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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Enter to Learn Christ, Exit to Serve Christ

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Dear Families,

It's been wonderful to see our students back in school after what I hope was a great summer break. I'm looking forward to an awesome year as we continue to "Learn, Serve, Lead and Succeed". To help us do this, our entire student body and staff will take a closer look at nine virtues, given to us by God through our Baptism. A virtue is basically a good habit, which when practiced, can help us become more God-like. During the month of September our focus will be on the virtue of faith. Faith is our belief in God's truth in our minds and hearts even though we may not fully understand. If we make a good habit of praying and reading Scripture, we will come to know better how God wants us to act. This knowledge will help us to make good choices. So, please join us in making a good habit of deepening our faith this month.

If at any time throughout the year questions, suggestions, or concerns arise, feel free to contact me by phone, email or dropping by the office. Thank you for allowing us the privilege to help your children grow in their faith and academics to the best of their ability. Again, I'm looking forward to a great year.

Field Trip Permission: Enclosed is a Field Trip Permission form that gives permission for your child to attend/participate in most of the learning opportunities that will occur off the school grounds. Please sign and return the permission slip by Sept. 16. Let me know if you have questions about this.

Safe Environment Training: Enclosed is a notice that Safe Environment Training, as required by the Diocese of New Ulm, will be presented to all students this Fall. You need only sign and return this notice if you **decide to Opt-Out** of training. (in other words, if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate) The form is on the back side.

School Apparel: The School Store is now open. Go to our website and click "School Store" and shop for a wide variety of items. Or go to www.western-printing.com SHOP and choose St. Anne's. The store closes at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 18. We will pick up the items and bring them to school to distribute. Several Blujet items will remain on the site throughout the year.

Morning Arrival: Each school year brings changes to procedures or policies and this year is no different. As you may have read in our Handbook, the morning arrival procedure is slightly different from recent years. In the past, a recess was held from 7:55 – 8:05. Historically, the busing service was regularly behind schedule, so our school day start time was pushed back to 8:10 to accommodate those late arriving students. What we discovered, was that by the time students were called in from recess and settled in classrooms, the school day was not actually getting started until 8:20. And with many students arriving as early as 7:30, it became difficult to safely supervise students during this time, with parents and children entering and exiting the building all at the same time. Fortunately, the 4 Point O busing service has done a wonderful job in keeping bus routes on schedule these past few years. Therefore, the need for the morning recess is no longer relevant. In an effort to ensure the safety and supervision of students, gain more classroom time, and most important, to begin our day with calm prayer and reflection, we have altered our morning arrival procedure. Students are called (by bell) to their classrooms at 8:00 and instruction time begins at 8:05. Students arriving prior to 8:00 will gather in gymnasium where they will have opportunities for reflection, quiet prayer, spiritual music, etc. Be assured, this is not intended to be a punishment or to diminish free play time. In addition to Phy. Ed., students receive ample recess periods per day (one at mid-morning and another over the lunch hour). Parents, as you drop your students off at school, please feel free to stop in for a few minutes and join us. What a wonderful way for all (staff, students, parents) to begin the day, setting aside a few precious moments with Jesus.

Education Advisory Committee: The purpose of the EAC is to advise school administration on school policy and procedure. Currently the committee consists of 5 members, Tina Hanna, Christina Fogelson, Danielle Jacobson, Shannon Anderson and Rachel Plaetz. There are openings for 2 additional members. This committee meets on Oct. 7, Nov. 11, Jan. 6, Feb. 5, Mar. 2, Apr. 8, and May 11. Any parent interested in holding a position on this committee should contact the school office. In addition, if there are topics you'd like discussed throughout the year, please feel free to bring those to the attention of any of our members.

My School Worx: The School Information System is now up and running. Please access your school account at portal.myschoolworx.com. Enter your email and password listed on the mailing label attached. Once logged in, you may change your password and make updates to your contact information. You are also able to view your tuition account charges and payments. Please allow a few days for up-to-date financial information to take effect, as we get caught up on first-week-of-school data. Additional school information may be made available throughout the year.

