

Prayer for the Success of the School Building Project – Please recite daily

Holy St. Joseph, spouse of Mary, be mindful of the Catholics of Union County and our school building project. Pray for us; watch over us. Guardian of the paradise of the new Adam, provide for our temporal needs. Faithful guardian of the most precious of all treasures, we beseech you to bring this project to a happy end it if be for the glory of God and the good of our souls. Amen.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Words cannot express the thanks to the parents and community members that have made the start of school a success. Hands of many made the beginning even better. St. Ann School would not be the school it is without the generous assistance from our many volunteers.

Thanks for the air conditioner clean up: Bryan Wilson, Brian Clements, Brad and Will Clements, Chad and Avery Welden, Tom Moosbrugger, Joe Mason, Paul and Matthew Loxley, Craig Gough, Bill Holbrook, and Doug Padgett. Our classrooms have been much cooler since the air conditioners have been serviced and cleaned.

Thanks for the building clean up during the summer. Many par-

ents came throughout the summer months helping to move teacher classrooms, moving books and supplies from the



library, decorating bulletin boards, cleaning windows, washing down walls, cleaning and organizing the supply closet and resource rooms. Unfortunately I do not have a complete list of all who helped, but please know your assistance is very much appreciated.

Library organizing team: Mary Greenwell, Dru Greenwell, Kristy Kanipe, Laura Ervin, Lisa Ervin, and Amy Davis, as well as Joey Peller's group who have helped with the transformation of the library. Curtains are being made by Melissa Beaven, soon to be hung. There is a little work left to be done. We will have the grand opening of the library during the Parent Teacher Conferences.

Thanks to John Scates and Company for the lockers to be used for the middle school wing. Lockers were donated and removed from a former school and donated to St. Ann School.

Thanks to Robbie Greenwell for the continuous service to our technology department.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

9/3 Vanessa Heriges
9/7 Cassidy Luttrell
9/8 Parker Gough
9/11 Kaleb Nelson
9/18 Lexi Clements
9/19 Payton Ervin
9/19 Isabelle Gibbs

9/19 Rylee McGill
9/20 Madison Morris
9/23 Aubriana French
9/23 Bedney Greenwell
9/24 Mrs. Vowels
9/26 Mrs. Davis
9/27 Mary Lou Loxley

9/28 Austin Clements





Parent Luncheon Schedules

Parent luncheons will resume at St. Ann School. Lunch for the class of the month will begin at noon.

Information regarding the luncheon will be sent home with the students of the class hosting the luncheon each month. Please mark your calendar with the following dates.

September 22nd 7th grade

October 27th 3A & 3B

November 10th Kindergarten

December 8th 8th grade

January 12th 2nd grade

February 23rd 1st grade

March 15th 4A & 4B

April 12th 6A & 6B

May 10th 5th grade

Parent cost for lunch is \$3.00 per person.

We look forward to having you as our guest.



St. Ann 4-H Club Meeting Information

St. Ann 4-H Club will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Students who are 9—19 years old may participate. Meetings will be held in the school cafeteria from 2:20 pm to 3:00 pm. Mrs. Scates is the sponsor for the St. Ann 4-H Club.

4-H is a community of young people across American who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The 4-H's stand for Head, Hands, Heart, and Health.

4-H challenges you to think and make decisions, both for yourself and as a member of a group; you learn skills that you can use for the rest of your life. 4-H members often talk to club leaders and to each other about what matters to them. 4-H gives you a chance to become friends with other young people and caring adults. 4-H focuses on being healthy and developing health lifestyles.

What do kids do in 4-H? It is up

to you. You can go to camp, join the dog club, horse club, sports shooting club, make a birdhouse, start a business, learn to cook, ride in a bike rodeo, raise an animal such as sheep, goats, pigs, or cows; attend the State Fair, judge soils, judge livestock, grow vegetables, hatch an egg, give a speech, cure a ham, and many more things.

Make a decision to join 4-H and become involved in the county organization.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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| 8/4 | Kaitlyn Butler | 8/21 | Abe White |
| 8/5 | David Kramer | 8/23 | Ryan Clements |
| 8/8 | Landon Gough | 8/23 | Sara McCallister |
| 8/11 | Waylon Wheatley | 8/24 | Sydnie Vessels |
| 8/14 | Kent Davis | 8/27 | Jake Mason |
| 8/15 | Briley Henshaw | 8/29 | Haylee Kanipe |
| 8/21 | Cole Sherman | 8/29 | Josie Luttrell |
| 8/21 | Conner Sherman | | |



St. Ann School PTO



St. Ann School PTO will meet on September 28th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall Activity Room.

Guest speaker, Ken Rasp from Owensboro Catholic Schools will be here to speak about effective

**PTO—
Engaged in
improving**

**St. Ann
School.** Parents of students who attend the PTO meeting will receive

a ticket, which, when presented at school on September 29th, will receive a reward for the day. The reward will be announced before the meeting via Fast Direct and through announcements for the students.

marketing for our school and SCRIPP Program.

We will be polling the classrooms for reward ideas. The ideas will be used throughout the school year. Reward ideas must positively represent St. Ann students and school.

