

St. Ethelreda School
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Welcome St. Ethelreda Parents!

Welcome to an exciting, new school year in which your child will be encouraged, motivated, challenged and determined to reach his/her full academic potential. The faculty has spent this summer in the class and workshops that will enhance our curriculum and their teaching styles to meet the needs of all of our students. I am sure that you and your child will be pleased with the changes that will be implemented this year. We are eagerly anticipating meeting you to share this information with you. Also, by establishing a positive working relationship with you and your child at the very beginning, we can ensure a successful school year.

Our first day of school, August 25, will be a full day of classes. The bell will ring at 7:50 for all students to line up quietly by grades in their designated places outside. The teachers will meet their students and escort them to their homerooms. All students must be in their homeroom when the tardy bell rings at 8:10. No one will be admitted to class after 8:10 without a tardy slip.

Preschool hours are from 7:00 until 6:00. Preschool parents should ring the preschool bell at the north end of the building. Preschool students should be here by 8:10 as well. They begin their program at 8:30. Tardiness disrupts the learning program for the teacher, the other children and your child.

Before and After School will begin on the first day of school. Morning hours are from 6:30 until 7:30 and evening hours are 3:00 until 6:00. There is a set rate for morning and after school care. Rates are listed on the application which may be obtained from the Before and After School Care Supervisor. Preschoolers who arrive before 7:00 go to Morning Care.

Everyone, including preschoolers, will have to bring a bag lunch to school for the first week. Fast food lunches are not allowed. A lunch program application will be given to each student on the first day of school. It is necessary for you to fill the application out and return it the next day to allow processing time for it. A letter explaining the guidelines will be attached to the application.

Paulina Street is blocked from the alley south to 88th Street every morning at 7:30 and at 2:45 in the afternoon. Parents must park behind the yellow line on the parking lot when dropping off and picking up students or park on 88th Street. The front half of the parking lot is the safe zone for the students who are exiting cars and walking across the lot to the school. Parking on Paulina Street is prohibited during school hours.

Summer office hours from now until August 1st, are 8:00 until 5:00. Beginning August 4th until August 15th, the office will be open from 9:00 until 2:00. Regular hours of 7:30 until 5:00 will resume on August 18th.

Students must wear their full school uniforms beginning August 25th. The uniform is:

BOYS

Grades K-8th

Light blue dress shirt
Dark blue school pants
Dark color school shoes
Belt
*School tie (blue/gold stripes)
*Navy blue sleeveless pullover vest

GIRLS

Grades K-5th

Yellow, round collar blouse
Blue plaid jumper
Dark color school shoes
Navy Blue knee socks or tights

Grades 6- 8th

Yellow, pointed collar blouse
Blue plaid skirt
*Blue plaid tie
*Navy blue weskit (open front vest)
Navy blue knee socks or tights
Dark color school shoes

*Items must be purchased from Martinelli's, 3517 West 95th Street, (708) 425-6287.

In order to maintain uniformity and discipline in our school, the students must comply with the following: **BOYS** cannot wear designer/house hair cuts. This includes geometric parts, designs, letters, tails, braids, dreadlocks, twists, perms, Mohawks, high top fades and color. Boys cannot wear anything in or on their ears.

GIRLS: Dyed, streaked or tinted hair is not allowed. Extensions, tracks, micro braids, pony tails, etc. must be their natural hair color. False nails of any kind and nail polish of any color cannot be worn to school. This includes nail tips, full sets, press ons and French or American manicures.

Tattoos, temporary or permanent, are not allowed. Lip gloss may be worn (when needed) in moderation by junior high girls only. Jewelry such as chains, pendants and bracelets may not be worn with the school uniform. The dress code applies to EVERYONE.

Your child's school supply list is enclosed with this letter. Please do not send or allow your child to bring anything that is not on the list. Keep in mind that cell phones, electronic hand held games, CD players, I-Pods and any other electronic devices are not allowed in school. If any of these items are in your child's possession, it will be taken and returned to you, the parent, only after a \$20.00 fine is paid. This money will be put in our Technology Fund.

REMINDER: All students entering preschool, kindergarten and fifth grade must have a physical examination and up-to-date immunizations. This applies to new students entering St. Ethelreda also. Students entering second and sixth grade must have a dental exam as required by the state. These forms may be obtained from the office.

The faculty, staff and administration of St. Ethelreda welcomes each of you. I am delighted that you have chosen St. Ethelreda School for your child's source of learning. We will nourish and love your child at his/her "home away from home". Our doors are always open and you are welcome to stop in and visit at anytime. Until then, may God bless you and your families and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Peace,

Denise Spells, Principal

P.S. Check out our website at: www.stethelreda.org, for up-to-date news.