



ASA TODAY

JUNE 3, 2011

Called and Chosen,
Christ to one another.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

So we are down to our last week of school! Completing our third year as ASA almost feels surreal! This will be our last 'normal' newsletter for the 2010-2011 school year. Next week, ON THURSDAY, we will send home a sheet that you will want to keep handy that will include summer office hours and dates to be aware of for back to school information in August. On behalf of the pastors, staff, and students of ASA we want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed time, talent and treasure to make this the best year yet at ASA!

A special THANK YOU goes out to the members of our ASA School Board, our Home & School Board and our Boosters Board for their dedicated service and commitment over the past year. These groups spend hours organizing, planning, and implementing programs and activities that make ASA such a special place.

A special THANK YOU to the many parent volunteers who have served as room parents, recess supervisors, lunch room helpers, JA Volunteers, Boosters concession stand workers, auction and carnival volunteers, fundraising coordinators, library and publishing center volunteers, teacher appreciation committee, those who provide meals for our staff, field trip chaperones, classroom helpers, etc. Even if we didn't mention the specific event that you helped out with, please know that we value your service and need your help to make all of these activities possible.

As for the end of year activities coming up next week, please make sure you look at the calendar as there are many special events going on: 8th Graders will be on a graduation retreat on Monday and Tuesday, and will be honored at our last MS Mass on Wednesday, participate in the graduate/parent/guardian breakfast and graduate Wednesday evening. Seventh Graders will be participating in a leadership and service retreat on Monday and Tuesday, and will be servers at the graduate breakfast. Fifth and Sixth Graders will have field day on Tuesday afternoon as will the Elementary Campus (7th Graders are helping to run these events.) Fourth Graders will have a graduate breakfast on Friday morning, will perform on their recorders at 9:15 AM in the Family Center and will be honored at our closing school Mass for the Elementary Campus on Friday morning. The last day of school for everyone is a dress up day (no jeans.) Please join us for our closing school Masses (MS Wednesday, 8:30 AM; Elementary, Friday 10:00 AM) if you can.

Parents of Seventh and Eighth Graders will be receiving information in the mail regarding their students EDP (educational development plan.) This initiative, spearheaded by our counselor Mrs. Nicole Stoner, has been a year long process of helping our oldest students understand more about the way they learn, their strengths and their weaknesses, their interests and potential career choices. We felt this was so important that we are mailing it home to make sure parents receive it. We recommend you keep it handy and use it to plan your student's high school course schedules.

We also want you to know that we had 42 Eighth Graders complete the CC/WC Spanish placement exam. Thirty of the students (71%) are eligible to consider a placement into Spanish 2 for next year! The cut score to pass out of Spanish 1 went up this year, and one of our students broke the record for highest score ever on the exam! If your student is eligible for Spanish 2, please call your high school guidance office to arrange the change to your student's schedule.

And finally, we have added a link to our website for Grand Valley State University College of Educations *COLLEAGUES* Alumni magazine for Summer/Fall 2011. The entire issue of the magazine focuses on the topic of Bullying. We encourage all parents to take time to read this issue. GVSU has kindly offered to send a copy of the magazine to anyone requesting it....contact the editor, Clayton Pelon at 616-331-6240.

As you go forth into the summer of 2011, remember that YOU are called and chosen. YOU are Christ to one another!

Peace,

Christine Burns, Principal
Anne Harpold, Asst. Principal



Thursday, June 9th is Hereby Declared “Thank You, Chris Burns Day” at All Saints Academy

In celebration of Mrs. Burns and her favorite color red, Thursday, June 9th will be a “Red” color day. We are asking all students to wear as much red as possible from your head down to your toes. Red hats, shirts, pants, and socks too! (all clothing must meet color day attire rules)

Families may join us for a short celebration in honor of Mrs. Burns on Thursday at 10:00am on the Elementary Playground or 2:45pm at the MS Campus. Come and bring your good wishes for our Awesome Principal Mrs. Burns.

DATES AT A GLANCE

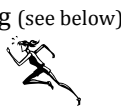
Mon. June 6, 2011

7th Grade Court Field Trip & Leadership Retreat,
8:30am
8th Grade Loving & Serving Retreat
Metro Health “Germs Away” Presentation,
12:45pm K-4th Grade



Tue. June 7, 2011

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



Thank You Aramark!!