If you have any new ideas for fundraising, please bring them with you with details. Talk to your friends who live in other areas and ask what they do for fundraising. We are always eager for new ideas.

St. Ann Y-Club

St. Ann Y-Club will meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. The Y-Club sponsors are Coach Long and Mrs. Greenwell. Members of the Y-Club have the opportunity to participate in KYA in the fall and KUNA in the early spring.

The KY YMCA Youth Association develops engaged citizens and servant leaders, inspired to affect

change in their school, community, Commonwealth, nation, and world. Through experiential learning, service, and community activism the KY YMCA Youth Association fosters critical thinking, leadership, and social responsibility in teens.

The Student Y (Formerly Y Club) is a school based organization chartered by the Kentucky YMCA. The Student YMCA is open to all stu-

dents who wish to become servant leaders to their schools and communities and who accept the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. The student organization actively seeks opportunities to provide service to the church, school, and community.



St. Ann Beta Club

Members of the St. Ann Beta Club are invited based on outstanding academic achievement, exemplified worthy character, and maintaining a commendable attitude throughout the school year.

The National Junior Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character, endorses social responsibility, and encourages service involvement to school and

community. The St. Ann School chapter offers leadership opportunities which foster community awareness while providing a setting for the child to develop interpersonal relationship skills.

Students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 are eligible to become members of the Beta Club. To be considered for induction, students must achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher for three con-

secutive quarters prior to application to the St. Ann Junior Beta Club. Applications for the 2011-12 members will be due on January 18, 2012. One time membership fee of \$20 is required upon acceptance.

The Beta Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Beta Club sponsors are Mrs. Mallory, Mrs. Wurth, and Ms. Heriges.



Schedule of Events

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 4-H	7 Amadora Sheet Sales due Choir Pract. Washington dep & room due	8 Sounds of Knowledge Golf Match HOME	9 Grades 1, 2, 3 attend Hansel & Gretel	10 St. Agnes Picnic
11	12	13 Trash Bag Sales Begins Midterm Checks	14 Monthly Confessions Choir Practice	15 Corn Festival Golf Match AWAY	16 Out of Uniform Day	17
18	19	20 Y-Club School Council Meeting	21 Choir Practice	22 Golf Match HOME 7th Grade Parent Lunch	23	24
25	26 Golf Match HOME	27 Beta Club	28 Choir Practice; PTO Meeting	29 Golf End of Season	30 School in session all day	

- 9/6 4-H Meeting till 3 pm
- 9/7 Amadora Sheet sales ends
- 9/7, 14, 21, 28 Choir Practice till 3 pm
- 9/7 Washington deposits and parent room assignments due
- 9/8 Sound of Knowledge Anti-Bullying Program; Golf Match HOME vs Henderson South
- 9/9 Hansel and Gretel Program for grades 1 2 3
- 9/10 St. Agnes Picnic
- 9/13 Trash Bag Sales Begins; Mid-terms posted
- 9/14 Monthly Confession for grades 3—8
- 9/15 Golf Match AWAY vs Henderson South (Audobon)
- 9/15—17 Corn Festival, please support the 8th grade booth for sandwiches
- 9/16 Out of Uniform Day—Corn Festival Dress
- 9/20 Y-Club 2:30—3:30 pm; School Council 5:30 pm
- 9/22, 27, 29 UC Library to visit PK and K classes
- 9/22 7th Grade Parent Luncheon; PACESS Meeting; Golf Match HOME vs Henderson North
- 9/26 Golf Match HOME vs Henderson South
- 9/27 Beta Club 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- 9/28 PTO Meeting—6pm
- 9/29 Golf HOME end of season
- 9/30 School in session all day

STRATEGIES FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

As the parent of a student, you've probably heard one or more of the following early-morning shout-outs:

- “I can't find my homework.”
- “I don't have any clean clothes to wear.”
- “Can you sign my permission slip?”
- “I need lunch money!”
- “I missed the bus. Can you drive me?”

After taking a deep breath, you rush to the rescue. But what if mornings and nights were well organized and calm, allowing your child to concentrate on what matters most: schoolwork. Well, it is possible. Try one or more of the following strategies so you and your student can begin and end the school day on a smooth note. Tell your child “I want you to...”

- set your clothes out the night before.
- keep a binder with dividers and pockets for each subject.
- start homework as soon as you get home.
- put completed homework in your backpack ready to grab as you go out the door.
- bring me any school notes or forms by a set time each night.
- keep a master calendar with all your assignments and activities.
- set your alarm clock to wake up on time.
- get at least 8 hours of sleep each night.
- tell me if you're struggling in a subject or class.
- turn off the television and other distractions while you're doing homework.

Depending on the level of chaos in your home, the previous suggestions may be easy or tough to implement. But as a parent, you can make a tangible difference in your child's education . . . starting at home. The more structure you provide, the more time your child can devote to successful academic behaviors. (www.act.org)

THE FORGOTTEN MIDDLE

The following information has been obtained from an Executive Report produced by ACT. Excerpts from the report are posted here for your information. Visit www.act.org for the entire report.

