Laker Newsletter

November 8, 2023

SAINT EDWARD ON THE LAKE SCHOOL

School Hours 7:45AM-3:05PM Office Hours 7:30AM-3:30PM 1-810-385-4461







Mission Statement

We at St. Edward on-the-Lake Catholic School, work together with our families and community to create a Christ-centered environment which promotes Catholic faith formation, academic excellence, and personal development. Our students will have the opportunity to become confident, independent thinkers, and life-long learners who are responsible to God, to themselves and to society.

Report Cards Coming Home TODAY!

Just a reminder that report cards for the first marking period will be coming home TODAY! Please be on the lookout for the cards when your child arrives home!

Parent-Teacher Conferences TONIGHT and TOMORROW

Our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held TONIGHT and TOMORROW AFTERNOON. A Sign Up Genius Link was sent home last week to sign up for an in-person conference time. If you did not receive it, please contact your child's teacher for a day and time.

NO School For Students on Friday, November 10th

A reminder that there will be **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS on Friday, November 10th.** Please make child care arrangements if needed for this day.

National Vocation Awareness Week

Sister Clare set up sessions with our students to talk about ministry vocations, and our TK students took part in dressing up in outfits that Sister Clare made for the kids to wear! How cute!













Chess Club

We have received enough student interest to run the St. Edward on the Lake Chess Club. The Club will run every other Monday beginning on November 20th from 3:10PM-4:15PM. Please look for a flyer to go home next week on this fun after school program.

Ski Club News

୬ **Attention Parents of St. Mary McCormick and St. Edward on The Lake Students!** 🛍

We're excited to announce that the Ski Club will be back again this year! Starting around the first of the year, our club will meet on Tuesdays after school at Mt Holly Ski and Snowboard Resort, located at 13536 Dixie Hwy in Holly, MI.

Stay tuned for a forthcoming announcement closer to the start date, where we'll host an informative meeting to answer questions, sell memberships, and share the new updates for this year's activities. Get ready for an exciting ski season ahead!

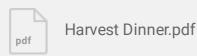
Keep an eye out for more details in an upcoming announcement. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Ski Club! &

SCRIP Gift Cards

Looking for some holiday gift ideas? Look no further than the SCRIP Gift Cards here in the office. We sell all denomination gift cards to all of the main box stores, and restaurants in our area. By purchasing SCRIP Gift cards you are helping the school and also getting a discount taken off of your tuition!

You are Invited....Harvest Dinner Put on by Knights of Columbus

Please see the attached flyer that went home this week regarding the Harvest Dinner being put on by the Knights of Columbus next Saturday, November 11th from 6:00-8:00PM. All monies raised at this dinner will benefit our school! We are grateful for our Knights of Columbus and appreciate their support of our school here at St. Ed's!





November Happenings

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8-Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

9-Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences: School Dismissed at 11:30AM

10-NO School for Students or Staff

15-Anderson Piano Trio Assembly Visits St. Ed's

16-PTO Meeting 7:00PM

17-Grandparents Day

18-Robotics Competition

20-Chess Club Begins

22-26 Thanksgiving Break

Grandparent's Day November 17th

Our Grandparent's Day will be held on Friday, November 17th here at the school! We sent home a flyer on this a couple of weeks ago, and have included it below. We are looking for photos of our grandparents with their grandchild for our hallway board on the 17th. Please turn those in as soon as

possible by putting them in a sandwich bag with your child's name in the bag or on the back of the photo. We are looking forward to hosting our grandparents on this fun day!



Grandparents Day at St. Ed's.pdf



Online School Spiritwear Store

A number of parents inquired about the online school spiritwear store opening back up to purchase gifts for the holidays. We are in the process of opening the online store for a couple weeks to order additional Lakers Spiritwear for Christmas. We will let you know when the link is open to do that for those that are interested.

St. Ed Student Santa Shop

We are excited for this year's Student Santa Shop, which will be held on Thursday, December 14th this year. This event takes a number of volunteers to run smoothly and we are hoping that you can help! Please see our Santa Shop Volunteer Sign Up Genius Link below to sign up for a time. We have many fun activities that we have planned on this day for our students, as they shop for family and loved ones and appreciate your help! Can't help on the 14th? We are also in need of candy cane and gift wrapping tape donations as well! Thank you!



