



September 1, 2009  
 Newsletter for the School Community,

We are starting our second week of school and I want to give you some news, ideas and clarifications, so that we all are on the “same page” about our children’s education.

**Uniform:** If you have any doubt, please check the student/parent handbook. It is very common sense about everything. If you have questions or recommendations for future school years, please address them directly with me. Teachers are following directions given by Principal and Pastor.

**Dropping students off:** Park at the statue or by the south end of the school (towards Hassalo), the blacktop area in front of the new Rectory is not the right place, in-between the C.C. building and the School building, is not the right place. **IT IS FOR YOUR STUDENTS’ SAFETY!**

**Picking students up:** The only parking area for K-8<sup>th</sup> is the Parish parking lot; please do not park directly in front of the statue. You need to be fully parked before your student gets in the car.

**Bringing Lunch:** if you are bringing your child’s lunch, please leave it on the table that is in the Cafeteria, with your child’s name on it. If your child doesn’t know about it, let the office know. Do not disrupt their class.

Recess times:

Morning recess	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	9:40–9:50am	9:50–10:00am	10:00–10:15am
Lunch Recess	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	11:30am–12:10pm	12:00–12:40pm	12:15–12:55pm
Afternoon Recess	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	1:45–2:00pm	1:45–2:00pm	NONE

**Communication:** As we addressed it with each one of you during our conference with Fr. Barnett, please, keep open communication with your child’s teacher. It is very important for the success of your child’s education.

**Your child’s schedule:** Please, check the back of the newsletter to see the times and specials your child has during the week.

**Lunch room policies:** We are focusing on good manners in the lunchroom. Please, help us by reminding your child how to behave at lunch time, to use good manners, and to show etiquette while eating.

**Lunch Duty Sign-up:** Please, sign up or just come and help. Remember that other parents are doing for your child what you could do for theirs. There are never enough hands during lunch. Send us back the detachable section of this newsletter telling us the dates you are able to come. Have a great week. God bless you,

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## Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Monday	August 31 <sup>st</sup>	First full day of classes for Kindergarten 3:15-4:45pm ~ Sports practice begins!
Tuesday	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:15-4:45pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice
Wednesday	September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:15-7:45am ~ Rosary (Lunch Room) 1:45pm ~ K-8 <sup>th</sup> Release 3:15-4:45pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice
Thursday	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:15-4:45pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice
Friday	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:10am ~ Mass 3:15-4:45pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice
Monday	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day ~ No School, Child & Extended Care Closed

### Extended Care & After School Pick-Up

Only those students who have pre-registered for Extended Care will be able to participate in our after school program. This not only helps with staffing, but aids in creating a consistent routine for those students who attend. On that note, all students must be picked up immediately after school—students will not be allowed to wait on the stairs, in the office, or at the statue for parents who are late. If your student has not been picked up by 3:10pm, we will begin calling the individuals on the emergency card to come and get them. Also, please note: we will not send students out to a waiting car after 3:10pm—they must be signed out in the school office. If a student is consistently being picked up late, we will ask that you sign them up for the Extended Care program at an additional charge.

### Monthly Rosary

MONTHLY ROSARY – Starting this month, Mrs. Merk will lead a monthly rosary at St. Patrick School. It will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 7:15–7:45am, in the school lunch room. Please join us! Questions, contact Mrs. Merk at 547-7261, ext. 214.

### Health Policy

If your child has one of the following symptoms:      Si su niño tiene:

- Fever (over 100°)
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Body aches
- Headaches
- Chills
- Fatigue

- Fiebre (más de 100°)
- Dolor de garganta
- Tos
- Malestar del cuerpo
- Dolores de cabeza
- Escalofríos
- Fatiga

Please, keep them home.

**DON'T SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!!!**

Por favor, déjelo en casa.

**NO LO ENVÍE A LA ESCUELA!!!**

Remember to check our website for important information & updates!

[www.stpatspasco.org](http://www.stpatspasco.org)

[Kindergarten – Ms. Anne Chesterfield \(achesterfield@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:achesterfield@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Classroom news & activities...** Welcome back! Keep an eye out for your child's B.E.E. Notebook. These notebooks will come home daily and are full of information to help throughout the year. You will also find a monthly homework packet. © Unit: All About Me. Please pack a healthy, easily eaten snack daily for your child. Thank you Kinder families! Ms. C

[Kindergarten – Ms. Tina Cuevas \(tcuevas@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:tcuevas@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Classroom news & activities...** Welcome to Kindergarten! This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> week back and already we have accomplished a lot. This week is our first “full day” week. This means that we are going to start having lunch, as well as snack, so make sure to pack a healthy lunch & snack for your child. Also, this week we have our B.E.E. Notebooks going home. The notebooks will be going home every night and inside of the notebook you will have your child’s homework. There is a paper inside that will explain what we use the notebook for. In Kindergarten, this week we will be doing a unit on “About Me!”. In this unit, we will do activities so we can all get to know each other in Kindergarten. If you have any questions, feel free to write a little note in the Bee Notebook and I will reply as soon as I get it. Thank you!

