Lawrence will conduct a school Mass every Friday at 8:30 a.m. All families and friends are welcome. Monsignor will hear confessions for grades 3-8 on the morning of Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: HSA volunteers are available to help orient families to St. Columba School. If you want to speak with another St. Columba parent, please call the following: Sandy Freeman-784-0383; cell 594-8452; Sue LaRouche: 317-2046; 441-9290 or stclarouche@msn.com.

UNIFORM SWAP: Please feel free to drop off gently used uniforms on August 8-10 from 9:00-11:30. The uniform swap is August 11 & 12th in the gym from 9:00-11:30 and after weekend Mass.

GYM UNIFORM: Orders will be placed on August 19, 2011. Please contact the school office before that date.

LUNCH PAYMENTS: We offer healthy and delicious lunch selections. The August menu is on the school website. Prices are as follows: Grades K-4: \$1.95; Grades 5-8: \$2.05; Adult \$ 3.00. We prefer weekly or monthly payments.

TUITION: A tuition agreement is attached for your approval and signature. We want to receive your signed copy by August 30, 2011.

SCHOOL HANDBOOK: The school handbook with revisions is posted on the school website. Paper copies are available for families without computer access. Please return the handbook sign off form to the school by 8/30/11.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Join us on August 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for an informative and pleasant evening at school. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to interact with other parents. More information will be sent home the first week of school.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: We will celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday, September 9, 2011. Please mark your calendars. More information will follow.

HSA: A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center second floor.

SCHOOL PICTURES: The photographer is scheduled to be at our school on Friday, September 23, 2011.