

Principal's Newsletter

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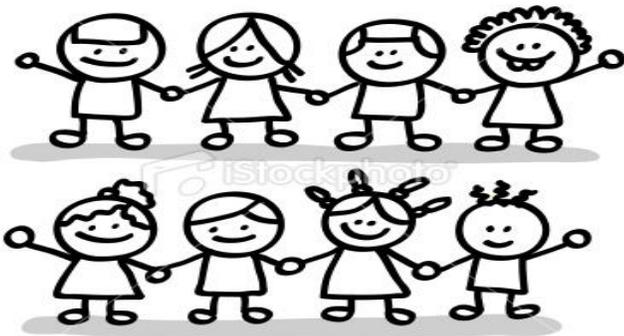
St. Louis Catholic Academy Mission:

"To provide a culture of excellence for our students and their families that each member of our community might grow in learning, by faith and with character."

Upcoming Events



- ❖ Monday, Sept. 11 AM 9:00
 - Mass @SEMOJ Grandparents Day/Breakfast SLCA
- ❖ Wednesday, Sept. 13 AM 10:00
 - Meeting Mandatory Middle School Parent Meeting
- ❖ Thursday, Sept 18-26 AM 8:00
 - ITBS Testing
- ❖ Friday, Sept. 15 AM 8:00
 - 1st Quarter progress reports
- ❖ Monday Sept. 18, AM 9:00
 - Mass
- ❖ Monday Sept 18, AM 10:00
 - Protecting God's Children
- ❖ Monday Sept 18 PM 6:00
 - Home and School Assoc/PTO
- ❖ Tuesday Sept 19 PM 5:00
 - Protecting God's Children
- ❖ Friday Sept 29 AM 8:30
 - 8th Grade Retreat



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over 3 weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that **you play a vital role in your child's success at school**. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do for his/her language development and reading skills. Thank you for all your support at home!

Sandra Morton, Principal



Thank you for your efforts to get your children to school on time each day!

*If your student needs to eat breakfast at school, please make arrangements for him/her to arrive **before 7:25am**. This will allow time for eating breakfast and getting to class on time.*
Our school day starts at 7:45am and instruction begins at 8:00 am. Students who are late arrivals miss valuable learning.

Thank You!



Thank you to all of our parents who have supported our PTO by joining. This is an excellent organization that works with our teachers and administration to provide the very best for our children! If you would like to become a member, please attend our next meeting on **Sept. 18, 2017 6PM**.

A Word from Home and School Parenting/PTO . . .

When considering a response of "No" for your child, you might consider other options:

- Give a choice and imply consequences: "Gee, I don't think that is a very good decision and I'm pretty sure it might work out poorly for you."
- Suggest an alternative behavior without ordering it: "I think that if I were in your shoes, I would probably change my tone of voice rather than being asked to leave."
- Ask for illumination (without using a witness stand tone of voice): "I've always wondered about what leads kids to be obnoxious. Can you help me understand that?"
- Give a direct question: "How do you think this is going to work out for you?"

Remember, there is nothing wrong with telling a kid "no." However, that means the response is not clearly thought through by the child. If we can say something that gets the kid to make his own decision, we are further ahead.

*Taken from Love and Logic

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The way we talk to
our children becomes
their inner voice.

Calling Volunteers!!

Interested in helping at the School? Want to become a more integral part of our school community? Volunteer!

We have a coordinated volunteer program and have been so impressed with the number of individuals who have expressed an interest in helping in our school. We gladly welcome volunteers to help in a variety of ways:

- *Teacher helper (copies, organization)
- *Reading mentor (reading buddy)
- *Math practice
- *Bookroom help (organization)

If you missed receiving information and would like to sign up to volunteer, please go online to SLCA-stl.org/Events to fill out the form. The extra hands to help with making copies, assisting teachers in the classrooms, and offering extra reading/math support for students are SO appreciated! You must take the Protecting God's Children class to volunteer.

We have a special class set Monday, Sept. 18 at 10:00am and Tuesday Sept 19 at 5:00pm Hope you will consider this opportunity!

There is no such thing
as a perfect parent
So just be a real one.

Sue Atkins

A note from Coach Jackson

Please remember to send your child to school with their gym uniform and tennis shoes on Physical Education days. Gym clothes and shoes can make a big difference in the safety of your child and his/her classmates.

**Believe in yourself. As
a parent, you are a
child's best therapist
and advocate.**

Homework Tips for Parents

1. Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.

2. Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils, and a dictionary, are available.

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects, and get them in advance.

3. Help your child with time management.

Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

4. Be positive about homework.

Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

5. When your child does homework, you do homework.

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

6. When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

7. Stay informed.

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and your child's class rules.

8. Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.

Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.

9. Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.

Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.

10. Reward progress in homework.

If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.

Please check your child's agenda or folder daily