



ASA TODAY

MAY 27, 2011

Called and Chosen,
Christ to one another.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today we crowned Mary, Jesus' Mother and Mother to us and to all of His Church, at our Elementary Campus. The flowers that the children brought in were breathtaking, and the children's voices were truly angelic! Our First Communicants were honored and celebrated as a class with cake. This past Wednesday I had the honor of being a Eucharist Minister and giving Communion to our Second Graders. Our First Graders read for the first time at Mass (and others will do so again this coming Wednesday!) Last night our ASA Boosters hosted a family pizza party and honored all of our middle school athletes, coaches, and booster members at our annual sports awards ceremony. It has been another great week to experience the ASA community. Thanks to all who had a part in any of these fabulous events!

This week we are sending home our May MAP Test Scores with students in grades 3-8. Please make sure to check your child's backpack or ask your child to see these reports. You should be able to see your child's score from the January testing session (W11) and from two weeks ago (S11). When you look at your child's score the first thing you should compare is your child's score to the benchmark score for the end of the year for each content area in the chart below. This will let you know if your child is scoring below, near or above the *national* grade level benchmark score. The score listed as the 'district' score is the average score for students *who attend ASA*. All Saints' scores are consistently well above the national benchmark scores.

And finally, compare your child's W11 score to the S11 score. If your child's score is considerably above the national benchmark score, please note that you might find that your child's score may vary a couple of points up or down, and this should not be of concern to parents. Remember the national benchmark score between W11 and S11 has also gone up! We also ask parents to remember that academic growth does not happen evenly over the course of a year. It is normal to see uneven growth over short time frames (like between January and May). It is the long term growth that we are most interested in so as ASA continues this testing program into the future, your child's previous scores will be reported so that we can monitor academic progress over longer time periods. If you have questions or concerns about your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or one of the administrators.

Spring MAP Testing Benchmark Scores			
Grade	Math	Reading	Language Usage
3	203	200	201
4	211	206	208
5	220	212	212
6	224	215	216
7	229	218	218
8	233	222	221

Students in grades K and 1 will be bringing home score reports from their DIBELS assessment program next Friday.

Parents are reminded that our tuition policy dictates that final report cards for the 2011-2012 school year will be held until final tuition (and any additional fees for library, lunch, missing books etc.) for this school year has been paid in full. Please contact Mary Bristol in the school business office for more information.

We will be accepting enrollments for ASA Summer Learning camp up until Friday, June 3. If you are interested in having your child attend and need a form, please contact the school office.

And finally, the middle school students completed a bullying survey a week or so ago. Staff will be reviewing the results of this survey and talking about how we can do a better job as ASA staff members. The survey indicates that middle school students are much more aware of what bullying looks like, why it occurs, and the important role they play as peers in confronting bullies. Students indicated that they are likely to tell both parents and adults at school about bullying incidents. It is important that when students talk with parents about these issues, that parents encourage their students to talk with an adult at school about the situation. BY DEFINITION, bullying occurs beyond the eyes of adult supervisors. In order to address these issues at school, school staff needs to be aware of bullying behaviors.



We also have been trying to reinforce the roll of peer witnesses (bystanders) in stemming bullying behaviors. Staff has also been trying to clarify with students the difference between 'ratting' (asking an adult to solve a problem that the student can address) verses 'reporting' (asking an adult to help with a situation that the student has first tried to address without success.) Staff will be continuing our training with Dr. Marcia McEvoy next August, and we are hoping that we can arrange a session for parents as well. It will take all of us working together in an informed and consistent manner to have a bully-free school!

Several parents have asked about where to find quality academic review materials for their students over the summer. We recommend 'Summer School Sharpeners' which parents can order. You can either look on the website for the form which went home with the March 18, 2011 newsletter, or contact the school office for a copy of the order form.

Please say a prayer in thanksgiving for all those who have served our country and defended our right to the many freedoms, including the freedom to practice our faith without fear of reprisal.

Peace,

Christine Burns, Principal
Anne Harpold, Asst. Principal

DID YOU KNOW? (PART 2)

We have reviewed the narrative comments from the recent parent survey and are addressing the topics raised in this article over the next several weeks.

Did you know that issues related to disciplinary measures are private and confidential? ASA administration respects the privacy of students and families when violations of school rules and policies occur. Families whose students are being disciplined appreciate this. We ask that ASA students and families understand that these privacy protections are in place and that often times, not all information about disciplinary incidents may be available in the 'grapevine'. If you have a concern about an incident, please do not hesitate to call the school administration. We do want families to understand that we treat all students equitably and fairly.