Wed. June 8, 2011

Field Day Rain Date (K-4 only)
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
“Thank You Chris Burns Day”, Wear red color 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
4th Grade Recorder Concert, 9:15am
Elementary Closing Mass, 10:00am
(Piotrowski gr. 4)
Report Cards Home/Posted on IC Portal



FIELD DAY IS COMING NEXT TUESDAY

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.

MEDICATION IN THE SCHOOL OFFICES

During the course of the year many families have brought in prescription and over the counter medications to the school offices for their children to take as prescribed or as needed during the school day. This Medication must be picked up as it can not be held in the school office over the summer (unless your child is attending Summer Childcare or Summer Learning Camp). Please plan to have an adult pick up your child’s medication from the offices before June 24th as we can not send it home with students. All medication for non childcare or Learning Camp students will be disposed of on this date.



DID YOU KNOW? (PART 3)

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

Simple Solutions (SS): Did you know that students in grades 3-6 are involved with Simple Solutions in Math and that students in grades 4-6 are also involved with Simple Solutions in Language Arts? These programs are designed to provide daily practice in math and grammar skills to keep these skills sharp and to build speed and accuracy in these content areas. Each Simple Solutions book provides help pages in the back of the book. While these practice exercises are assigned M-Thurs. and students do correct their work on a daily basis in the classroom, these programs are supplemental in nature and are not tied to the topics and pace of the lessons that are being addressed at that moment in the classroom. Therefore in addition to the SS homework, students may have other homework related to classroom lessons. If you have questions about how SS performance is calculated into the student's grade for the quarter, please talk with that specific teacher. Our analysis of the SS program at ASA is that it is definitely helping with basic skill attainment, allowing for much classroom time to be spent on new content.

Did you know that the School Board and the Board of Pastors is in the process of developing policies and guidelines for fundraising? When our four parishes merged their schools, they also merged their Home and Schools, Boosters, and other events that were traditionally supported by fundraisers. Now that we have been together, there is a need to address the number of fundraisers and the need for funds. Stay tuned for more information as some of these issues will be addressed in the future.

Did you know that ASA uses shared time teachers provided by Grand Rapids Public Schools for our Art, General Music, Physical Education, Spanish, and Computer Teachers? The amount of instructional time available to us in these areas is dependent on what GRPS provides to its own students. We take full advantage of these opportunities and are grateful for our shared time teachers and programming.

Did you know that our ASA students are performing well at both of our Catholic High Schools and at many of our local public high schools? We frequently hear from parents and high school teachers about how well our ASA students are doing as they enter high school. Each year our students take placement tests for advanced classes and a significant number of our students earn spots in honors and advanced classes. Last year half of our 8th graders qualified for Spanish II as incoming 9th graders. Parents and students meet with high school counselors regarding placement into courses for their 9th grade year. ASA teachers and administration are always willing to talk with parents about recommended placements in high school courses.

Did you know that ASA offers opportunities for students who need greater academic challenge? At our middle school we begin offering advanced math class opportunities to students in grades 7 & 8. However, we have, on an individual student level, provided enrichment programming to students who are ready for more. Our elective programming provides opportunities for students to set their own pace for learning in classes such as Robotics, Math Counts, and Science Olympiad. For self-motivated learners we have offered high school math classes under the supervision of one of our Math teachers. Our band program and digital arts programs gives students a chance to build capacities in areas that have a positive influence on learning across disciplines. ASA believes all children are gifted (in their own ways) and that there are ways to meet the needs of students who want and need an academic challenge without 'labeling' students and/or offering them specialized classes. At our elementary school this year we began implementing SMART times (**S**tudents **M**oving **A**round **T**eachers) which simultaneously allows us to provide assistance at all levels of learning. If you want to know more about how ASA meets the needs of learners, please contact school administration.

We hope you have found this column helpful in explaining many of the issues raised in the narrative comments from the parent survey. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or school administration.

YEARBOOKS ARE IN

The yearbooks have arrived and are being sent home today, with those students who ordered them. If you did not order one, there are a very limited amount of both Elementary and Middle School yearbooks for sale in their perspective offices. These are being sold at \$12.00 each on a first come, first served basis. When they are gone, they are gone.

