



Principal Spells Says...

The September 2007 Newsletter

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome Parents and Students!

This school year is truly off to a great start! In case you were not able to be with us on the opening day of school, you can view the highlights on our new school website: www.stethelreda.org. Share this site with your family, friends and co-workers. Remember, if you recommend a new family to our school, you will be awarded a \$400.00 scholarship for your December tuition payment. Congratulations to Mrs. Yolanda Tribett-Sawyer, Mrs. Mary Hawthorne and Mrs. Melony Henry for recommending new families.

We also express our deepest gratitude to Mr. Bill Krieger, our school patron and webmaster. Mr. Krieger visited our school last spring with members of the Big Shoulders Fund. After visiting several other Catholic elementary schools, he came back to St. Ethelreda because he believes in our vision...to integrate technology in our day-to-day operations as well as infusing it throughout the curriculum with a major emphasis on mathematics and science. You can read more about the Patrons Program and Big Shoulders on our website.

The monthly calendar and newsletter will be posted on the website as well as distributed to the entire student. Look for WEDNESDAY MAIL each week. Notices for home will be sent every Wednesday. Check your child's folder and/ book bag, please.

SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

- Tuition is due on the 1st. of the month. There is a \$25.00 late fee after the 5th.
- Lunch applications, student enrollment forms, medicals and dental are due.
- Family Mass begins at 11:00 at St. Kilian Church, 87th and May. Eighth graders are the readers this month. All students, family members and faculty worship at Mass together on the second Sunday of the month. Please join us as we begin the new school year with family worship on Sunday, September 9.
- An exciting OPEN HOUSE is planned for all on Sunday, September 9, from 1:00 until 3:00. Come out and meet your child's teacher and find out the class expectations for the year. Working together will ensure success.
- Monday, September 10, is a required Professional Development Day for all teachers, principals and pastors in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The preschool will be open and all day care will be available. See Mrs.

Howard for details. There is no school for kindergarten through eighth grade.

- Eighth grade parents will meet on September 12th at 6:00 P.M.
- ACTIVITY SIGN UP NIGHT, September 18th. On this day representatives for all extracurricular activities will be present to explain their programs and give you the opportunity to sign up. The activities include all sports, Spanish, band, choir, Student Council, etc.
- Market Day orders will be ready for pick up from 3:00 until 4:00 on the 24th.
- All students in kindergarten through eighth grade will receive a Progress Report on the 26th. Contact your child's teacher to address any concerns.
- Join us for our first all school skating party on the 28th. Students dress for skating, no uniforms. Lunch is always eaten before we leave school. We skate at Markham Roller Rink, 167th and Dixie Highway. This is a private skating party for St. Ethelreda School only. Your child will need spending money. We return from skating at 5:15 and ask that you meet us upon return. This is a fun time for all of us. Chaperones are needed and welcomed.
- The vest, tie and belt are mandatory items for the boys' (all grades) uniform.

Please keep Mr. Keith Carter, our music teacher in your prayers. Earlier this summer he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He is receiving treatment and plans to return next month. In the meantime, we will have a substitute music teacher take over his classes. Also, Mrs. Hannah is recovering from hip replacement. She is in therapy and plans to return by the first of November.

Others in need of prayer are: Mrs. Dorothy Simmons, Grandmother of Janae and Robert, and Mrs. Charlene Freeman, Mother of Sheridan.

Thank you again for entrusting your child's education to us. Our doors are always open and we are always available to you.

Peace,
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