



# **Academy of St. Adalbert**

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful summer filled with well-deserved rest and relaxation. I am looking very forward to the new school year and to working with you once more.

We would like to especially welcome our new families to our school. We are happy to have you join the Academy of St. Adalbert family!

We also welcome Mrs. Wendy Parente, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Mrs. Julie O'Brien, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, to the Academy of St. Adalbert. Mrs. Parente and Mrs. O'Brien are both veteran teachers who come to us with experience in other Catholic schools. They are eager to meet the Academy of St. Adalbert students and their parents and we welcome them to our faculty.

There are also a couple of familiar faces with new names in our school. Both Ms. Konicky and Ms. Kelber were married this summer and are now Mrs. Cekada and Mrs. Byrne. We congratulate both of them and wish them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

School will begin for students in first through eighth grades on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten will have "phase-in"/assessment days on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. School will begin for all kindergarteners on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Three-year-old preschool and pre-K students begin on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and our four-year-old preschoolers start on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder that **our school day begins at 8:00 a.m.** Please make every effort to have your child to school on time. **All students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

In June every student received a Summer Solutions math book and a detailed explanation of summer reading requirements for their grade. Hopefully, your child/children have been working diligently on these requirements during the summer months. **SUMMER SOLUTIONS AND READING PROJECTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>.**

Our PTU will be hosting a summer get together for our students on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 pm. at the Berea Rec Pool. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend! This will be a great opportunity for not only our students to celebrate summer and socialize with each other, but for their parents as well.

If you have misplaced your child's summer reading list or supply list or if you are new and didn't receive one, please check our school website. [www.saintadalbert.org](http://www.saintadalbert.org) as they are posted there.

All buses should be in operation on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. In the event they are late or do not show up, the school will be open and all students are expected to be present. The Public School

District in which you reside should inform you through letter or community newsletter about stops and times of pick-up.

We will be changing our morning drop off procedure this year. ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ARRIVING AS CAR RIDERS IN THE MORNING SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF AT THE EAST DOOR BY THE GYM. Please proceed in the drive way that is furthest to the east (near the yellow house), make a loop around the faculty cars, and drop your child off at the door. A teacher will be at the door to greet your child. In order to keep traffic moving, please park your car if you wish to watch your child enter the school. ONLY BUSES WILL DROP STUDENTS OFF AT THE FRONT DOOR.

The After Care Program will begin on the first day on school, Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and will be open only when the Academy is in session.

**Hot lunch will begin on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Students must pack a lunch for the first three days of school.**

Our school theme for the 2010-2011 school year is **LIVE THE GOSPEL --- EVERYDAY**. Each classroom will have a bulletin board dedicated to this theme. Classroom lessons, prayer services, retreat days, and our school masses will also focus on this theme.

Just a reminder....During the months of August and September, the summer uniform dress policy is in effect. Please refer to our school handbook for details. We have added **khaki dress shorts** to our summer uniform. Like the navy blue shorts, the khaki shorts **MUST** be dress shorts. Shorts with multiple pockets, like cargo shorts, are not allowed. Please remember that dyed hair is prohibited. If your son or daughter has dyed his or her hair for the summer, it must be dyed back to its original color **before** the first day of school. There have been questions about polo shirts. Polo shirts must be white or red, but they do **NOT** have to have the Academy of St. Adalbert emblem on them. Also, students will **NOT** be allowed to wear "silly bandz" in school. The faculty and I believe that they will be too much of a distraction.

On Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, PTU will have used uniforms available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the main school hallway. If your child is in need of a uniform, please come in and check out our "gently used" supply. If you have uniforms that your child has outgrown, please bring them to the school office before August 11<sup>th</sup> so that they can be shared with others.

We love parent volunteers at the Academy of St. Adalbert! Please remember that all volunteers who spend more than one hour weekly or four or more hours monthly with students is required to attend Virtus training. **ALL VOLUNTEERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING FOR FIELD TRIPS, MUST COMPLY WITH THIS PROGRAM.** Sue Hays, our Virtus Coordinator, can help you with this process. She is in our office daily from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All visitors **MUST** come to the school office to sign in before entering the school. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please make an appointment. Trying to meet with a teacher without an appointment before school begins is a distraction and puts other students, who are not being properly supervised, in danger. Your child's safety is a priority to us!

Communication with families is very important to me. My door is always open and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to

contact me by calling the school office, by emailing me at [mkjacobs48@gmail.com](mailto:mkjacobs48@gmail.com) or just stop in to see me.

Our **WEEKLY** communication folder will be sent home with the **youngest and only child** each **THURSDAY**. It is our hope that by sending information home with the younger students more information will actually get home! ALL home-school communications will come to you through this folder. We will continue to send home a newsletter each month with the calendar. All communication will always be available on our website.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Parents of all students are invited to attend an Open House that evening. The evening will begin with a short introductory presentation by me. After this meeting parents of students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited back to the school to meet their child's teacher and to learn about the expectations for this school year.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Academy of St. Adalbert, I would like to thank you for sharing your children with us. Pray for God's blessings on this school year as we continue to work as partners to help our children grow not only intellectually, but also in love for God, the Eucharist, and one another.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha K. Jacobs". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Martha K.  
Jacobs  
Principal