

Back to School 2008



Special points of interest:

- Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 6:30-7:30PM. This will begin in the Gym. All students and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- All 6-8th grade students will begin their first day of classes on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. Students may be on the playground at 7:30 a.m. Classes begin at 7:50 a.m. Dismissal the first day is at 11:00 a.m. On our full days classes end at 2:35 p.m.
- Bussing will be available the first week of school.

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

From the Desk of the SEAS Principal, Mrs. Janet Troppman

Dear SEAS Parents,

With the month of August in full swing, it is time to prepare for the upcoming school year. However, we can still enjoy summer and continue to take advantage of this beautiful season that God created. I am grateful and excited to start the 2008-2009 school year. It begins my 3rd year as Principal of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and I am told that it is during the 3rd year where everything gels together! As always, my expectations are high for every St. Elizabeth Ann Seton student, not only academically but spiritually as well. This is all possible because of the wonderful, professional and Christ-centered staff that we have and their com-

mitment to providing an outstanding educational experience that is rooted in and founded on Christ. They are a true blessing!

I would like to encourage all of you to attend the **Ice Cream Social which is scheduled for Thursday, August 28 from 6:30-7:30.** We will be discussing the school schedule, general information about our school day, introducing our new staff members, learning about the varied programs our school offers and answering questions you may have. During this time, students can reconnect with friends.

Each school year brings new challenges and I look forward to what lies ahead here at St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton School. Our staff will do everything we can to combine faith and works in all that we do and say. Please pray daily for all of us who work here to model ourselves after Jesus in all our actions and words. Thank you!

Serving Children and Christ,

Janet M. Troppman, Principal

New Staff Additions

We have four new faces to our SEAS Staff.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Leslie Summers to our 6th grade team. Mrs. Summers will be teaching 6th grade Language Arts and two sections of 7th grade Language Arts.

We are also happy to wel-

come Mrs. Nicole DeVol to the 8th grade team. Mrs. DeVol will be teaching 8th grade Math and two sections of 7th grade Math.

Moving from our high school is Mr. Tom Dohm. He is returning to St. Elizabeth, after teaching Math at St. Francis High School for a number of years. He will be teaching 6th

Grade Math and 2 sections of 7th Grade Math.

Finally, moving from Holy Angels is Mr. Eric Erdman who will be teaching 8th Grade Religion and two sections of 7th grade Religion. Mr. Erdman will also be the Athletic Director at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School. Welcome everyone!

Dates To Remember:

8/13/08: Used Uniform Sale in the IC Gym from Noon to 1:30 p.m.

8/18/08: SEAS School Office Opens

8/27/08: Bussing Information Available in the TC Record Eagle

8/28/08: Ice Cream Social begins in SEAS Gym 6:30-7:30p.m.

8/29/08: SEAS School Office Closed

9/2/08: First Day of School (1/2 Day) Dismissal at 11 a.m. Bussing available.

9/5/08: All System Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis High School Gym (Please Drop your child off starting at 7:30a.m. We will gather in the Gym

Our weekly Mass will be on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in our school cafeteria. Father Jerry Micketti, Pastor of Christ the King, will be our regular celebrant.

6th Grade Information

Our 6th grade homeroom teachers are:

- Mr. Tom Dohm (Room 201) He teaches all of 6th grade math and half of 7th grade.
- Mrs. Raelynn Stein (Room 203) She teaches all of 6th grade and half of 7th grade religion.
- Mrs. Leslie Summers

(Room 202) She teaches all of 6th grade and half of 7th grade language arts.

- Mr. Travis Walker (Room 204) He teaches health for one semester to all of our students.

These four teachers are eager and excited to greet our incoming 6th grade students. The first day of school, the

students will spend the entire day with their homeroom classes and learn about the middle school experience.

Sixth grade begins the traditional switching of classes and students learning how to keep their assignments organized. A planner will be provided (with a \$5 fee) to assist students with this task.

7th Grade Information

Our 7th grade homeroom teachers are:

- Mrs. Kathleen Allard (Room 305) She teaches half 7th grade and all 8th grade Language Arts.
- Mrs. Becky Callery (Room 303). She teaches half of 6th grade and all of 7th

grade life science.

- Mrs. Nancy Martin (Room 304). She teaches one semester of 6th grade and all of 7th grade social studies.
- Mr. Archie Kolinski (Room 308). He teaches physical education for one

semester for each grade.

Seventh grade is a year of independence and fine tuning organizational skills. The students have acclimated to middle school and they handle the changing of classes with ease. They are very focused on academics and their friends.

