



Monthly School  
Mass  
Sunday, 9/20  
11:00am  
Catechetical Sunday

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Back to  
School Night  
Thursday, 9/24  
6-8:00pm

September 8, 2009

Dear Parents of our Students,

May the light of God shine upon you and your family, keeping all of you healthy, full of love and blessings. I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend. I think it was a long weekend that we all needed, after the display of energy for the beginning of the school year, not only preparing for it but adjusting to the changes, and to all the students and their personalities. At Parish level, we are already planning (budgeting) for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year.

#### Keeping your children home:

Help us keep the school a safe place by keep your sick-child at home with you. Sometimes it could be a little cold, other times it could be the flu. It doesn't matter. My son, who didn't feel good the past weekend, wanted to come to school on Monday telling us he was feeling better. We responded to him, that it would be an irresponsible action on our part to send him to school, not because of him, because we didn't want the other students and teachers to get the germs he had. We didn't want him to get other students sick. So I stayed home with him last Monday and with our little Lorena on Tuesday. We have to be examples at all times.

#### Lunch duty volunteers:

I want to thank the 20 parents, that 13% of all our families, who signed up to help with lunch duty. As I said last week, "other parents are doing for your child what you could do for theirs" and that "There are never enough hands during lunch". Your help is very important for the safety of your children. Having more hands and eyes, allows us to have a better supervision for your students. We are sending again the sign-up sheet. Please, sign up and help us with your children.

#### Cold mornings

The weather is changing and becoming colder, especially in the mornings. Please, send your child with the proper outside clothing for those hours: a light coat would be very handy for your students.

#### Vaccinations:

We all know that the flu vaccinations are almost here. Remember that there are two types: one for the AH1N1 Flu (which has two dosages) and one for the seasonal Flu. Because of your children's age, we recommend you give your children all the shots on time. Visit your children's doctor to schedule those shots.

#### Back to School Night: Thursday, September 24, 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:

Your presence is very important at this event. Why? Because:

1. You will talk to your children's teachers.
2. You will get to ask all the questions you have about your children's education that you are not sure about.
3. You will meet your children's classmates parents, especially the new ones.
4. You will be able to sign up for volunteer opportunities and for activities we have during the school year.
5. You will not be sitting down for too much time. You will not be listening for a long time.
6. There will be a lot of interaction and moving around the school.
7. But THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON: it is your children's school for which you care so much about.

#### Just to laugh: a true story...

On Wednesday, a student told another student, "see you Friday", the other student asked, "Why?" The first one replied, "I am going to get sick tomorrow."

Please, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any question or concern about your child's education. Have a very nice week. God bless you always,

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## Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Monday	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day ~ No School, Child & Extended Care Closed
Tuesday	September 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:15-4:30pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice
Wednesday	September 9 <sup>th</sup>	12:55pm ~ Faith Community 1:45pm ~ K-8 <sup>th</sup> Release 3:15-4:30pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice
Thursday	September 10 <sup>th</sup>	3-4:15pm ~ Choir Practice 3:15-4:30pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice
Friday	September 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:10am ~ Mass 3:15-4:30pm ~ Volleyball & Soccer Practice

*Upcoming dates to note ~*


*9/17: Non-Uniform Dress (third Thursday); 9/20 ~ Monthly School Mass; 9/24 ~ Back to School Night; 10/2 ~ No School*

### 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

Each month, Mrs. Merk will lead a monthly rosary at St. Patrick School. It is 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.

 Choir Choir practice for grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be held on Wednesday's during lunch recess and Thursday's from 3-4:15pm in the Resource Room.

### Parish Picnic

The annual St. Patrick Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-5:00pm. We are in need of volunteers to serve drinks. If you are available, please return the enclosed sign up form. Thank you in advance!

### 2008-2009 Yearbook

We have a few extra yearbooks from the 2008-2009 school year available for sale in the school office at a discounted price of \$10 (original price was \$15). If you did not get the opportunity to purchase one last spring, now is your final opportunity! Please see Mrs. Peterson in the school office if you would like one—first come, first served!

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

**Classroom news & activities...** Theme Unit: Apples; Letter: Aa. Please send a *labeled* water bottle with your child daily. Also, remember to label all outerwear: jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc. Please check your child's B.E.E. notebook everyday for our specials schedules to ensure appropriate dress for P.E. Sharing begins this week. Please send an item that begins with the letter of the week. Back to School Night is coming with lots of information on volunteering, room parent opportunities, and much, much more! Have a great week.

**Noticias y actividades de clase...** Tema de la unidad: Manzanas (Apples). Por favor, envíen una botella de agua con el nombre de su niño todos los días. Recuerde de poner el nombre a las chaquetas, y abrigos. Verifique el B.E.E. de su niño todos los días para ver horarios especiales y asegurarse que viste adecuadamente para P.E. El compartir comienza esta semana. Envíe un objeto que comienza con la letra de la semana. Noche de Regreso a la Escuela viene con mucha información sobre voluntarios, y mucho más. Que tengan una gran semana.

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

**Classroom news & activities...** I hope you all had a great three day weekend!☺ This week we are starting our unit on Apples and our letter of the week is the letter "Aa." Today, I will send home a list of the students names and their sharing day. On sharing day, the student brings in something that starts with our letter of the week. The students have doesn't have to bring something in, they could simply share 3-5 words that start with our letter of the week! I am excited for our Apple unit, we have a lot of fun and exciting activities to do. Thank you, and have a great week.

