

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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*God of all blessings,
Source of all life,
Giver of all grace:*

*We thank you for setting us in communities,
For families who nurture our becoming,
For friends who love us by choice,
For companions at work, who share our
burdens and daily tasks,
For strangers who welcome us into their midst,
For people from other lands who call us to grow
in understanding,
For children who lighten our moment with delight,
For the unborn who offer us hope for the future.
For these and all blessings,
We give you thanks, eternal, loving God.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fiesta was truly a joyous parish celebration. Families, friends, and guests delighted in the experience to share delicious food, fun-filled booths, and a variety of lively entertainment that exemplifies the rich tradition and strong sense of community All Saints is proud of. Special thanks to Lorrie Rudock and Elizabeth Van Prooyen, the Fiesta Chairs who spent countless hours organizing the event. All their dedication, along with your faithful commitment to our community, provided the school with revenues that help defray raising tuition costs. Thank you for continuously sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of our children.

Many thanks to all of you for your presence and support at Back-to-School Night. We are privileged to join you in our shared mission to nurture the growth of our children in an environment rooted in the Gospel.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Safe Environment for Children office at the Diocese has informed us that parents will have to undergo training this year.

All volunteers must complete the online training **by October 1st**. The website to complete online training at is www.shieldthevulnerable.org. The certificate must be printed and turned in to the school office with \$5.00. No certificates will be accepted without payment. Once you have completed the basic training course, you may take any of the other courses you wish with no additional cost. New volunteers will be prompted to complete the basic training course.

Any adult that will spend an overnight with students on a field trip or camp will have to be fingerprinted. Once we have identified these individuals, the Safe Environment Department will come to our site and perform the fingerprinting. Please do not have your fingerprinting done without authorization or you will be responsible for the fee.

MISSION STATEMENT . . .

All Saints Catholic School, a parish K-8 school with Dominican roots, provides a faith-filled, safe, and nurturing environment in a community that celebrates its traditions and diversity. All Saints School is dedicated to academic excellence, to fostering every child's scholastic success, and to supporting parents in developing respectful, responsible, socially conscious children who grow in their Catholic faith and their ability to say yes to

St. Francis of Assisi, one of our most revered saints who was truly inspired by Christ, treated all creation as a gift loaned from God for our safekeeping. One of the ways he reflected that was through his friendship with the animals. To honor him our parish will have a special Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 4th. Please feel free to bring your pets, a picture of them, or even stuffed animals your child may be fond of for a remembrance of St. Francis and his reverence of all created things.

SCRIP SPECIAL ORDER

The next ShopwithScrip special order is due Thursday, September 17th; it will be ready for pick up on Thursday, September 24th. Reminder: please note on your order your preferred location to pick up your order (either after school in the auditorium or at Kids Klub). If you did not note a preference, your order will be placed with those in the auditorium.

Remember, you can place orders anytime with ShopwithScrip.com. Special order forms are no longer being printed. The scrip committee will continue as it has in the past with holding two special orders per month as time allows. Some months are not possible due to holidays and the like. The school website (under the Scrip/Fundraisers link) has a schedule of the upcoming special order due dates. Scrip will continue to be sold from a limited inventory after school in the auditorium everyday.

Registration instructions for ShopwithScrip.com are on the school website under the link for Scrip. Accepted forms of payment are check, cash or prestopay. If you choose to pay for your online order by check, your payment is due to the school office by 3pm on the due date. Orders received without payment cannot be processed. ALL ORDERS, regardless of payment type, must be printed and sent to the office. This information is needed for accurate distribution of orders.

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The scrip committee is in need of volunteers to sell scrip after school. If you can help with this important position please contact Mary Bulnes at 537-5225.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Just a reminder there is no school tomorrow, Friday, September 18th while the faculty attends the Diocesan Elementary Staff Day.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE DAY

Our first aluminum can recycle day of the year is on **Friday, September 25th**. We hope you've been collecting cans all summer! Please remember that every child who brings in a bag of cans will receive a free dress pass redeemable on Thursday, October 1st.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY FREE DRESS

Friday, September 25th is free dress for those who celebrate their birthday in September. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

KIDS KLUB NEWS

Kids Klub is looking for a used ping pong table and/or foosball table. If you have one or know someone who does, and are willing to donate it, please contact Marylu Garcia at 582-0767.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Picture re-take day will be Monday, October 19th. If you were absent on picture day in September or are unhappy with your photos, you may have retakes done on this day. Please remember that your child must wear his/her school sweatshirt in the photo.

FIESTA VOLUNTEER FORMS

Please remember to turn in your Fiesta volunteer forms. To ensure your family is credited with working the required Fiesta hours please return your completed form to the school office by Monday, October 5th.

ITBS TESTING

Students in grades two to eight will be taking their annual standardized tests, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the week of September 21st. The ITBS assesses achievement in reading, math, and language arts, as well as science, geography, and social studies. How can you help your child prepare for testing week?

