



Saint Brendan Parish School News

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service

Important Dates

Sept. 3	Development Meeting 7 PM
Sept. 5	First Friday– full day of school Non-uniform day
Sept. 6	Fr. Jim's End of Summer-Back to School Concert 7 PM
Sept. 11	Individual student pictures Non-uniform day PTO Meeting 7 PM
Sept. 12	Curriculum Night 5:00-5:45 or 6:00-6:45 PM Handbook receipt page due
Sept. 17	Technology Meeting 7 PM Speech Club Student & Parent Meeting 7 PM
Sept. 18	School Commission 7 PM
Sept. 19	School Mass 9 AM
Sept. 23	5th Grade EE Parent Meeting 6:30 PM
Sept. 24	Speech Club Student Meeting 3:00 PM

Altar Servers

We would like to acknowledge the following students who are serving Mass on 9/6:

Claire and Lauryn

PTO Volunteer Corner

No requests at this time.



St. Brendan Lane 2008-09:

Did you notice the lane's name has been changed to "R. J. O'Brien Lane" for the coming school year? Mr. O'Brien is the grandfather of **Catherine (7th)** and **Caroline (9th at AMHS)**. The naming of the lane was purchased in his memory at the 2008 Auction. An avid supporter of catholic schools, R. J. would be *most* pleased to know he is the unofficial presider over the "ins and outs" of daily carpooling at St. Brendan!

Principal News

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back! After a restful summer, excellent staff professional development, great student orientations and family picnic, and a wonderful opening day prayer liturgy, we are ready to start another school year. We welcome 28 new families and 38 new students! It will be a great year!

Bulletin: The weekly bulletin is the main source of communication for parents. Please take the time to read the bulletin. **After this week, the bulletin and all attachments will only be sent electronically in a PDF format.** If your email address has changed since last June, please contact Mrs. Carlson or the school office.

September Parent Calendar: The monthly parent calendar is attached and posted on the web site.

Wednesday envelope: Thank you for taking the time to review all the items in the weekly Wednesday envelope and returning the envelope the next day.

School Web Site: Please use our school web site as a resource. Auction, CYO, PTO, Hot Lunch, and classroom information is available. We have also posted:

- School-Year Calendar**
- Field-Trip Calendar**
- Daily Mass Schedule**
- School Mass and Liturgy Schedule**
- Monthly Parent Calendar**

The Field Trip Calendar will be updated as field trips are scheduled. All teachers will post their weekly parent letter and other classroom information to their classroom page. Please advise Mrs. Carlson of any corrections needed on the web site to keep the information current.

Parent Sign in and Out: Parents and visitors need to sign in at the school office each time, use a visitor label, and sign out at the office. When we have safety drills, it is very important for us to know what adults are in the building.

Immunizations: State law requires each child attending school to have the proper immunizations. Please be sure your child's record is updated and complete. Students without complete records will not be allowed to attend school.

Parenting Custody Plans: Parents are required to provide me all updates or court order changes for parenting plans.

Uniform For Liturgies: Students are required to wear a school sweatshirt, sweater, or vest to all church liturgies. All shirts are to be tucked in. Students not in uniform for church liturgies will receive an out-of-uniform notice.

Annual School Appeal: Thank you to the many school families who turned in their pledge cards at the PTO tea yesterday! The pledge was due yesterday. There are more pledge envelopes in the office if you need to return your pledge card this week.

Fr. Jim's Concert: Be sure and join us this Saturday night at 7 PM for *The End of Summer-Back to School* Concert. All proceeds will benefit our school's Music program.

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WASL Scores: Included in this bulletin are the results from last April's WASL. The excellent scores demonstrate strong student learning and teamwork! Check them out and thank our teachers for their unending devotion to your children! Scores for last year's 4th, 7th, and 8th graders will be mailed home this week.

Religion Assessment: Last May our 5th and 8th graders took the NCEA Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education. Test results are included in this bulletin and individual scores will be mailed home this week. Our students scored above the national percentile in each section!

Catholic Schools Book Fair: This book fair event occurs at every Barnes and Noble on September 13, 14, and 15th. The voucher is attached to this bulletin. Thank you for your support of this book fair.

Technology Team: Please thank our Technology Team for lots of work this summer! They updated the virus protection software, installed new student computers in all classrooms, established the ability for each student to have an individual log-in, and replaced the server. They were very busy! We are very fortunate to have their technical abilities!

Updated School Handbook & Parent Receipt Form: The changes to the school handbook are attached. We will not be copying a new handbook this year. Please sign the receipt page and return it to the office by September 12th.

Curriculum Night-Friday September 12th: There are two sessions for parents to learn about their child's curriculum: 5:00 to 5:45 PM or 6:00 to 6:45 PM. This will be an adult-only event, and there is no time set aside for individual conferences with specialists or teachers.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences: Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for October conferences on Curriculum Night. Conferences are being held Thursday, October 30th from 8 AM to 8 PM and Friday, October 31st from 8 AM to Noon. The sign-up sheets will be posted in each classroom. Parents will receive confirmation of their conferences times in late September.

We ask God to send us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in our work together this year. Mrs. Lunn

Scholarship Awards

We are proud to announce

Sy and Erin

both earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average during their entire 7th grade year! They were each awarded a \$1,000.00 tuition scholarship for consistent and outstanding academic work. The scholarship is a donation from a school family who wishes to remain anonymous.



CYO Corner

Starting **Thursday September 4th** from 5-6pm, we are having our first **Cross Country practice**. Even if you have not yet signed up, please come out. The next practice will be Monday September 8th, also from 5-6pm. This is a great cross training sport for all the soccer players out there! For additional information please contact the school office.

Calling All Chess Players

St. Brendan Chess Club is open to all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade who play chess at any level. Last year's club was full of fun practices and nail-biting competitions. Our students had a great time through out the year! There will be an informational meeting on October 6th at 3:00 in the Library for all players and parents. Practices will begin on October 13th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the library and continue on every Monday through mid-April. More information will follow. If you are interested in helping with the

Please make sure you have returned these items to the school office:

- Emergency Card
- Updated Parenting Plans
- School Handbook receipt
- Annual Appeal pledge

Employer-Matched Volunteer Hours

Did you know that your employer may match your volunteer hours with a financial donation to St. Brendan School? For example, Microsoft will match your volunteer time during the calendar year with \$17 per hour. Microsoft employees can go to http://give/GiveTime_TimeMatching.aspx to learn more about this program. It's a great way to make the most of your gift of time to the school. Check with your employer and see if they will match your hours!

Missing an apron??

A nice Williams & Sonoma apron was found at school during the summer clean-up and is awaiting it's rightful owner! Please contact the school office.