Ways you can support St. Anne's School!

COLLECT

Salfer's Food Receipts - From September 1 to March 31, you can drop your Salfer's receipts in the container at church or at the St. Anne's School Office. Owner, Jim Salfer, donates a percentage of sales to St. Anne's School. Last year we earned \$1000.

Aluminum Can Collection - Drop off your aluminum cans on the North side of the school in the drop area for recycling. Last year we earned \$1301.70

Box Tops for Education - Bring the Box Tops for education coupons off General Mills food products to St. Anne's School and we receive \$.10 for each box top. Last year we earned \$3315.10.

<http://www.btfec.com/marketplace> - Gives a list of online stores to shop at and earn Box Tops for our school.

<http://www.btfec.com/readingroom> - Barnes & Noble and Box Tops have teamed up to make it easy to earn cash for your school. Earn up to 6% of all qualified purchases by simply starting here and then shopping at America's #1 bookstore.

Country Hearth Bread - Bring your Country Hearth Bread label to St. Anne's School and we receive \$0.05 per label.

SUBSCRIBE

Arvig Internet Service - All high-speed and dial-up internet customers of Arvig can sign up for the School Partnership Program. Upon signing, Arvig will give \$10 to St. Anne's School plus an additional \$2/month for high-speed internet customers and \$1/month for dial-up customers. Contact the school office or the Arvig office to sign-up today. Last year we earned \$403.

Shoparoo - Download the free Shoparoo app, snap pictures of receipts of just about anything. Shoparoo makes a yearly donation for every receipt submitted. The more supporters we have, the more we earn. For year ending August 31, we earned \$182.02

GoodSearch - When you use www.GoodSearch.com as your internet search engine and designate St. Anne's School, 1¢ from every search is donated to our school. In addition, a percentage of any online purchases made through this site are donated to the school.

SHOP

Scrip Gift Cards - Purchase gift cards for face value from hundreds of retailers and 2%-20% of the purchase is donated to St. Anne's School. Local vendors include McDonald's, Borches, Pizza Ranch, Walmart and HyVee. Other vendors include Shopko, Kohl's, Walmart, Target, Penny's, Subway, Olive Garden, and hundreds of others. Visit our website for gift cards available for pick-up or for a complete list of retailers, go to www.glscrip.com. Last year we earned over \$2,000.00.

DONATE

Matching Grants - Many companies will make a donation for volunteering hours or will make a matching grant donation if an employee gives a gift. Companies who have contributed to St. Anne's School are 3M, Douglas Machine, ITW, Northwest Financial, and Land O Lakes. Other companies may offer the same types of programs. Please check with your Human Resources Department.

Adopt-a-Student Program - A tax-deductible donation to this program goes directly towards the tuition expense of a family in need.

Fr. Diehl Endowment Fund - A tax-deductible contribution to this fund is invested and only the interest income is used to support scholarships and enhance academic excellence. Donations have a long-term impact.

Dedicated Donation - Your gift will be applied to an area of your choice. Dedicated gifts can go towards, technology, classroom supplies, library books, physical education, etc

GIFT CARDS: *They are an excellent way to earn money for the school and also make gift giving easy for you. **Thinking about shower/wedding gifts????** How about a \$10 gift card to Wal Mart?? Or a \$25 card to Cenex, Wal Mart, Target, Menards or Shopko?? **Need other gifts?** Gift cards are an excellent choice for birthdays or a thank you. Come in and check out our supply.*

Save: Continue to save: Boxtops for Education, Tyson A+ labels, Sunny D UPC's, Salfer's receipts, Country Hearth/Village UPC's, and aluminum cans.

Shoparoo: Thanks to those who continue to use Shoparoo and to those who have recently signed up. Have you downloaded the Shoparoo app yet? Now would be a good time to do so. You take pictures of your shopping receipts as you get them. It's an easy way to help St. Anne's with a few minutes of your time. We earned \$182.02 with about 10-15% of parents participating - imagine what we could earn with 100% of our parents participating