Did you know that many families volunteer their time and energy at ASA? All Saints Academy could not provide all the wonderful opportunities that we offer without our wonderful volunteers! Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you! We do ask each family to consider how they might be able to volunteer at ASA. We can find a place for every family to share time, talent and treasure!

Did you know that if your child is absent you should call the school office to report an absence or alternately you could send an email to one of the school secretaries? It is important that we know why students are not in school. We discourage students from missing class when they are healthy, but also recognize that at times this is just not possible.

Did you know that our efforts to address bullying at ASA are making a difference? We plan to continue these efforts into the next school year by bringing Dr. Marcia McEvoy back to work with staff in August, and hopefully to address parents in the fall! We ask that parents continue to support our efforts by informing teachers and administration about incidents. By definition, bullying occurs when adults are not around. We can't deal with incidents if we are not aware of them, so it is important that incidents are reported immediately to a teacher/administrator. We are also working on developing the capacity of our students to use effective bystander strategies when they see bullying going on among their peer group.

Did you know that ASA teachers and staff do value homework; however we also believe that it is the quality not the quantity of homework that makes a difference? We frequently hear from some parents that their child has too much homework and from other parents that their child does not have enough homework! A benchmark is that a student should have about 10 minutes of homework for each grade level they are in, so for example a 5th grader should spend about 50 minutes each night on homework. If you child does not have this much homework assigned each evening, parents may want to consider requiring that their student read a book or research a topic of interest. If your child routinely has too much homework, this should be discussed with the teacher. It might mean that your student is not using time wisely at school.....




DATES AT A GLANCE

Mon. May 30, 2011
Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL



Tue. May 31, 2011
8th Grade Parent Meeting, 7:00pm MS

Wed. June 1, 2011
 MS Mass, 8:30am (Manning, gr. 5)
 Elementary Mass, 10:00am (gr. 1)
 7th/8th Grade Religion Exams
 Ice Cream Float Sale, \$1.00 each
 MS Library books due



Thur. June 2, 2011
 1st Graders perform for the Blessed Sacrament
 Senior Group, 9:30am BS Church Basement
 Elementary Library books due
 7th/8th Grade Social Studies Exams
 Metro Health "Germes Away" Presentation, 2:40pm
 5th & 6th Grade



Fri. June 3, 2011
 6th Grade Drama Class to Perform at Elementary,
 11:45—2:30pm
 Metro Health "Germes Away" Presentation, 2:40pm
 7th & 8th Grade
 7th/8th Grade Math Exams
 Zoo Field Trip, 9:30am Kindergarten

Mon. June 6, 2011
 7th Grade Court Field Trip & Leadership Retreat,
 8:30am
 8th Grade Loving & Serving Retreat
More June 6 in next column

Mon. June 6, 2011 (cont.)
 Metro Health "Germes Away" Presentation,
 12:45pm K-4th Grade

Tue. June 7, 2011
 Color Day/Field Day appropriate clothing (see below)
 Elementary Field Day, 12:30pm K-4th
 7th Grade to Elementary, all day
 Field day—am,
 Assist w/ Elem. Field Day—pm
 8th Grade Learning & Faith Retreat
 MS 5th-6th Grade Field Day, 12:30pm
 Hot Dog Lunch both Campuses
 provided by Aramark (Hot Lunch provider)

Wed. June 8, 2011
 Field Day Rain Date
 MS Mass for 8th Graders, 8:30am (gr. 7) St. Jude
 8th Grade Breakfast, 9:30am
 8th Grade Only 1/2 Day
 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00pm Blessed Sacrament

Thur. June 9, 2011
 8th Grade Fun Day

Fri. June 10, 2011
 1/2 Day-Last Day of School, 11:30am dismissal
 Bussing and Shuttle available
 Dress up Day—NO JEANS (Both Campuses)
 4th Grade Breakfast, 8:30am
 8th Grade CC Math Placement Test, 8:30am
 4th Grade Recorder Concert, 9:15am
 Elementary Closing Mass, 10:00am
 (Piotrowski gr. 4)
 Report Cards Home/Posted on IC Portal

AD NOTES

Sign-ups for fall sports will be next week for 4th – 7th graders.

If your child will be playing a sport during the 2011-2012 school year, the must have a sports physical on file that was completed after April 1, 2011 and a signed "Consent to Participate in Sports" form. These forms were sent home with 4th-8th grade students a few weeks ago. If you have misplaced yours or need another, they are available in the school offices or on the website under the athletics tab. These forms **MUST** be on file **BEFORE or BY** the first day of practice for fall sports. (On or around August 15th) **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Are you interested in helping our school community? Athletic boosters are looking for parents willing to help with fundraising for our school's athletic programs. The boosters meet monthly to plan and assess fundraising. Please consider volunteering to help. Contact any booster: Jim Wila, President; Paul Wila, Vice-President; Molly Nawrocki, Treasurer; Trish VanVliet, Secretary; Pete Gonzalez, Athletic Director.

