

# Laker Newsletter

September 7, 2023

## SAINT EDWARD ON THE LAKE SCHOOL

School Hours

7:45AM-3:05PM

Office Hours

7:30AM-3:30PM

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## 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.*

## Start of School

Other than the oppressive heat and humidity the first two days, along with the thousands of mosquitos that have landed at St. Ed's, we have had a pretty smooth transition from summer to the start of school. This time of year is all about getting into routines, building stamina for the school day and building relationships with teachers and students that we haven't been around for a few months. It is also about welcoming our new families and students to St. Ed's. We know that starting somewhere new can be unnerving and stressful. Know that you are now a part of the St. Ed's Family. You will find that you will be taken in very quickly by our welcoming students, staff and families that have been here for awhile. Thank you for choosing us and know that we are here if you need anything.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention all of the hard work that our teachers and staff do on a daily basis leading up to the start of the year. Our school doesn't look the way it does and run as smoothly as it does without the hard work and efforts of our teachers and staff. We are fortunate to have dedicated people at our school and I am grateful to work with them on a daily basis.

We are looking forward to a great year and hope that you will be a part of as much of it as you can be. It takes everyone to make us who we are here at St. Ed's and appreciate your support of St. Edward on the Lake.

## Picture Day Thursday, September 14th

A reminder that next Thursday is our Fall Picture Day here at St. Ed's. Students will be in uniform for these photos and after the session has been completed, you will receive a link to purchase and order photo packages available from the day's session. Please see the flyer below for more information.



St Ed Picture-Day Flyer Fall 2023.pdf

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## Cross Country Practice TODAY

We will once again be offering Cross Country as an extra curricular activity for our students in grades 1-5. Students in grades 4-5 will compete in our League Meets and all students that participate will be invited to attend selected races in our geographical area that we participate in. Our first practice is today at 5:00PM behind the Hogan Center here at the school. A note went home on Tuesday for those wishing to participate.

## September Happenings

September

8 First School Mass 8:00AM

14-Picture Day

18-Archbishop Catechetical Day-No School for Students

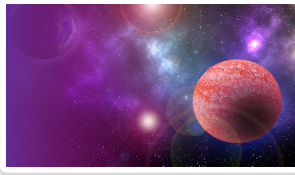
19-1st Cross Country Meet 4th and 5th Grade

21-PTO Zoom Meeting 7:00PM

## 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.



## About

[challenger.sc4.edu](http://challenger.sc4.edu)

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.

## PTO Meeting September 21st

Our September PTO Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00PM. This will be a Zoom Meeting, and all families are welcome to attend remotely. Our Fall Fest is coming up quickly and will be one of the many topics discussed at this meeting. Look for a Zoom Link to attend coming out next week!



## St. Edward on the Lake Fall Fest

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 6th from 5:00PM-8:00PM for our yearly Fall Fest on the school and parish grounds. This is our major fundraiser of the year and takes all hands on deck for it to be a success. At this past Monday's PTO Organizational Meeting, there was much discussion on the Fall Fest, as we are moving from the planning phase to implementing and procuring items for our many themed gift baskets, the set up of our Children's Fun Zone and securing of the tasty food trucks that we have at this event. As mentioned above, we are always in need of donated items for our different level raffles, and if you are interested in donating an item or service, please contact us at the school office for assistance on how to do that. In the past, we have raffled off a \$500 Dollar Meijer Gift Card, Port Huron Prowlers tickets, University of Michigan Football Tickets, a weekend stay up north, orthodontic services and many more themed baskets and items.

One of our bigger raffled off items every year, is each grade's Art Project Raffle Item. This creative art item is made by each grade with the assistance of our parent volunteers and then raffled off at Fall Fest. If you are art creative and would like to assist at your child's grade with this project, please contact us here in the office, and we will put you in touch with our PTO for additional details.




## 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.



 **September Lun...** [na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com](mailto:na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com)

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!



## 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/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virtusonline.org%2Fvirtus%2Findex.cfm&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cd7e251b013fd409b4e4b08dba59ea23d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638285873769624608%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjE1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KplqV9qY8a6NpBUQQMfHeqQ3t5zLLrON6mkxBN3Dh3M%3D&reserved=0> to take the module.

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.



[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

Unless otherwise noted all sessions are conducted in English.

## Curriculum Night Handouts

If you did not get a chance to join us for our Curriculum Night last evening, please reach out to your child's teacher for any handouts or a copy of the presentation. It was an informative evening, and we don't want you to miss out on that information!

## Summer Reading Challenge Logs due TOMORROW!

If you participated in our Summer Reading Challenge, a reminder that the Reading Logs are due tomorrow! Please get those in so you have a chance to qualify for fame and prizes!!



## St. Edward on the Lake Online School Spiritwear Store Closing Soon!

Our St. Edward on the Lake School Online Apparel Store through Lakeshore Graphics is now open. **Families will have until September 15th to order** their St. Edward on the Lake gear. We have a lot of different clothing options to choose from, so show your school spirit by picking up a few items at the online store! To order, please visit the site below to place your order. You can also click on the attachment to see the different Spiritwear options.



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[www.lakeshoregraphics.net](http://www.lakeshoregraphics.net)



2023-2024 St. Edward on the Lake Spiritwear Order Form.pdf

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## School Expansion Update

We are in the final stages of pre-approvals for our six classroom expansion project to begin, as we are waiting for approval from the state on our construction plans. Once that is completed, the construction can begin. Our hope is that we will be able to have the structure enclosed before winter, with expected completion to be done by next summer. Once work begins, we will have many moving parts going on here at the school-during school. Know that we are being proactive as it pertains to our grounds and the worksite and will be working closely with Booms Construction on safety for our students and staff with work taking place around the school and deliveries of materials. We will also have workers around our building and on the property, and understand that that requires an additional level of safety measures as well, and will have those in place before work begins.

## St. Edward on the Lake Golf Outing

The St. Edward on the Lake Golf Outing will be held this Saturday, September 9th at Lakeview Hills in Lexington. There are still spots available to play if you are interested. Please see the flyer below for



more info and contact information if you need it!



2023 St Edward on the Lake Golf Outing Form September 9th.pdf

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## Breakfast and Hot Lunch Menus

Please find the September 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.



September Breakfast and Lunch Menus.pdf

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## 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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137.0 KB

## 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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**We are the Lakers, Keepers of God's Creation!**