A GREAT big thank you to our yearbook advisors Beckie Patterson and Dorothy Livingston and our yearbook elective classes for their hard work and dedication in creating these yearbooks, Great Job!!!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

The Uniform Exchange is still open at both campuses. Be sure to stop in and take a look before the end of the year. Take what you need, drop off what you don't, this is a free service for *all* of our school families."

ASA CLASS OF 2011 THANKS YOU!!

The Class of 2011 would like to thank everyone who donated to our fundraisers this year. To all of you who bought Butter Braids, came to see "Mars Needs Moms" and ate lots of pretzels and ice cream floats, a great big THANK YOU.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ADVANCE NEWSPAPERS' 20TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

The Advance newspaper's essay contest is open to all students in grades 1st-12th. The topic this year is: "How does the internet make life better?" Winners will be chosen from each of the following categories: 1st thru 3rd grade, 4th and 5th grade, 6th thru 8th grade and 9th thru 12th. The Grand Prize, to be given away in each of the above mentioned grade groupings will be a new Laptop Computer! All entries should include the name of the student, grade completed prior to summer vacation, school, teachers' name, students' home address and phone number. The deadline for getting the essays to the Advance is June 24th. Winners will be announced in all the Advance Newspapers on August 9th and winning essays will be printed. Send entries to: Back to School Essay Contest, PO Box 9, Jenison, Mi 49429.

PASS AND WOLVES/HAWKS TEAM SOCCER TRYOUTS

The PASS Select Teams play in a local league in and around the Grand Rapids area. Tryouts are being held at Sunshine Church on June 20th & 21st. Visit www.pass-fc.com for more information and exact times. Wolves/Hawks GR Academy Teams play in the local GR league but are for the player who wishes to make a bigger commitment to soccer with more training & tournaments. Tryouts are being held at Northview High School on June 20th & 22nd (must attend both days) Please visit www.wolveshawksgr.com for updated information on coaches, teams and tryout times. Wolves/Hawks Premier Teams play in the statewide league and attend several tournaments. Tryouts for U13-U18 Premier Teams will be held at Northview High School June 18 & 19. Visit www.wolveshawksgr.com for tryout forms.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES

BLESSED SACRAMENT CONSIGNMENT/ GARAGE/BAKE SALE

Friday June 17 9 - 6
 Saturday June 18 9 - 2
 Accepting donations Monday June 13 - Thursday June 16 from 7:30 am - 8 pm
 Call Marie LeMire at 361-7339 or 364-7712 with questions.

ST. JUDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PandaMania - Where God is Wild About You! will be held at St. Jude Parish on June 27-30 from 9:00am to 12:00pm for children entering Kindergarten through grade four. The fee is \$10.00 per child or \$25.00 per family. Registration forms for participants and volunteer helpers can be found in the St. Jude Parish Office during the week. Any questions contact Janet DeBoe or David Klemmer, Vacation Bible School Coordinators, 363-6885, ext. 1153.



ST. ISIDORE VBS-STYLE CHILDREN'S RETREAT

July 11-15, 9am-noon; for ages 2-18 (high school students will be assisting younger students)
 This year's topic is "The Household of God," focusing on the family of the Church. We will be studying the Church, church architecture, church hierarchy and more!
 For more information or to register, call Kathryn at 459-4731, ext. 33

ST. ALPHONSUS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid" is being held June 13th thru the 17th, from 9am to noon. Spots are still available. Last day for registration will be June 10th so get your registration in soon. Call the Faith Formation office at 459-5472 to register or form more information



"WATER FOR CHANGE; CHANGE FOR WATER"

Mrs. Burns received a letter from the Executive Director of ServeHaiti regarding our donation from our "Water for Change; Change for Water" Lenten Service Project. We would like to share some of her comments here:

"What an awesome, awesome accomplishment! Please give my sincere thanks to your staff and hardworking students."

"Initiatives like these are truly inspiring to us and help us know that we are on the right track."

"The people of Grand Bois have been and will continue to be richly blessed"

Please be proud of your students for their generosity and willingness to help. As you can see we can make a difference in the lives of others.