Go Eagles!

FIELD DAY IS COMING

Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th at both campuses. Field day is a color day, but appropriate attire must be worn. Jeans or shorts as appropriate for the weather. Shirts must have cap sleeves at a minimum (no sleeveless or tank top style shirts). Hats are permissible and sunscreen is recommended if needed. All color day attire rules apply. Athletic shoes are recommended and all shoes must have **enclosed heels and toes** and as always **sock must be worn**. This will be a very active day so please take this into consideration when choosing clothing.

Mrs. Posthumus at the Elementary is again requesting the donation of filled water balloons (2-3 dozen) for field day. Please contact her via e-mail at dposthumus@allsaintsacademygr.org or call the Elementary school office if you can help.



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PUBLISHING CENTER STORIES

Trap Land by Alex A., 1st Grade

Once upon a time there lived Nat the cow, Ben the wolverine, Robin the cowboy and Mr. Corndog. They were at Trap Land. Then Nat the cow said, “ Let’s meet people.” The people they met made a trap. Nat fell into the trap. Nat’s friends threw a rope down to Nat so she could climb up there. Then Nat the cow said, “That’s one big story!”
The End

Star Wars Episode VI Return of the Jedi

by Brennan M., 1st Grade

Once upon a time there was Stanley the Alligator and Cade Bane. They were playing nicely with the Ewoks. They were happy at the Ewok village. Suddenly Darth Vader kidnapped the Ewoks and the Alligator! Then Luke came and threw Darth Vader and they were safe! Especially Cade Bane who Luke saved.
The End

Nice job, Alex and Brennan!!

FEELIN’ GOOD MILEAGE CLUB

Our Feelin’ Good Mileage Club continues to get the students running. We have given out 2 more medals this week to those who have run 25 miles. Our medal winners are **Frankie S. and Dimitri M.** Congratulations to these and all our runners who are getting out there and Feelin’ Good. Keep on running!!

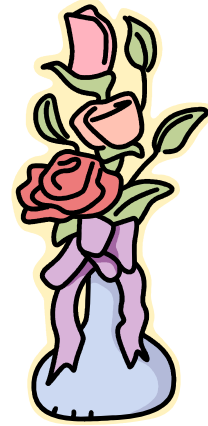


First graders displayed their wonderful new reading skills Thursday in five Reader’s Theater Plays. The performances were a culmination of much practice, stage design, and costuming. Way to go First Grade!!!



“The Preschoolers celebrate the end of the year with a picnic.” Thank you to the Home and School Association for providing DJ the Clown.





MAY CROWNING

Our Second Graders in their First Communion attire participated in the May Crowning Service at Blessed Sacrament today. What a beautiful service and the students looked amazing. Thank you to all who sent flowers, the vases were full to the brim and the smell of flowers filled the church.





All Saints Academy

MAY 27, 2011

EAGLES MIDDLE GROUND

School Phone: 363-7725
FAX: 363-3086

Eagles Club Phone: 988-0403

I have called you by name. (Isaiah 43:1)

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING— LAST DAY

The last day of tutoring after school with Mrs. Webb will be Next week Tuesday, May 31., 2011. Please make transportation arrangements accordingly.



SPORTS PHOTO ORDERS

Tuesday, May 31 is the last day to get your orders in for sports photos. If you want pictures of your team, bring your orders to school and hand in before noon on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. Mr. Hill will be picking up the last batch then.



CREATIVITY ABOUND IN ELECTIVES

Cooking

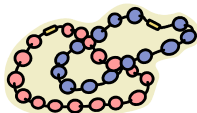


New experiences with rolling pins, electric mixers and hand made crusts happened this week in the cooking elective. It was the wrap-up of a series of food preparation lessons focusing on different parts of a meal: main dish, breakfast, appetizer, dessert, etc.

Students worked in teams to prepare chocolate cream and lime chiffon pies that focused individually on the "presentation" of each slice. Chocolate shavings and swirls, marshmallows, coconut, kiwi slices and raspberries were artfully applied for visual appeal. The next time they see wonderful looking food, they'll definitely have a new appreciation for how that tasty dish came to look so good.

Arts & Crafts

The Arts & Crafts elective is buzzing with creativity of all sorts. In one corner you might see kids using wire cutting and bending tools in a beading project, while others are doing finger knitting. In another spot, students are drawing. One is working on illustrations for a book she is writing and another is doing drawings for greeting cards. Kids love the artistic environment Mrs. Livingston has created and especially enjoy the brainstorming and camaraderie that goes along with their artistic endeavors.