“ACT data show that fewer than two in ten eighth graders are on target **to be ready for college-level work by the time they graduate from high school.** This means that more than eight of ten eighth-grade students do not have the knowledge and skills they need to enter high school and succeed

there. And not surprisingly, our research shows that students who are not prepared for high school are less likely than other students to be prepared for college and career by the time they graduate from high school. So although the gates of high school are technically open to all students, for more than 80 percent of them, the door to their futures may already be closed.”

“The level of academic achievement that students attain by eighth grade has a larger impact on their college

and career readiness by the time they graduate from high school than anything that happens academically in high school.”

“This report also reveals that students’ academic readiness for college and career can be improved when students develop behaviors in the upper elementary grades and in middle school that are known to contribute to successful academic performance.”

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Room Parents for 2011-12

Room parents are invited and welcomed to assist the classroom teacher when planning for special events for the school year. Volunteer forms have been received at St. Ann School and the following parents will serve as room parents.

K—Kelly Duckworth

Grade 1—Farrah Burgess & Heather Sprague

Grade 2—Christi Riggs & Mitzi Ervin

Grade 3A—Beth French

Grade 3B—Melissa Beaven

Grade 4A—Christy Gough & Kathy Greenwell

Grade 4B—Carla White

Grade 5—Beverly Davis & Lori Moosbrugger

Grade 6A—Megan Peak

Grade 6B—Laura Ervin

Grade 7—Nikki Sheffer

Grade 8—Amanda Young & Marie Heriges

Teachers will contact room parents when they need assistance with special events in the classroom.

Green Tree Plastics A.B.C. Program

Leigh Ann Hengen from Holy Name visited St. Ann classrooms last week to share information about recycling bottle caps for benches. Green Tree Plastics in Evansville Indiana offers **A Bench for Caps** Program. 450 pounds of plastic bottle caps and hard plastic caps from household products such as salad dressing, laundry deter-

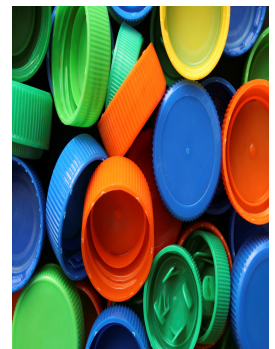
gent, toothpaste, etc. are recycled and turned into benches. With the bottle caps and \$200 (discounted fee for the bench) St. Ann School will receive a bench that can be used outside in the playground area.

Students at St. Ann School have begun to collect bottle caps. Caps will be collected and stored until

450 pounds of bottle caps have been collected. Bottle caps will be taken to Green Tree Plastics and exchanged for a bench.

PTO has agreed to pay the \$200 fee.

Please help us collect bottle caps!!





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Fast Direct, and School Announcements

Mission

St. Ann School provides academic excellence in education while emphasizing the teaching of the Catholic faith to prepare students to be responsible members of families, church, and community.

Philosophy of St. Ann School

We believe that each student is a unique individual created by God and destined for a life after Him. We believe that parents and guardians are the primary teacher of children and, therefore, should actively be involved in the educational progress of children. We believe that all children can learn and by guiding the development of the student, we can help each student fulfill a commitment to Jesus Christ.



THE FORGOTTEN MIDDLE CONTINUED

The implication is clear: if we want not merely to improve but to maximize the college and career readiness of U.S. students, we need to intervene not only during high school but *before* high school, in the upper elementary grades and in middle school.

Academic achievement is only part of what students need in order to be ready for college and career. Student readiness is also influenced by their psychosocial (that is, psychological and social) development, so we examined the role that academically related behaviors play in predicting two important indicators of students' future academic success: course failure in grade 8 and high school grade point average in grade 9. We also examined how academic behaviors affect grade point average in ninth grade because grade point average not only predicts future academic performance but also can be used to identify students who are at high risk of experiencing academic difficulty. We found that three academic behaviors had an impact: academic discipline,

orderly conduct, and having positive relationships with school personnel.

Middle school students who demonstrate those behaviors that enhance academic achievement are more likely to perform well academically in high school and be ready for college and career by the end of high school, than middle school students who do not demonstrate these behaviors. By considering these behaviors along with academic achievement, educators can more accurately identify students who are in greatest need of interventions to prevent them from failing courses and dropping out of school, thus increasing the likelihood that these students will graduate from high school ready for college and career.

"Results of the research presented in *The Forgotten Middle* suggest that we cannot expect such activities in and of themselves to change the picture of college and career readiness

among our students until more of them are ready to learn the content of rigorous high school courses. In the current educational environment, the majority of students in the eighth grade will likely not benefit enough from high school-level enhancements to be prepared for college and career by the time they graduate from high school, so we must also focus on getting more students on target for college and career readiness by the end of eighth grade so that they are prepared to maximize the benefits of high school.

"Staff members at St. Ann School are dedicated to preparing students for the future. Skills students obtain from St. Ann School will carry them through life; we are preparing young adults for the future, life beyond high school. To read the entire report visit <http://www.act.org/research/policymakers/reports/ForgottenMiddle.html>

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