NEED A GIFT FOR THAT GRADUATE

Burger King coupon books are still available in the school offices for \$3.00 each. They make great Graduation present toppers or just stick it in the card envelope for those graduates. These books have \$70.00 worth of coupons for Burger King, Chilis and Papa Vinos.

Coupons included are as follows:

- (3) Buy one get one free Whopper Sandwich at BK
- (2) Buy one get one free Original Chicken Sandwich at BK
- (2) Buy one get one free Breakfast Sandwich at BK
- (1) Buy one get one free Tendercrisp Chicken Sandwich at BK
- (1) Buy one get one free Big Fish Sandwich at BK
- (1) Free Medium Icee with any purchase at BK
- (1) Free Iced Coffee with any purchase at BK
- (1) Buy one get one free Chili's Burger at Chili's
- (1) Free Appetizer with any Entrée at Chili's or Papa Vinos
- (1) Free Entrée Salad with any Entrée at Chili's or Papa Vinos



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OUTSTANDING MAY BUCKET FILLERS!



The following students have been noticed for filling the buckets of others with kind actions and words throughout the month of May.

Macie D., Maya J., Drew D., Ckaya L., Jake B., Hannah H., Olivia G., Owen E., Frankie S., Stephanie B., Caleb L., Henry E., Madeline M., Edward F., Jenna T., Matthew B. and EthanhAlan B.

Mrs. Bowman's 3rd Grade Class received the Celebration Bucket for the month of May for filling their classroom bucket the most times during the month. Congratulations students and keep up the good work!!



FEELIN' GOOD MILEAGE CLUB

This week was our final full week for our Feelin' Good Mileage Club, it will end on Monday, June 6th. A great big Thank You goes out to our parent volunteers who have been punching mileage club cards at recess. We could not have done it without you.



We have given out many medals this week to those students who have run 25 miles. Our medal winners are **Joe K., Aiden M., Colleen O., Austin G., Ambria D., Max P., William O., Bridget F., Reece R., Danny G., Owen E., Matthew B., Hannah K., Drew D., Mary S., Sammi S., Ckaya L., Sam S. and Maddy B.**

We also have had some really dedicated runners who have completed 50 miles of running and will be receiving a trophy for their efforts. Our trophy winners are **Andrew V., Raf B., Edward F., Matt B., Abraham M., Dana W. and Erickson K.** Congratulations to these and all our runners who are getting out there and Feelin' Good. Keep on running!!

PUBLISHING CENTER

Here is our final list of this years published authors. They are, Noelle H., Allison H., Sam F., Noah F., Haily U., Wehazit G., David F., Lena R., Kayla B., Peton U., Henry M., Connor C., Miranda W., Alyssa L., Keenan M., David F., Miller B., Cameron M., Ryan M., George B., Liam S., Olivia L., Joey L., Abby D., Nick B., Tommy S., Austin Y., Abbie G., Chase S., Olivia O., Stephen M., Owen F., Maggie S., Clare N., Gavin M., Abby S., Natalie B., Madison K., Madeline M., Alex D., Raegan B., Luis B., McKenna M., Gabby A., Danny G., Henry E., Isabella S., Isaac C., Maya L., Allison H., Noah F., Malaki P., Lizzie B., Quinn M., Emma D., Drew D., Max P., Joe W., Katie H., Maya J., Caitlin M., Quinlan K., Hunter L., Ckaya L., Audrey B., Emily M., Connor J., Caleb H., Aiden M., Haley M., Owen L., Alex A., Brennan M. and Hannah B. Great Job students and keep on writing!!!!



ATTENTION FOURTH GRADE PARENTS:

BEGINNERS BAND CAMP, AND INSTRUMENT RENTAL MEETING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR...

Just a reminder to the parents of all our soon to be 5th graders, there is a band "instrument rental" meeting on August 16th @ 7pm in the Thaddeus Center at the Middle School Campus. This is a chance for parents to meet with a Meyer Music Representative, ask questions about rental contracts, and rent an instrument that very night without the hassle of going to the store.

In addition to the meeting, there is a **Beginners Band Camp** starting on August 22nd, and running through the 25th. This is an opportunity for your students to come and

work with Sr. Ann and Mr. Doe before school starts, and it is offered for FREE!!! This is not required, but gets your students off to a solid start for the 2011-12 school year. Watch your mail boxes, specific times and instructions will be coming soon!!!