IS YOUR 5TH GRADER 11 YET?

In the fall, the Health Department requires schools to report 6th grade students whose immunizations are incomplete. If your 5th grader is already 11 years old, it's time to update immunizations. Now that summer is almost here and schedules will soon be a little more flexible, please take the time to get those immunizations out of the way before fall arrives with the craziness of sports and other busy schedules.

Last year, a new immunization for Meningitis was added to the required list for 11 year olds. It cannot be given before the 11th birthday. So if your 5th grader is not quite eleven yet, it might be a good time to schedule your appointment for immunizations right after the eleventh birthday.

Thanks for helping the school office avoid the last minute crunch in the fall.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

If your life is as busy as most people's lives are today, a to-do list comes in very handy when you're trying to remember what-all has to be done in a day. Here is a quick checklist to consider before the school year is over.

Return:

- Sports photo orders before noon, Tuesday, May 31*
- Library books before June 1*
- Washed & labeled Sports uniforms*
- Family Life booklets that were sent home in March*
- Sports Physical and Consent forms to MS office before August 15.*

Check out:

- The Uniform exchange table*
- The Lost and Found table*
- The School Calendar on the website*

Other:

- Pay Lunch and other Fee Balances*
- Make Immunization Appointment for 5th graders*





2011

June

Enjoy your Summer!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
C Choice: Salad Bar w/ PB&J D Choice: Healthy Choice; Deli Slice, Crackers, String Cheese, Yogurt, Muffins, Carrot Sticks, and more!		1 A. Chicken Taco B. Cheese Pizza Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	2 A. Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce B. Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Diced Peaches Milk	3 A. Turkey w/ Mashed Potatoes n' Gravy B. Cheese Pizza Green Beans Orange Smiles Milk
6 A. Pepperoni Pizza B. Corn Dog Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit Milk	7 Field Day! Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Baked Beans & Chips Fruit Milk or Juice	8 A. Ham n' Cheese Sub w/ Chips B. Corn Dog Carrot Stix w/ Dip Juicy Apple Milk	9 A. Chicken Nuggets w/ Fries & Roll B. Corn Dog Fresh Fruit Milk	10 Half Day Last Day of School!
13 	14	15	16	17 
20	21 	22	23	24
27	28	29 Lunch Prices! Lunch \$2.15 X-tra Entrée \$1.00 Reduced \$.40 Milk \$.50	30 	

Enjoy Your Summer!

More Info...



Flag Day ~ 13th



Father's Day ~ 19th



Have a wonderful, safe summer!

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All Saints Elementary – Lunch

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2011

June

Middle School Lunch Menu



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>C Choice: Salad Bar w/ PB&J D Choice: Healthy Choice; Deli Slice, Crackers, String Cheese, Yogurt, Muffins, Carrot Sticks, and more!</p>		<p>1 A. Walking or Soft Taco B. Chicken Patty Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>2 A. Chicken Tenders B. Chicken Patty Oven Fries Fruit Cocktail Milk</p>	<p>3 A. Italian Dunkers B. Chicken Patty Tossed Salad Fresh Apple Milk</p>
<p>6 A. Variety of Breakfast Items B. Corn Dog Hash Brown Apple Sauce Milk</p>	<p>7 Field Day! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fresh Fruit, Chips Cookie Milk or Juice</p>	<p>8 Cooks Choice</p>	<p>9 Cooks Choice</p>	<p>10 Half Day Last Day of School!</p>
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JUNE 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	May 30 Memorial Day No School	31 Last Day—After School Tutoring w/ Mrs. Webb 	1 7 & 8 Religion Exam 8:30 MS Mass (5M) 10:00 EL Mass (1S) 11:30 Ice Cream Float Sale MS-Last FLEX Wed. 	2 7 & 8 Social Studies Exam 1st gr-Perform for BS Senior group Gr 5-6—Germs Away Assembly	3 7 & 8 Math Exam MS-7-8Germs Away Assembly 6th gr Drama to EL 9:30 Kindergarten Zoo Trip	4 	
5	6 8th gr-Loving and Serving Retreat 7th gr Leadership Day & Retreat K-4 Germs Away Assembly 	7 Field Day 7th at EL all day for service 8th gr Learning and Faith Retreat 7:00 School Brd Mtg, (MS Library) 	8 No Mass @ Elem. (Rain Date) Field Day 8:30 8th - Mass (7D & M-SJ) 9:30 8th - Bkft (MS) 11:30 8th Dismissal 7:00 8th Graduation (BS Church)	9 8th—Fun Day 	10 Last 1/2 Day of School Dress up day NO Jeans 8:30-4th gr Bkft 9:15 4th Recorder Concert  10:00 EL Mass (4P)	11 Summer Vacation begins 	
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