

## August Newsletter

Welcome, Welcome Parents!

Thank you for being patient with us during our time of duress. The flood was totally unexpected, but because of it, the entire Harold Washington Assembly Hall and the kitchen are being remodeled. There will also be changes in both bathrooms. Work will be going on this first week of school. However, we are not going to allow this to interfere with our teaching. Gym class and Mass will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

What a pleasure it was to see so many of you here this morning! I am sure the Lord was smiling on all of us as we began our day with Family Prayer. The students looked like they were anxious to begin this new school year. The parents looked like they were ready for school to begin. And the faculty and staff could hardly wait to welcome the students to their new classrooms. We are one big, happy family and we want our new students and parents to know this: "It takes a village to raise a child." We thank you for letting us be a part of your child's village.

There are a few things I need to remind you about this week:

- Before and After School Care is available this week. Applications may be obtained from the office.
- Everyone needs to bring a lunch this week.
- Lunch applications and lunch money must be turned in tomorrow.
- School Mail is sent home every Wednesday. Your child will have a blue folder (next week) with the weekly mail in it.
- Gym uniforms must be worn under the school uniform every Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 8. Students must bring their gym shoes and white socks to school. This week students will only need their gym shoes for class.
- The bell rings at 7:50 for the students to line up by grades. Their teachers will escort them into the building. They must be in their classrooms before the 8:10 tardy bell rings.
- All money should be sent to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name, grade and what it is for clearly written on the envelope.
- Please return all forms when they are due.
- Uniform check...all students must be in compliance. This includes belts, ties, vests (boys) and weskits (girls).
- Although the church has been sold, we have worked out an arrangement to continue using the parking lot for pick up and drop off.

Feel free to stop by and visit with your child's teacher at any time. Look for more news on our website, [www.stethelreda.org](http://www.stethelreda.org).

We are looking forward to working with you this year to make it a rewarding one for you, your child and us.

Peace,

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