

SEPTEMBER



Dear Families,

Well, we made it! Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! After many months of construction and some anguish, our building looks like a school again! I have to admit there were times when I wondered if we would be ready. But because of the hard work of everyone involved and the patience and understanding of our teachers, **WE DID IT!!!!**

It was wonderful to see the students' eager faces and to watch them settle into a comfortable routine already today. We welcome back the many families who have shared their children with us in the past. We also welcome the families of students who are new to our school. We are off to a great beginning and are looking forward to a fantastic school year.

We start this year with 157 students in kindergarten through 8th grades and we will add another 26 preschoolers. That is a total of 183 students in all! Once again our numbers are up! Our school is alive and well and is **GROWING! GOD IS GOOD!!!!!!**

Our theme for this year is **BE HIS HANDS**. Based on the lyrics to the song "Be the Hands, the Heart of God", we will "be the hands, the heart

of God. Go into the world and share God's spirit. Spread the message, be the song. Save a little bit then pass it on"! Students will be rewarded with a ticket when they are "**caught being His hands**". They will also put their name on a hand which will be displayed in the hallways. In addition each month we will have a drawing and one student will receive a T-shirt. We will also be instituting a stewardship program in each grade. We will need lots of parent help so we are hoping that you will **BE HIS HANDS** as well.

As the first teachers of your children, you are their roots and it is from you that they first receive their faith. I encourage you to pray with them daily and to attend Mass together as a family. They will learn from your example! Each Friday at 8:30 a.m. our school family celebrates the Eucharist and we invite you to join us if you can.

Again, welcome! Our faculty, staff, and I are proud to be working with you and your child/children. Thank you for your continued interest, support, and prayers. May God bless you and your children as we begin the 2011-2012 school year.

Yours in Jesus, the Master Teacher,

Matthe K. Jacobs

ALL SCHOOL LITURGY

Our school family joins with the parish community every Friday at 8:30 a.m. to celebrate the Eucharist. Please join us!

FAMILY MAIL

Each Thursday a folder will come home with the Youngest/Only Child. All communications/flyers will be sent home in this manner, so do not look for papers (other than classroom folders with students' work) on any other day. We hope that this method will insure that important information gets to you!

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We are partners in the education of your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I am committed to communicating with our families often, accurately and in a timely manner. If you would like to speak with me, just call the school office or stop in to see me. My door is always open! If time is a problem, my email address is mjacobs@saintadalbert.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

LUNCH

Students may either buy a hot lunch in the school cafeteria or bring a bag lunch from home each day. Students are not permitted to bring soft drinks (pop) or any beverage in a glass container. Fast food lunches may not be delivered to individual students.

A lunch card (5 meals) is \$10.00. However, we are offering a **volume discount**. You may purchase 4 lunch cards for \$35.00 which is a per lunch price of \$1.75. You **must** purchase lunch cards in **multiples of 4** to receive the volume discount. A twenty (20) carton milk card is \$6.00. No volume discount applies.

Payment for lunch or milk cards must be sent in with your child in an envelope marked with the following:

1. Student Name
2. Grade
3. Amount Enclosed
4. Items Being Purchased

Please Note: If students forget to bring a lunch or they forget to bring money for a new lunch card, they are allowed to "charge" a lunch. Students may only charge 1 lunch. Charged lunches need to be paid for as soon as possible. Once charged lunches have been paid, the student will be allowed to charge again if need be. Students with out-standing charges will be served a peanut butter & jelly bar and milk.

Applications and information regarding the Free and Reduced Lunch Program are sent home the first week of school.

9/11 PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday, September 9th our school family will gather for a prayer service around the flag pole at 8:15 a.m to commemorate the events of September 11th. Please join us if you can.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our Back to School Night/Open House will be held on Thursday, September 15th. We will begin at 7:00 p.m.in the Keller Center. The evening will begin with a brief presentation highlighting our curriculum goals for the year and an explanation of our Stewardship program. Families will then proceed to their children's classrooms where your child's teachers will explain the classroom expectations and curriculum. We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents that evening!

MAGAZINE DRIVE

Our annual Magazine Drive will kick off on September 12th with an assembly. **ALL of the proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase new desks and chairs for our students.** We were able to purchase new desks and chairs for our 6th and 7th grades from our profit last year. Please support this fundraiser and help us reach our goal.

RELIGION MEETING

On Friday, September 23rd all of the teachers in our diocese will be at an inservice about our new religion curriculum. **Consequently, our students will not have school on Friday, September 23rd.**

HELP NEEDED

Please watch for the volunteer sign up sheet from PTU which will be in next week's Family Mail. PLEASE consider helping with the projects and activities that they are sponsoring. These activities benefit ALL of our children!

PLEASE SAY YES WHEN YOU ARE CALLED TO HELP WITH BINGO ON SUNDAY EVENINGS. Mrs. Debbie Greenhill is in charge of Bingo and is ALWAYS in need of extra hands. The proceeds from Bingo support our school, so please consider helping out. Call your friends and make it a night out! Like last year, we are asking each grade to provide manpower for one month out of the entire year. Please answer "YES, OF COURSE I WILL HELP!" when the phone rings at your house!

We are in need of volunteers to help with marketing and technology. If you have experience in either of these areas or would just like to be involved and serve on either our Marketing or Technology committees, please contact the school office. ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Mrs. Cooke is also looking for parents to help in the library. Again, if you are interested, please call the school office.

SAFETY ISSUES

The safety of our children is a priority with us! In order to ensure safety both at lunch recess and after school dismissal, we present the following reminders:

- The building will be opened each day at 7:00 a.m. for morning care. Please register with Extended Day if you will be dropping your child off before 7:30 a.m. The building will be open at 7:30 a.m. and students will be supervised by our staff.

- When picking up students at the end of the day, please park in the parking lot by Keller Center. If you are planning to stay to talk to other parents or to speak with a teacher, please park in a spot that does not block in other cars. Also, please do not back up!
- Classes dismiss each day at 2:15 p.m. **All car riders who have not been picked up by 2:45 p.m. will be sent to Extended Day. Parents will be charged for the service.**

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

EARLY RELEASE

On Tuesday, September 13th students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided by all districts. Olmsted Falls students will be released and bussed home at 2:30 p.m. Aftercare will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Early Release Days.

THANK YOU

I would like to say "thank you" to the following people...

To Father Barry and the St. Adalbert Parish community for their dedication to our school and our families.

To Mrs. Stepanski for all of her work to get us ready to start a new year.

To Mr. Tom for working so hard this summer to make sure that our school was ready for the first day. It was a monumental task!

To all of our teachers for their patience and understanding and for creating such inviting classrooms for their students.

To all of our parents for making the sacrifices necessary to send your children to a Catholic school.

To Mr. Hahn for again bringing the Great Lakes Theater Company to our school.

To Mrs. Taylor for chairing our magazine fundraiser.

To our Alumni and Friends for purchasing new desks and chairs for 1st grade.

To our PTU and Mary and Jim Wetter for planning a fun filled night at the pool.

To all of our students for a great start to the 2011-2012 school year.