- Make sure your child gets a good night sleep each night. A child who is well rested and not sleepy is able to focus on whatever task is at hand.
- Make sure your child has breakfast in the morning. Research indicates that children need to "feed" their brains—both literally and figuratively!

We ask that you do everything possible to ensure that your child is at school every day during the testing. Please schedule any doctor or dentist appointments in the afternoon, not the morning. We have a limited time to give the tests and make-ups are not always possible. If your child arrives at school after the start time of any individual test, s/he will be unable to take that test at that time. Your efforts to ensure that your child is at school on time are greatly appreciated.

FIESTA EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT DEADLINE

All Fiesta reimbursement requests are due no later than October 5th. Any requests submitted after this date will be considered a donation to Fiesta.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Please see the insert section of this week's newsletter for an application for the All Saints Children's Choir. The choir is open to children in grades 2 - 6, will be directed by Mr. Don Pribor and will teach the fundamentals of vocal techniques, basic music reading, and more. Rehearsal times are explained on the registration form.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 18th: Elementary Staff Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

September 21st: IOWA Testing begins

September 23rd: Minimum Day, 12 noon dismissal. Kids Klub will be available

September 25th: Recycle Day; September Birthday Free Dress

BUILDING SECURITY

All visitors and/or parent volunteers are required to report to the office, sign in, and secure a visitor's badge. Back doors are always locked during school hours, and the only access to the building is through the main entrance on Second Street.

PLEASE DO NOT ASK STUDENTS OR STAFF TO OPEN THE BACK DOORS FOR YOU. Because the safety of our students and staff is our utmost concern, they have been directed not to open these doors to anyone. Remember that it is our goal to promote building security and our efforts are not meant to offend or inconvenience anyone.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please mark your calendars: The parish will have a Blessing of the Animals prayer service on Friday, October 2nd at 8:00 a.m. (after morning prayer and flagpole) and Sunday, October 4th at 2 p.m. in the church plaza. Please know that your child is welcome to bring a live pet, a picture of a live pet, or a favorite stuffed animal. **Just a reminder:** All live pets need to be accompanied by an adult and taken home right after the blessing.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 9/18 - 9/24

F 09/18	NO SCHOOL
M 09/21	NEED VOLUNTEERS
T 09/22	NEED VOLUNTEERS
W 09/23	NEED VOLUNTEERS
Th 09/24	NEED VOLUNTEERS

Lunch supervision is from 12:00 to 1:40.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN IN THE YARD
DUTY BOOK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

TRAFFIC DUTY

Week of 9/18 - 9/24

F 09/18	NO SCHOOL
M 09/21	Mendoza
T 09/22	Mendoza
W 09/23	Mendoza
TH 09/24	Mendoza

Traffic duty is from 7:35 to 8:05 a.m.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN IN THE TRAFFIC
DUTY BOOK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Students in second grade will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during the month of December. If you are a parent of a second grader, you are required to attend a meeting either on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. OR Sunday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars now and watch the newsletter for more information. Attending one of these meetings is mandatory. If you do not attend one of these meetings your child will not be able to receive the sacrament. Your teacher may also be sending information home with your child.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Because the Boxtops for Education program has been a great success for the school, it will continue during the 2009-2010 school year. The Girl Scouts would greatly appreciate your continued support in collecting boxtops and hope that you have been saving them over the summer. Thank you!!

eSCRIP RENEWAL

Please remember that eScrip and Safeway require you to re-register your card annually.

Visit escrip.com and click on YES! Renew your SAFEWAY CLUB CARD with eScrip! Your Club card will become inactive with eScrip on November 1, 2009 unless you renew.

If you are new to All Saints, visit escrip.com to register yourself first, then link your Safeway Club Card with [escrip](http://escrip.com) using the school's group ID #119143213. Please see the flyer inserted in last week's newsletter for helpful information.

HELPING THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY (3H)

As part of our community outreach, All Saints Catholic School takes part in the parish Tuesday Breakfast program. Seventh and eighth grade students work with parish volunteers to serve a meal to the hungry who gather every Tuesday morning for a hot breakfast. The school asks three classes a week to provide a healthy lunch to be handed out to those who gather for breakfast. Lunches should include a sandwich (no mayonnaise, please), a piece of fruit, a dessert, a drink, and a snack item (i.e. chips, carrot sticks). Lunches should be, if possible, placed in a plastic grocery bag. Many thanks for your participation in this important outreach.

Tues 09/22	Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade
Tues 09/29	Second, fifth, and eighth grade
Tues 10/06	First, fourth, and seventh grade

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for new Altar Servers will start on Monday, September 21st. There will be three, and possibly four sessions. Attendance is required at all sessions. Sessions will be held in the church from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Training is open to all baptized students 5th grade and up who have received their First Communion. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.