Santa Shop 2023

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Ho Ho! Santa Shop is the merriest day of the school year and it is quickly approaching! With the help of parent/grandparent volunteers, we can make it the most magical Santa Shop yet. We are in need of several volunteer "elves" to help students shop for their loved ones, wrap gifts, and assist with snack/craft time!

November Parent Lunch Aid Volunteers

-Lunch Volunteers:

We are always in need of parent volunteers to assist us in supervising our students during the daily lunch cycle. Our lunch period runs from approximately 11:15-12:35, Monday-Friday. If you are interested in learning more about how you can assist in being a lunch volunteer, please contact us at the office and we can give you more information on how to sign up during the week.

Please find the link below to sign up to be a lunch volunteer during the month of November! We need at

least three lunch volunteers each lunch period to cover the lunchroom and recess periods listed above. Thank you for your help with this volunteer opportunity.



November Lunch ... na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com

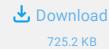
Assistance with lunch supervision is always needed and greatly appreciated! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Remember to fill out a Family Engagement Program volunteer slip in the office for a chance to win a prize this month as a thank you for your

November Breakfast and Hot Lunch Menus

Please find the November Breakfast and Lunch Menus attached below. For those ordering, you have been receiving a weekly ordering sheet from our cook, that will be due the week before. This will let him know how much to make on a given day, so we appreciate your help with filling that out in a timely manner, now that those are going home.



November Breakfast and Hot Lunch Menu.pdf



Hungry Howies and Jersey Mikes St. Ed Fundraiser Days

Hungry Howies and Jersey Mikes have once again offered to hold monthly fundraiser days where a portion of your sale will come back to our school. We appreciate their support and involvement with our school. Please see the attached flyers and mark the dates each month to go and visit to support our school! Our first Jersey Mikes Day is September 26th and Hungry Howies is September 28th.



St Ed Hungry Howies Fundraiser Days.pdf





Jersey Mikes Flyer.pdf



Background Checks and Protecting God's Children Refresher Course Requirements

The AOD Office of Child and Youth Protection has implemented new requirements for all employees and volunteers who work at the school, along with parents wishing to attend field trips with their child during the year. The Protecting God's Children Program and training has been updated and anyone that completed their PGC class prior to January 1, 2020, are required to take a refresher course module online. Those that need to take this module should have received an email, but if you didn't, due to using an older email at the time that is no longer in use, you can go onto the Virtus site at the below address, log into your account, and take the two-hour session. It is self-paced and doesn't need to be completed in one sitting. Once you are done, please print a copy of the certificate for us to have on file here in the office. As was mentioned above, this refresher module will pertain to ALL family members that volunteer at the school, attend field trips, etc. We will have access to the list of people that need the refresher, and will be cross checking before you are allowed to work, volunteer or attend field trips with your child. If you took the PGC class BEFORE January 1, 2020, you will need to take the online refresher module.

You can access the Virtus site at

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IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT, WE CAN RETRIEVE YOUR ID AND GIVE YOU A NEW PASSWORD. IF YOU ARE TAKING THE ACTUAL COURSE AND ARE LOGGING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME. YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE INITIAL COURSE.

-Background Check Forms:

We recently sent home a hard copy Background Check form for our parents to fill out to be background checked. Per new AOD guidelines, everyone involved with our school that volunteers will also need to be background checked every TWO years. In the past, this was done one time, and you were good to go. This is no longer the case, as we look to ensure the utmost safety for our students and staff here at St. Ed's. If you have other extended family that volunteers or attends field trips at our school, they will also need to fill out the form and be background checked as well. If you have not filled this form out yet, please do so and send back to the office. We would like to get these completed this month before field trips and other on-site opportunities take place for our families to take part in. Thank you for your help with this.



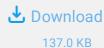
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Unless otherwise noted all sessions are conducted in English.

Please find a copy of the 2023-2024 St. Edward on the Lake School Calendar below.



St Edward on the Lake Catholic School 2023-2024 School Calendar.pdf



St Edward on the Lake Facebook Page

Did you know that we have a St Edward on the Lake Facebook Page? Check us out at the link below! We try to post happenings at the school, along with some cool pics of the activities going on at St. Ed's during the week!

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