RECORDER FOLDER WITH CD AND BOOK

Just a reminder that the Recorder Folder with the recorder book and CD in it must be returned at the end of the school year. The recorder is your child's to keep. If these items are not returned you will have to pay a \$10.00 replacement fee, or the cost will be added to your tuition bill. Please make sure your student brings these items with them on the last day so as not to incur the replacement fee. Thank you.

FIELD DAY REQUEST

Mrs. Posthumus at the Elementary is still looking for more donations 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.

Our Kindergartners took a trip to John Ball Park Zoo today. They were so excited to get on the bus .

SAINTS GO MARCHING!!



Our First Graders sang for the Blessed Sacrament Seniors Group during their Thursday morning coffee. They sounded just wonderful!



EAGLES MIDDLE GROUND

School Phone: 363-7725
FAX: 363-3086

Eagles Club Phone: 988-0403

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

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR NEWS

What a great turn out at the *All Sports Recognition Banquet!* It's a super way to send off the eighth grade class and build for the future!



STUDENTS: Keep sending completed physical forms to the Middle school offices. Everyone needs a current physical to participate in the 2011-2012 season.

COACHES: Please turn in your spring equipment by Wednesday, June 8, for inventory and purchasing purposes.

COACHING: Looking to have a great experience with your son or daughter? Want to exercise together? Bond? Gel? Then coaching at ASA is for you.

We're looking for volunteer sports coaches for fall.

- Boys Football 5/6 and 7/8 starts in August
- Boys Soccer 5/6 and 7/8 starts in Sept.
- Boys and Girls Cross Country starts in Sept.
- Girls Volleyball 5,6,7,8, grades starts in Sept.

VIRTUS Training: Any parent, relative or volunteer who wishes to coach, or help on a regular basis, must be VIRTUS trained.

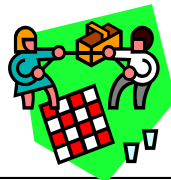
Virtus Training (Plan Ahead)

1. Find and Register for classes online at www.virtus.org
2. Click on registration in the left margin to see dates or register.

Next available VIRTUS classes:

- Sat. June 4, 2011, 1:00pm
Holy Trinity Parish (Comstock Park)
- Sat. June 11, 2011, 9:00am
Our Lady of Consolation (Rockford)

BRING A BLANKET ON FIELD DAY



Aramark is providing hot dogs and hamburgers on Field Day. 5th & 6th graders might want to bring a blanket on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 for their picnic lunch on school grounds.

SUMMER BAND—GRADES 5-8

The *West Side Summer Band Program* is about to begin. This is a concert ensemble offered to any student who is finishing 5th-8th grade.

(Students must have one year of experience playing their instrument)..

WHEN: Rehearsals from 10am-12pm every Wednesday and Thursday beginning June 22nd, and running till mid August.

WHERE: West Catholic High School

WHO: Summer Band is taught by Mr. Darren Larprie (West Catholic High School), and Mr. Joshua C. Doe (West Side Middle Schools and All Saints Academy).

COST: \$65 must be paid at the first rehearsal.

REGISTRATION AND INFO: (616) 233-5931 to register your student, or receive more information on this great program.



ASA Sewing students pose with Mrs. Burns in front of the school, before Mrs. Burns takes the baby blankets they made for their Haiti service project.

WC INCOMING FRESHMEN



Swimming & Diving Team

Interested in swimming or diving for West Catholic next year? Please plan on attending a meeting at West Catholic's team room on June 7th at 4:00pm. If you cannot make the meeting and are still interested in swimming or diving, please contact coach Steve Burciaga at 443-8140 or scburciaga@comcast.net.

Sideline Cheer Team

Try out for the sideline cheer team at West Catholic for the 2011 Fall season. Please plan to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, June 9 in the West Catholic Team Room at 6:00 PM. If you are unable to attend, please contact the West Catholic Athletic Office for information after the meeting.

Volleyball Camp

CMU Coach is teaching a Volleyball Camp for 9-12th graders at WC, July 25-26, 2011, 9:30 AM-5:15 PM. Cost is \$90. Contact Coach Katie Webber, at 616.970.6015.