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Weekly Newsletter

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“WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST”

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Evangelists! Who are they? In reality, we are all called to be Evangelists and bring people to God. We are focused this week in having our students be Evangelists through showing the virtue of PEACE to others. What more powerful way to Evangelize is there than to use more Christian Actions...which requires less words.

BOBO'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

You all have done outstanding!!! If you still orders, have it to us by FRIDAY! Results next week; Pizzas Oct 4th!

EAST ST LOUIS 3K FITNESS WALK

Join your neighbors and our school for a community 3K walk. Saturday, Sep 22, at 10 AM. We plan to have a big school showing of students and families! If you did not sign up, you can still show up and support FITNESS! Starts at Mary Brown Center, East St Louis. 606 S 15th St.

SHOES

The intent of the school dress code is to be inclusive and save families money by making the uniform simple. We expanded the shoe colors to include a black/white combo, but no additional colors. *“Solid white or solid black tennis shoes with tied laces. If shoes have name/insignia, it must be either black or white. No additional colors, no light-up shoes, no sparkles on shoes.”*

We have too many shoes with color insignias, which are not allowed. Our staff is getting complaints from students and families about those not following rules because “it is unfair”, and we agree.

On Monday, Oct 1, any student with improper shoes will be given one day to correct the problem. You may: 1) purchase uniform shoes, 2) black out colors with a black Sharpie, 3) apply black Duct Tape over colored area. No exceptions.

CLASSROOM VISITS OR TEACHER CONFERENCES

We have an open door policy at Sister Thea Bowman, but we ask you to respect the teacher/student time. You may visit a class, but we ask you to coordinate with the teacher first to ensure minimal class disruption. Use Fast Direct, direct teacher contact, or office contact to arrange a date/time. All visitors must check in with the office through the side door for safety. We ask that you do not try “to catch” the teacher in the morning, unless you have a pre-set appointment, as our teachers have a lot to do between 7:30 and 8:00 AM to make the day run smoothly.

MIDTERM REPORTS

The 1st Qtr Midterm Reports come home today. If you have questions on grades, contact the teacher first or review grades on Fast Direct. You may set up a teacher conference at any time. Also, please seriously consider our Extended Day program if your student is struggling academically.

IOWA ASSESSMENT (IA) FALL TESTING (Grades 2 – 8)

On Monday, we begin IA Fall testing. This is a national standards test Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. It is very important to have your students at school and on-time Monday – Wednesday. Please ensure they get plenty of sleep. We also recommend they arrive for breakfast in the morning by 7:30, so we can be sure they have a good breakfast to last through the morning testing. Follow-up testing is done in April.

SISTER THEA BOWMAN ACADEMY CORNER

At midterm of the first quarter, the Academy instructors of the Sixth grade say the students are doing well academically and behaviorally in the following courses, Chess, Improv Theater and Young professionals. Mr. Branislav, Improv Theater Teacher, states that “STB Academy Sixth graders are his best class this quarter”. In the Academy Sports Basketball Camp, last week the Rockets beat the Hoop Squad and the Golden 5 Ballers beat

ZOOM. The students are learning how to compete and have fun doing so. We continue to see growth in the students ability to exercise Self Control and Responsible Decision making.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE NEXT FUNDRAISER? BRING IT TO THE PTO

Be a voice! Be a part! Join your PTO on Oct 4 at 6 PM. Can't make it, let us know and we will try to have you join via video link from your phone or computer.

Calendar

September

- 20 Mid Terms Sent Home
- 21 Mass 8:30 (Grade 6 Leads), Pinwheels For Peace Activity
- 22 East St Louis 3K Walk 10:00 AM
- 24 – 28 Iowa Assessment Testing
- 28 Mass Grade 5, Peacemaker Day
- 29 Garden Club and IC Parish Garden Workday

October

- 1 Extended Day Session 2 Begins
- 4 Bobo's Pizza Pick Up; PTO 6 PM; Mass Gr 4
- 5 NO SCHOOL; Diocesan Teacher Conference

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