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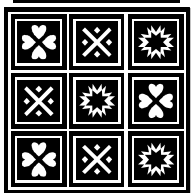
Supporting Your Child's Education... There are a number of ways that you can help your children experience school success. Although most of them are fairly obvious, it is prudent to bring them to the forefront of our minds at the beginning of a new school year. Knowing what the teacher is expecting of your child is the first step. Attending Back to School Night is the most effective way to learn what your child needs for success in his or her new grade. It is also extremely important to read all information that is sent home by the teacher and administration. Supporting academic endeavors by being positive and encouraging is also essential. Every teacher will be sharing her homework policy. In addition to knowing this, parents can see to it that their children have a quiet and set routine for homework. Beginning on Tuesday homework will be posted for students in grades 1-8. The children are expected to write down their assignments in their planners. The website is a back-up resource for parents. Parents of children who regularly exceed the amount of time expected for homework or who finish in much less time than expected should communicate this information to the teacher. The most effective way to communicate with teachers is via e-mail. However, please note that teachers are not expected to check school e-mail over the weekend and during the teaching day. Parents of students in grades 3-8 can check student progress through Parent Access, which will be available on **September 24**. You can have an e-mail reminder to check this site regularly. In summary,

- ▶ **Be informed**
- ▶ **Be positive**
- ▶ **Be proactive**
- ▶ **Be encouraging**

STAND Training will be held on Wednesday, September 23 from 7-9 PM in the convent basement. If you plan to attend this meeting, please call the school office by **September 22**. All volunteers are required to be STAND certified, as mandated by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. If you have any questions regarding STAND, please contact Ms. Bowles in the school office.

Room Parents are needed for grades K, 2 and 4. Room parents receive an automatic 20 hours of volunteer service. Please contact the school office.

Friday, September 4	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, September 7	SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 8	Preschool 3's begin Scholastic Book Fair, 8:30-9 AM, 3:30-4:30 PM, 6-7 PM, Burke Wing Uniform Exchange, 6:30 PM, Library HSA Meeting/"Back to School Night" (Grades K-5), 7 PM
Wednesday, September 9	Preschool 4's begin 1/2 day Scholastic Book Fair, 8:30-9 AM, 3:30-4:30 PM Advanced Band Rehearsal, Library
Thursday, September 10	Scholastic Book Fair, 8:30-9 AM (Book Fair ends) CYO Basketball Tournament, 6:30-8:30 PM
Friday, September 11	Preschool 4's begin full day CYO Basketball Tournament, 6:30-8:30 PM



Congratulations, Emily Dagirmanjian! We are very pleased to share that Emily won 1st place at the Maryland State Fair for her quilt. She entered in the category of quilt-machine made wall hanging, 12 and under age group. She also won 1st prize and Best of Show in the Howard County fair last month for the same quilt. Her grandmother taught her how to quilt this year. Great job, Emily!

SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS! Our Fall Box Tops Contest is now underway. Please send your box tops to school in a baggie or envelope labeled with your child's grade (**Don't forget to trim the box tops to size!**). The class with the highest average of box tops by **September 30** will receive a **pizza party** and **free dress pass!** We already have quite a few box tops from 2nd and 3rd grade.☺ Thanks!



Baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, fudge, bread, cake, pie) are needed for a wheel at the Back to School Dinner & Family Fun Night on Friday, September 25. A form went home with the September Newsletter requesting contributions. Please return the form or e-mail Mrs. Mobley if you are able to donate goodies. Thank you!



50/50 Raffle...the winner could be YOU! We are holding a 50/50 raffle to benefit the school. Tickets are \$1 each and the drawing will be held at the dinner on September 25. Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets. You do not need to be present to win, so please ask your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to buy a ticket! An order form was sent home with the September Newsletter.

After Care is in need of board games, books, craft items, construction paper and toys for students in grades K-8. Donations may be new or gently used items. Please drop off your donation to the school office, or in the hall during After Care hours. Thank you!



A BIG THANK YOU to the many parent volunteers who helped at the Family Dinner and the student celebration of the Feast of St. Augustine. The contribution of your valuable time is greatly appreciated!



Please support the Scholastic Book Fair! Books make wonderful gifts for family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and yourself! Teacher "Wish Lists" will be posted for those parents who want to purchase a book for their child's classroom. The Book Fair will be open to parents at both Back to School Nights. Please stop by the Burke Wing to browse!

Volunteers are still needed to sell Scrip on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings in the hall and to fill orders on Thursday's. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours. Please call Mrs. Schoenbeck at 410-796-2214 if you are interested. Thank you!

Save the Date...The first Principal's Coffee of the school year will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 9:15 AM and 7:15 PM in the Burke Wing. Please RSVP by **Monday, September 21** using the attached form. Mrs. Schratz looks forward to seeing you!



If you have not done so already, please return the Family Income Survey as soon as possible. This important form determines the amount of funding from Title I and Title II, which is crucial to our budget. In addition, please be sure to return the signed form indicating you have read and understand the Student Handbook. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful, safe Labor Day weekend!