[1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Mrs. Jaclyn Moore \(jmoore@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:jmoore@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Classroom news & activities...** We had a wonderful first week in first grade. This week we are going to be working on our phone number and address. Please make sure your child knows their address and phone number. Feel free to write them in their B.E.E. notebook. We are still working on our Reading Racer words. Please study them every night. I'm looking forward to another great week.

[2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Jessica Ford \(jford@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:jford@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Classroom news & activities...** Welcome back! 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had a busy, but outstanding, first week of school. I am so excited to begin this school year with your child. Each week, we will have a new set of Spelling words for our weekly Spelling assignments. This week we will be focusing on words with short “a” vowel sound. Students should be reading for twenty minutes each night and recording it on their reading log. I'll be sending homework home Monday thru Thursday. Thank you!

[3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Susan Taber \(staber@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:staber@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Classroom news & activities...** Thank you to Janet Wilson for the pretzels and to Mary Ann Parra for our snack on Monday. Don't forget to check the red folder every night. Reading Log is due Friday. Each night your student will have one sheet of homework. They need to turn it in the next day. If you have any extra decks of cards please donate them to our classroom. We will use them for adding and multiplication.

**Homework...** Monday: Math ws; Tuesday: English ws; Wednesday: Religion; Thursday: High Frequency practice

[4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Peggy Merk \(pmerk@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:pmerk@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Classroom news & activities...** Welcome back! We had a great first week! Please let me know if you did not receive a letter for parents from me. (I sent it home with the students last week.) We will have a test over our first story, Mrs. Frisby and the Crow on Friday. We are starting our Math Unit with Geometry. Students may choose any fiction book over 100 pages for the September book report. It must be preapproved through me. I'll send the form home this week, and it will also be on my teacher website by Friday.

**Homework...** Monday: Spelling Sort, page 8—Lesson 1, Read 20 minutes; Tuesday: Spelling page 9, read 20 minutes; Wednesday: Dictionary WS 1-2, Read 20 minutes; Thursday: Spelling pages 10-11, Read 20 minutes; Friday: Reading Log due Monday with a total of 120 minutes

[5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Michelle Good \(mgood@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:mgood@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Classroom news & activities...** The first week is over and it was great! This week we are getting into more of a classroom routine with work. In Social Studies we started a unit on explorers. Students will be starting a review of place value in math this week. Reading log is due on Friday with 140 minutes and with at least 3 nights of reading. Parents, please sign your whole name, no initials, when signing assignment notebooks, reading logs, Spelling pretests, etc. Students are bringing home a Saint report that is due on September 14<sup>th</sup> to share with the class. A test over the 50 states/capitals/abbreviations will be on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will be practicing and having pop quizzes in class, but please help them study at home.

**Homework...** Monday-Math ws. P1-2, Tuesday-Spelling page 9, Wednesday-Study state cards, Thursday- Spelling Pretest with signature and ws. 10

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[Mrs. Judith Turner \(jfturner@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:jfturner@dioceseofspokane.org)

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scripture	None	Complete Bible wksts	NO CLASS	Pager 1&2 of Scripture packet	Complete packet for Tuesday
Liturgy & Morality	p. 132: 1-2 A&B	None	NO CLASS	Ch 10 study guide	Study for Ch 10 open book test Tuesday
World Cultures	p. 6 vocab & p.8: 1-5	p. 9 vocab & p. 11:1-6	NO CLASS	p. 12 vocab 7 P. 13:1-3	Review maps for quiz Tuesday
Pre-Algebra	Multiplication wkst	p. 5: 1-26	Copy p. 6 plan and p.7 chart into notes	p. 9: 6-18 even	none

[Mrs. Angie Boothe \(aboothe@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:aboothe@dioceseofspokane.org)

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L.A. 3	Finish Daily Page. Pay attention to the use of capitals in your reading		Finish Daily Page. Ask your parents about the history of your name.		Finish Daily Page. Begin thinking about a rough draft idea.
L.A. 2		Finish Daily Page. Pay attention to the use of capitals in your reading		Finish Daily Page. Ask your parents about the history of your name.	
Algebra 1	p. 13-14 #15-26, 29, 32-35	p. 18 #4-7	p. 19 #14-24 even, 30-42 even	p. 20 Practice Quiz #1-10	No homework

[Ms. Emily Kruschke \(ekruschke@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:ekruschke@dioceseofspokane.org)

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Literature 2	Read, finish writing prompt		Read book 1/2 hour		Read, finish writing prompt
Literature 3		Read, finish writing prompt		Read book 1/2 hour	
Physical Science	Write about an experience/observ. of static electricity	Page TBD, #1-4	No class	Page 35, #1-3	Page 45, #1-4
American History	Finish reading sect. 2, notes on vocab	Rewrite geography story	No class	Finish reading 1-3, notes on vocab	Page 31, building vocab
Life Science	Page 30, #1-4	Read & answer "A closer look" page	No class	Page 42, life science connection	Page 49, #1-5

[Mr. Toño Vegas \(tvegas@dioceseofspokane.org\)](mailto:tvegas@dioceseofspokane.org)

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Algebra II	Slope and Direct Variation (p.264); P.268: 15-32	Slope and Direct Variation (p.264); P.268: 33-51	Slope Intercept Form (p.272); P.275: 14-39	Slope Intercept Form (p.272); P.276: 40-55	Weekly Test: Slope, S. and Direct. Var., and S. Interc. Form