Laker Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

SAINT EDWARD ON THE LAKE SCHOOL

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





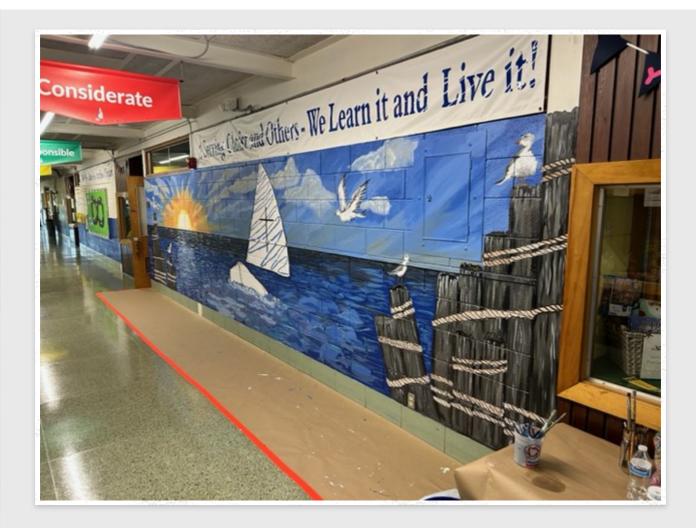


MISSION STATEMENT

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.

ST. EDWARD ON THE LAKE HALLWAY MURAL

We are excited about the new mural being created in our main hallway! This mural adds some additional color to our hallway and contributes to our school climate by hi-lighting our Lakers Logo. Some of our students also got to participate in painting the mural as well. Enjoy the pictures of the project below!









PTO MEETING: TONIGHT 7:00PM

We will be having our September PTO Meeting TONIGHT at 7:00PM. Please find the link and agenda below to access the meeting. Students who have their parents attend the meeting will have Free Dress this coming Monday, September 25th! We hope to see you there!

The PTO is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PTO Meeting

Time: Sep 21, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

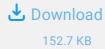
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Meeting ID: 849 9244 9655

Passcode: 307348



September PTO Agenda.pdf



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

September

21-PTO Zoom Meeting 7:00PM

25-School Store Meeting 4th and 5th Grade

26-4th Grade Field Trip: Project R.E.D. Farm Trip

26-Cross Country Meet 4th and 5th Grade: Columbus Park 5:30PM

27-Apple Orchard Grades PK/TK/K/1st/2nd

28-Free Dress Day*

*When last day of month falls on a Friday, due to Mass, we will have Free Dress the day before!

October

2-Picture Day Make Up

3-Cross Country 4th and 5th Grade

3-STEM Field Trip for Grades 3/4/5 @ Challenger Learning Center

4-Blessing of the Pets 2:30PM

6-Fall Fest 5:00PM-8:00PM

16-AOD PD Day: No School for Students

19-PTO Meeting 7:00PM

26-Trunk or Treat

27-End of 1st Marking Period: Teacher Records Day: No School for Students

ST. EDWARD ON THE LAKE FALL FEST

We are now just over two weeks away from our major fundraiser of the year, The St. Edward on the Lake Fall Fest! The Fall Fest will take place on Friday, October 6th from 5:00PM-8:00PM on the school and parish grounds. All are welcome to attend! Look for information to come out next week on how you can bid on some of our online auction items! We are excited for this year's Fall Fest, so mark your calendar's for Friday, October 6th and come on out and support St. Edward on the Lake School!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are excited to report that the construction on our six classroom addition is scheduled to begin the week of October 2nd, with initial stages of site clearing. As anything involved with construction, this could change, but we are prepared and flexible, as we have waited a long time for this to begin. As we move through this process, we will keep our families informed on changes to our procedures and protocols as the construction dictates in regards to the school day and how we operate. Stay tuned for more information!







FRIDAY SCHOOL MASS

As most of you are aware, we attended our first School Mass last Friday during school. Per our tradition, we will be going to Mass each Friday during the school year for our 8:00AM School Mass. This is a normally scheduled Mass for the parish, and families are welcome to attend.

Having said that, please know that while you and family members are welcome to attend, we ask that you please sit in the designated areas outside of where we sit as a school and that your child attends with their class. The one exception to this will be Grandparent's Day in November, when our grandparents sit with their grandkids during Mass.

Attending Mass is a learning opportunity for our students in terms of teaching proper etiquette, and promoting independence. It is an extension of our Religion class as well and attending with the class contributes to our school climate. It is also important for our students to sit together with their teacher if there is ever a situation that we need to account for all of our students or need to evacuate the Church during school hours.

We appreciate your help with this, as we look to establish routines here at the start of the school year.

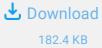
HUNGRY HOWIES AND JERSEY MIKES ST. ED FUNDRAISER DAYS

Hungry Howies and Jersey Mikes have once again offered to hold monthly fundraiser days

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



CHESS CLUB

We are looking to resume Chess Club here at St. Ed's, and need your help. If you would be interested in coaching our Chess Club and teaching students how to play, please give us a call. This Club would run after school and could be tailored to meet the schedule of whoever coached. Some of the students that sign up already know how to play, while others would have to be taught. If interested, please give the office a call.

SECOND CROSS COUNTRY MEET TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Our second Blue Water Vicariate Cross Country Race will be this coming Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30PM at Columbus County Park. Come on out and cheer on our 4th and 5th Grade students, as they race against our other Blue Water schools.



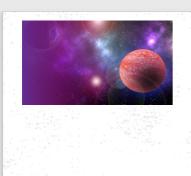




3RD/4TH/5TH GRADE CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER FIELD TRIP

We are "over the moon" for our 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students to be taking part in the Outer Space Challenger Learning Center Experience at St. Clair Community College in October. This

unique hands on "mission-based" experience will put our students thru a number of teamwork-based space missions. Our students will have to be on top of their game to complete the missions given them using their STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) skills. This is an amazing hands on learning opportunity and we are fortunate to be able to attend this activity on Tuesday, October 3rd. More information will be sent out to our 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade families in the next week or two. In the meantime, check out more about the Learning Center at the link below.





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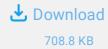
The Challenger Learning Center at St. Clair County
Community College (SC4), located in SC4's Experience
Center, is part of Challenger Center's network of Challenger
Learning Centers. It is one of 40 Challenger Learning
Centers nationwide and the only one in Michigan.

OCTOBER BREAKFAST AND HOT LUNCH MENUS

Please find the October 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.

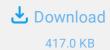


October Breakfast Menu.docx





St. Edward on the Lake - October Lunch Menu.pptx



PARENT LUNCH AID VOLUNTEERS

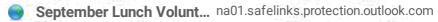
-Lunch Volunteers:

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 September!

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.





Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Assistance with lunch supervision is greatly appreciated! Remember to fill out a Family Engagement Program (FEP) slip in the office for the chance to win a prize this month—just a small token of appreciation for volunteering!



October Lunch Volunteers na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com

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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

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/

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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.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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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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