

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

St. Ann Family,

January 26th, 2017

We're drawing to the close of another busy week here at St. Ann and looking forward to a busy weekend with the kick off of Catholic Schools Week beginning Sunday with our Open House from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM. Staff, students, parents, and parishioners have been working very hard to get the building ready to host guests and welcome prospective students and their families. It's important that everyone is able to recognize the service of our school's marketing committee who helps with planning, setup, hosting, and of course marketing for the event. Our student ambassadors are preparing to give tours to our visitors. Staff have been cleaning and preparing the building, including their classrooms, to help St. Ann look its best. Parishioners will be on hand to help with setup and direction of the day. We're looking forward to another successful Open House afternoon!

Catholic Schools Week will continue through February 2nd with a variety of fun activities to celebrate our staff, students, parish, and community. We're even planning a whole-school field trip down to Chaifetz Arena for a Women's Billiken Basketball game. At this time, we have enough volunteers for the field trip. Everyone will be traveling by bus. We ask that each family send in \$5 with their field trip permission forms. This will make the bus cost more manageable and will still be a small price to pay for a fun and educational experience and lunch at St. Louis U.. Please be sure your student has their permission slip submitted so that they can attend this event! We'll be boarding the buses at 9:30AM. Students should bring a snack. Lunch will be provided.

The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation's scholarship application window will open online on Monday, January 29th. It is extremely important that you have the proper paperwork and financial information ready to go so that you can apply as soon as possible. Many scholarships are awarded on a first-come first-served basis which means applying as close to the opening of the online application is critical. More than half of St. Ann families receive some kind of tuition assistance/financial aid and these scholarships are a big part of our school's operation. If you have questions, please contact me or Eileen Engelmeyer. There is also information at [ttef-stl.org](http://ttef-stl.org). Check the attachments of this week's newsletter email for more information.

TTEF is hosting a series of informational and technical assistance sessions at schools around the Archdiocese. These sessions can help families who are having difficulty submitting their applications or for families who may not have consistent internet access.

The two nearest sessions are:

-Our Lady of Guadalupe (Ferguson): February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 3:30-6:30pm

-Sacred Heart School (Florissant): February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 3:30-6:30pm

RSVP's are NOT required.

**St. Ann's registration is now open for all returning families. We're handling all re-registration online through Educonnect this year. This should make it simple for families to access and submit their re-registrations through the same online account they use to check grades and attendance. Simply go to [sacs-stl.eduk12.net](http://sacs-stl.eduk12.net) and log in to your family's account. I have already emailed all families a reminder of their login information (User ID and Password). The online registration format allows you to enter/update all of your contact info, ensuring that your active and preferred email addresses and phone numbers are in use by our automated communication systems. I think this approach will be a timesaver for families and for the school!**

Fr. Nick led our second Confirmation prep session last Sunday from 9:30AM-11:00 Mass. There is no Confirmation prep this Sunday as we will be preparing for Open House. Our next session is Sunday, February 4th at 9:30AM once again. All Confirmandi are required to attend.

We celebrated our 100th day of school this week. Kindergarten wore their vintage St. Ann basketball jerseys and 1st grade made a 100 link paper chain and ate 100 pieces of pizza. We're already over halfway through the school year!

St. Ann's robotics teams had a successful showing at last weekend's Clavius Robotics Jamboree. The students were able to showcase their engineering skills with over 30 other competing schools. Our own Adam Smith (7th grade) took home 1st place in the Hay Bale challenge with a record time of 6.0 seconds. Congratulations to Adam and the rest of the team and 'thank you' to Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Burwell for their dedication to helping our students with this new extracurricular experience.

St. Ann students will have some of their artwork displayed at the St. Louis Galleria food court all next week. Those students include: McKenzie Fulani, Mishael Mendez, Michael Ewersmann, Kylee Naes, Noah Kwarta, Kanzi Tyehimba, Samara Shaw, Maria Thornton Desiree Gigers, and Marilyn Dunker.

We're currently in the midst of our 'Sock-er Bowl' sock collection. Students are encouraged to bring in new, white socks and place them in the corresponding collection bin that represents the team (Eagles or Patriots) that they believe will win the Super Bowl. All of the socks submitted should be packaged new and all of the socks should be white. We'll be donating the collected socks to the St. Peter and Paul homeless shelter.

February 3rd is Trivia Night. This event supports St. Ann's Early Childhood Center. Check out the attached flyer for more info. To reserve a table or for more information, call Eileen Engelmeyer or Pat Marstall at the St. Ann Rectory, (314) 385-5090; Bill Hook, (314) 382-5786, or e-mail [whook2809@msn.com](mailto:whook2809@msn.com) .

Our 7th grade class is preparing for their Nurses For Newborns baby shower coming up in February. Look out for more information coming soon.

The St. Ann Progressive Dinner has been postponed to Saturday, March 3rd. For more information about hosting and/or dining, contact Dana Valenti at [dana.valenti@sacs-stl.org](mailto:dana.valenti@sacs-stl.org).

REMINDER: Adults who are entering or exiting the building at dismissal time should access the building through the school's front doors (green double doors) rather than the side doors. At dismissal time, students are to exit through the side doors and students should not be providing access to the building to anyone, even if it is only through their own exit.

#### Mark Your Calendar

1/28-Open House 12-2pm  
1/28-2/2-Catholic Schools Week  
1/29-Finance Council  
1/29-TTEF Scholarship Application window opens  
1/31-Billiken Basketball (tip off @ 11AM)  
2/ 3- Trivia Night  
2/13-Mardi Gras  
2/14 Ash Wednesday (Valentine's Day)

Blessings,  
Jacob Reft