

# SGS NEWSLETTER



TO TEACH, TO LEARN, TO SERVE

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### IMPORTANT DATES TO RE- MEMBER

- > **New School Picture taken after Mass on Friday, September 4**
- > **New Statue of the Good Shepherd will be blessed on Friday, September 4, 10am**
- > **Grandparents Day Lunch on Friday, September 11**
- > **The Jazz Band performs at the Polly Crocket Festival on Friday, September 18 at 3pm**
- > **Field Trip 3-8 Sep 23**
- > **Cookie Dough Fund-raiser—October 5-14**
- > **Field Trip K-2 Oct 7**
- > **Fall Festival and 5 K Run at Good Shepherd on October 10**

Dear Parents,

As we enter the third week of school, routines are beginning to be established. During our morning meeting, many students are sharing prayer requests for family, friends, and pets. Yesterday they learned two Latin words meaning continuous reading, so ask your child what those words are. Also as I stated before, **each Monday** your child should be bringing home new words for the week. The child should cut out the words and with you work on the activities for each evening as outlined in the Parent Letter. As for Math, please note the letter that Mr. Caso is sending home concerning multiplication tables. The math program for this year is Investigations which emphasizes making sense of mathematical ideas and to help them think through the process of math, not just compute a certain number of problems. Also your child K-8 should be reading each evening.

**The Adoration Mass will be this coming Friday**, and Mrs. Kathy Bennett will take a school picture including staff following the dedication and blessing of the statue. So, students need to be in dress uniform this coming Friday.

On September 16, we are initiating a new after school activity for students in grades 1-5 known as KKids sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. This organization develops children's leadership skills and provides them an opportunity to be involved in community projects which they create and implement. The KKids will meet twice a month, and there needs to be a parent, a staff member, and a Kiwanis member present. The meetings only last about 30 minutes and will be right after school. Please see the letter in your child's folder concerning this new activity. Hopefully, you will come to the meeting on **September 16 at 6:30 p.m.** to learn all about it.

Remember there is no school on Monday, September 7. Enjoy the long weekend!!!

Thanks, Kelly

Kindness is the one gift that all can afford, and all can repay.

Next Art Day will be  
Friday,  
September 25th

Our Theme is  
**DRAGONART**

**VOLUNTEERS**  
please let Ms Pam or Barbara  
Wright know if you can help

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### **STUDENT DROP OFF POLICY – Revised 8/24/09** **Grades K to 8**

**In an effort to help our children become more independent and to take responsibility to prepare for their day at SGS, we ask that the following guidelines be respected:**

- **Please be considerate and limit your time in your child's classroom prior to school starting.**
- **Exit the school by 7:50 a.m.. This gives the teachers an opportunity to take control and have the students prepared to start their school work at 8 a.m. If you arrive after 7:50 – please drop your child off at the main door**

**Thank you for your cooperation**

### **Odyssey of the Mind—Explanation by Ms Amy Jackson who will sponsor this group**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international program that challenges students to solve problems by thinking creatively. Students are divided by grade level into teams of seven. Parents are welcome to serve as team coaches or judges. I would like to meet with any interested students and parents at 5:00, before the next home and school meeting.

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR MR CASO'S DESKS**

**Only the desks in Mr Caso's classroom are left to be painted—we are planning on doing this on September 11 after school.**

### **FIELD TRIPS**

Students in **Grades 3-8** will go on a **field trip to Huntsville** to the Early Works museum to see a presentation about Thomas Edison. They will go Wednesday, September 23 and will leave the school promptly at 7:30 a.m. Please see the permission slip and driver request form in your child's folder. We do need chaperones and drivers.

Students in Grades K-2 will be going to Granddaddy's Farm on Wednesday, October 7. We will leave the school at 8:30 a.m. and will enjoy the farm activities and pick pumpkins. The permission slip and driver request form were sent home yesterday. We do need chaperones and drivers. Please indicate if you will be able to drive. Remember we need the money before the field trip. Please make your check out to the School of The Good Shepherd.

### **GRANDPARENT'S DAY**

We will celebrate Grandparent's Day on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope many grandparents, or those who fill that role for our students, will be able to attend. All grandparents need to RSVP by Tuesday, September 8, so Mrs. Bare can order the necessary food. We need volunteers to help serve. If you can help that day, please call the school or email me at

Dear Parents,

We are asking your support to help identify our school as we work fundraisers, attend field trips, walk in parades or whatever event lays before us.

Show your pride in SGS!

We will be placing an order this week! If you plan to walk in the Polly Crockett Parade with our kids, work the upcoming Fall Run and/or Fall festival - order your shirt now—order forms were sent home or are available in the office!

Please send in your order form and money by Thursday (Sept. 3rd).

NOTE: This is NOT a fundraiser for the school. The cost you pay is the cost of the shirt and printing fee!

### **Room Mothers/Father/Grandparents**

Please let Mrs. Doyle know if you're willing to be the Room Mother for your child's classroom. As such you would help the teacher prepare for special projects, be a general help for parties or events and at the top of the phone tree for that Grade.