8th Grade Information

Our 8th grade homeroom teachers are:

- Mr. Tim Shrift (Room 301) He teaches half of 6th grade and all of 8th grade earth science.
- Mr. Eric Erdman (Room 302) He teaches half of 7th grade and all of 8th grade religion.

- Mr. Rob Welch (Room 307) He teaches one semester of 6th grade social studies and all of 8th grade.

- Nicole DeVol (Room 306) She teaches half of 7th grade and all of 8th grade math.

One of the highlights of 8th grade is our Washington D.C./ New York City trip April 25-29, 2009. A parent/student meeting will be held in the fall to provide more details and offer fundraising opportunities.

The 8th Graders love this year of middle school. They are the leaders and all of 6th and 7th graders look up to them.

Questions?

Call the SEAS
office at 932-4810

We look forward
to seeing you all!

Shuttle Bus In- formation

Shuttle buses to take student to SEAS from SF and IC will be running the first day of school. The buses leave at 7:30 a.m. and will not wait for late students. Please arrive early!

Shuttle bus assignments will be posted on the SEAS doors by August 27th.

Student schedules will be received the week of August 25th in the mail!

First Week At A Glance

Tuesday September 2 - ½ Day with Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

Students will remain in their Homerooms

Wednesday September 3 – Full Day 7:50 a.m.-2:35 p.m.

Students report to Homerooms to attend Morning Assembly

Remainder of Day students will report to all their classes for a shortened period

Life Balance Initiative is serving hot lunch

Thursday September 4 – Full Day 7:50 a.m.-2:35 p.m.

Students will report to their 1st hours and will have a typical class day

Life Balance Initiative is serving hot lunch

Friday September 5 – Full Day

Students will report to St. Francis High School between 7:30-7:50 a.m. for the All Systems Mass. Our school will sit on the bleachers inside the 11th Street doors on the left.

Upon return, students will report to all their classes for a shortened period.

Life Balance Initiative is serving hot lunch

Funding Lunch Accounts

You may begin funding your child's lunch accounts at any time. See the information in this email.

Uniform Information

This year a plaid skirt has been added to our uniform code. It is available from Lands' End. Be sure to look for this addition in the uniform link in the email.

Middle school also brings the challenge of students exercising their independence with clothing choices. As parents, please make sure that your children are adhering to the uniform code. Khaki pants

may be from any vendor, but may not have side cargo pockets, rivets, or any visible logos/brand tags. This has proven to be a time consuming issue for our staff to deal with.

We ask that students (particularly our girls) exercise modesty in selecting their uniform shirts. **Polo shirts** should have only three buttons and must be purchased

through Lands' End, JC Penney, Sears, or Bay Supply. Lands' End now offers a feminine fit polo, which is acceptable as long as it is not tight fitting.

Thank you for your partnership in this matter, as we want to reinforce that our faith tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit so our clothing choices must be reflective of this.

Christian Service Hours

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School is a community centered in Christ. As Christ did, we lead and encourage students to extend themselves into the community in which it exists and the greater communities. We do this through our Christian Service Hours Program.

This program promotes Christian attitudes toward service in a variety of situations, i.e., school community, parish life and church community, and human services in the greater community. We make available to the students a variety of possible projects which will enable them to become involved. In addition, they can

independently, with the guidance of their Religion teacher, choose their project within our community.

The form the student fills out, along with their reflections can be found on the GTACS web page, www.gtacs.org, under St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

Extracurricular Opportunities

Our extra-curricular activities allow your middle school student activities ranging from Builder's Club, Praise Choir, Praise Team, Spelling and National Geography Bees, and Odyssey of the Mind. We also offer a Math Counts contest that showcases student's math knowledge.

Athletics opportunities include

boys/girls basketball, football, girls volleyball, cross-country skiing, cross country running, downhill ski clubs, boys/girls track and tennis, and wrestling.

Sixth grade athletics are organized through the TCAPS T.E.A.M. program. Seventh and Eighth grade athletics are organized through our GTACS

Athletic Department. Mr. Eric Erdman, our middle school athletic director, will have more information.

First Day of School:

The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 2nd; this is a half day, which means that the students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.. (TCAPS does provide busing both to and from school on our first day). Staff will be on the playground at 7:30 to greet students on Tuesday.

Point of interest:

Students have Physical Education for half of the year with Mr. Kolinski and Health class the other half with Mr. Walker. Hold off buying PE shoes until you know your child's schedule, as some students will not have P.E. until second semester in January.

Parent Volunteer Opportunity

Lunch time offers the SEAS students many options. They may choose to stay in the cafeteria, go to the Library, go to Homework Lunch or go outside. We need parent volunteers to supervise the outside playground activity, otherwise going outside is not an option. If can help, call the school office at 932-4810.