¡Ojala que pasaron bien este fin de semana!☺ Esta semana nosotros comenzamos nuestra unidad de Manzanas y nuestra letra de la semana es la letra "Aa." Hoy enviaré a casa una lista de los nombres de estudiantes y el día que pueden compartir algo con la clase. En el día de compartir, es/la estudiante puede traer algo que comienza con nuestra letra de la semana. Por ejemplo esta semana es la letra A, su hijo/hija puede traer una "Apple" porque Apple comienza con la letra A. El estudiante no tiene que traer algo. También puede compartir simplemente 3-5 palabras que comienzan con nuestra letra de la semana. Estoy feliz con la unidad de Manzana, nosotros nos divertimos mucho y tenemos actividades emocionantes para hacer. ¡Gracias y que tenga una gran semana!

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

**Classroom news & activities...** First grade has been very busy. We are working on our "Reading Racer" words. Many students did not pass list 10. They are will have that list again. Some students have moved on to list 11. Please make sure to study with your child every night. These words are important. I'm asking families to send in one deck of cards each. We are going to be doing some math games with them. Plain cards are the best. We are also looking for some 100 piece puzzles. We are trying to get enough for 23 students. Thank you.

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

**Classroom news & activities...** This week our notebooks are going home. Please take the opportunity to become familiar with them. Students will be organizing their homework within the binders, as well as their Guided Reading material. This week, we are working on short "e" vowel sound words along with double digit addition. Handwriting is *extremely* important, please remind your child of that during homework time. Thanks and have a wonderful week!

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

**Classroom news & activities...** Thank you to Angie Flowers (Jacobs mom) for the pretzels and decks of cards. Don't forget Reading Log is due every Friday—minimum of 20 minutes is required to read each day. Practice addition and subtraction with your child—a deck of cards works great for this.

**Homework... Tuesday:** Math WS; Wednesday: English WS; Thursday: Spelling WS

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

**Classroom news & activities...** I hope everyone enjoyed their Labor Day weekend! Students should have their fiction book report book preapproved by Thursday of this week. The book report form was sent home last week and should be on my teacher web site. The due date for the book report is September 30<sup>th</sup>. (I will provide the paper for the book report.) We will have a Reading test over the story, Toto on Friday. The Spelling test on Friday is Lesson 2. Have a great week!

**Homework...** Tuesday: Spelling Sort p. 14 and p. 15; read 20 minutes; Wednesday: Religion w.s. 24 and Dictionary w.s. 3-4; read 20 minutes; Thursday: Spelling p. 16-17; read 20 minutes; Friday: Reading log due Monday with 120 minutes.

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

**Classroom news & activities...** This week we will be starting our literature book, "Where the Red Fern Grows." We will be reading chapters 1 & 2, please help students to reread these chapters at home for better comprehension. Students will be bringing home their first book report on Tuesday. Books need to be checked off by Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and reports are due on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Saint reports are due on September 14<sup>th</sup> to share with the class. We are now studying our last 25 states in class for students test on all 50 on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please keep studying at home!

**Homework...** Tuesday-Spelling page 15 #1-20, Wednesday-Math ws. 2-4 & Handwriting B, Thursday-Spelling Pretest with signature and Spelling ws. 16. Reading Log due Friday with at least 140 minutes and 3 nights of reading.

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

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scripture	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	NONE	NO CLASS	Work on rosary or peace cranes	Review abbreviations for Bible book quiz
Liturgy & Morality	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Ch 11 vocab	NO CLASS	Work on rosary or peace cranes	p. 144:1&2 A&B
World Cultures	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	p. 19: define vocab	NO CLASS	p. 23: 1-4	p. 24 define vocab & p. 28: 1-4
Pre-Algebra	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	p. 11-12: copy key concept boxes into notes	p. 12-13 32-44 even and 45-52 all	p. 15 copy concept summary box into notes	none

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

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L.A. 3	No School		Finish Daily Page. Work on rough drafts. Review what makes a good "responder".		Finish Daily Page.
L.A. 2		Finish Daily Page. Work on Rough Drafts		Finish Daily Page. Work on rough drafts. Review what makes a good "responder".	
Algebra 1	No School	p. 23, #12-20even, #24-28 even	p. 25, #44-62	p. 30, #15-23	Quiz; p. 30-31, #31-34, 42-50

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

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Literature	Labor Day	Read and work on book report	Read and work on book report	Writing prompt; read and work on book report	Writing prompt; read and work on book report
Physical Science	Labor Day	Finish reading; prepare for quiz	No class	Prepare for quiz	Prepare for quiz
American History	Labor Day	Finish reading 1-4	No class	Finish story	Finish chapter review
Life Science	Labor Day	Prepare for quiz	No class	Finish reading; prepare for quiz	Prepare for quiz

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

Subject Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Algebra II	Labor Day	Writing Equations in Slope-Intercept Form (p.280); P. 284: 11-37	Writing Equations in Slope-Intercept Form (p.280); P. 285: 38-62	Writing Equations in Point-Slope Form (p.286); P. 289: 15-50	Weekly Test: Chapter 5: Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5