

August 2, 2007

Dear St. Anne Parents and Students,

I hope you have had a fun-filled and restful summer break. Even though this was a longer summer vacation than usual, it seemed to 'fly by'. The teachers are preparing for another spiritual, academic challenging, and fun-filled year at St Anne.

The theme for this school year will continue to be "**WE ARE ST. ANNE.**" The theme is based on the community (students, parents, faculty, and staff) of St. Anne Catholic School demonstrating the characteristics of the grandmother of Jesus Christ- *loving (yet tough at times), full of pride, disciplined, wise, always inviting, respectful, compassionate, and always willing to help. These are my expectations for all of us.*

There are important items that I want to communicate to you:

KEY DATES

8/17	Fri	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Flynn & O'Hara uniform sizing	Lobby
			Fall Sports Registration	Lobby
			"Scoop" Day	All Classrooms
		1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Families A to L	
		2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Families M to Z	
8/20	Mon	7:45 AM	First Day of School-(Grades 1-8)	
		12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (Grades 1-3)	
		12:15 PM	Early Dismissal (Grades 4-8)	
8/21	Tues	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (Grades 1-3)	
		12:15 PM	Early Dismissal (Grades 4-8)	
		6:30 PM-7:30 PM	K4/K5 Parents Meeting	Gym/Classrooms
8/22	Wed	7:45 AM	First Day of School -(K4/K5)	
		12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5)	
		2:30 PM	Regular Dismissal (Grades 1-3)	
		2:45 PM	Regular Dismissal (Grades 4-8)	
8/23	Thur	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5)	
8/24	Fri	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
		12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5)	
8/27	Mon	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5)	
		6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Grades 6-8 Parents Meeting	Gym/Classrooms
8/28	Tues	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5)	
		3:05 PM-4:15 PM	Faculty Meeting	Library
		6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Grades 1-5 Parents Meeting	Gym/Classrooms
8/29	Wed	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5)	
8/30	Thur	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5)	
		2:00 PM	'Sally Foster' Kick-off Student Assembly	Gym
8/31	Fri	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
		12:00 PM	Early Dismissal (K4/K5, Grades 1-3)	
		12:15 PM	Early Dismissal (Grades 4-8)	
9/3	Mon		NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)	
9/4	Tues	2:30 PM	Regular Dismissal (K4/K5, Grades 1-3)	
		2:45 PM	Regular Dismissal (Grades 4-8)	

2007-2008 TEACHER LINE-UP

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>	
K4	Mrs. S. Mullinax	
K5	Mrs. T. Garcia-Solis	Mrs. L. Garrison
1	Mrs. S. Garahan	Mrs. L. Greene
2	Mrs. D. Hinton	Mrs. G. Lombardozzi
3	Mrs. J. Pellett	Mrs. L. Stone
4	Mrs. J. Vawter	(to be announced)
5	Mrs. M. Gagnon	Mrs. B. Cooper
6	Mrs. K. Irmiter (HR, Music, and Vocal Arts)	
7	Mrs. K. Keirnan Blair (HR, Science, Math, and Pre-Algebra)	
8	Mrs. C. Judge (HR, English, Religion, Geography, History)	
Other Teachers	Mrs. P. Bright (Religion and Art)	
	Mrs. G. Gantzer (Librarian, English, and Creative Writing))	
	Mr. B. Crimmins (Computer and Web Design)	
	Mr. B. Fridie (Physical Education)	
	Mrs. G. Gantzer (Librarian, English, and Creative Writing)	
	Mrs. L. Leslie (Math, Pre-Algebra, and Algebra)	
	Mrs. R. Nicolau (Spanish)	
	Mrs. K. Reiser (Yearbook and Photography)	
	Mrs. H. Yost (Band)	

A number of teachers (Mrs. J. Edwards, Mrs. M. Lollis, Mrs. L. Walser, and Ms K. Woody) have left St Anne. St Anne wishes them the best of luck and thanks them for their educational expertise and love of students. These dedicated teachers are in our thoughts and prayers.

FALL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

St Anne Middle School (grades 5 through 8) will participate in the Charlotte Gastonia Athletic League with Coed Soccer (games starting August 30th and playing every Monday and Thursday) and Coed Cross Country (meets every Tuesday starting September 4th).

St Anne Middle School Swim team (grades 6 through 8) will participate in a number of Saturday meets starting on August 25th.

Elementary School Soccer will start practices during the week of August 27th and the games will start on September 15th.

Students may sign-up and pay (\$75-Middle School and \$35-Elementary School) **NOW** and at "Scoop Day".

The key to success of the St Anne Athletic Program and student participation is **PARENT COACHES**. Please fill out an application. St Anne is in **dire need of parent coaches**. Please see Nancy McAlister if you are interested in coaching and participating.

WHAT'S NEW?

- **Updated WEB** www.stanneschool.com – this is the MAIN St Anne School information source for parents including ‘school delays/closings’, school events, and Principal/Administration news
- **NEW school information telephone line** 803-366-6397 (803-366-NEWS) for St Anne School news including ‘school delays/closings’ and weekly school events.
- **Spanish** will be offered to all students (grades K4 through 5 and as an elective for seventh and eighth graders)
- **New science books for all grades** following the 2007 Diocese of Charleston Science curriculum update
- **School completely locked (7 AM to 3 PM)** for security. Installed front door camera, monitor, and buzzer entrance system.
- **Elimination of ‘bullying’** focus with teacher in-service and constant student communication and vigilance to assure all students are treated with the respect that Jesus expects of all of us.
- **New tiled lobby and hall entrances** for cleanliness and wear
- **Road construction** involving the Bird Street/University Drive intersection will start in August. This work will affect traffic and may affect the entrances and exits to the school and church parking lots. Please allow enough time for school drop-offs and pick-ups. Please be careful.
- **Wireless network installed and increased internet capacity** has been added to satisfy additional student/faculty usage, faculty flexibility, and laying the foundation for improved technology features in the school.

WHEN DO THEY START?

- The **hot lunch** program by “Just Simply Catering” will start Wednesday, August 22. Meal prices will remain *the same as last year* - \$3.25 per meal.
- The **extended care services** will start on Monday, August 20. The extended care be offered on school days only. The rates are *the same as last year* and all services are to be **PREPAID**.

The Extended Care hours 2:30 PM through 6:00 PM

The 2007-2008 rates are:

Daily	\$15.00
Weekly	\$45.00
Late fees	\$10.00 per carpool for every 15 minutes after 6:00 PM

ENROLLMENT

As of today, 275 students are expected to start school on August 20th. The seventh grade is at capacity and the sixth grade has only 2 more seats available. St Anne has openings in all of the other grades. The current teacher to student ratio is 1: 11.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you to the 90% of our families who have been meeting their financial responsibilities to St. Anne **on time**. In order to operate a safe, spiritual, excellent academic environment, it is essential that **everyone** fulfill their financial responsibilities when payment is due. Too much administrative time is being spent communicating and seeking delinquent payments. ***This is time taken away from our children!!***

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2007-2008 handbook has been updated. The handbook can be read on the St Anne web site. Please sign the Parent/Student Compliance Agreement and return to school no later than August 31, 2007.

IN SUMMARY

I continue to have high expectations of students, parents, faculty, staff, and myself. I look forward to the 2007-2008 school year with high hopes. The academic value of St. Anne Catholic School and spiritual development of its students must be marketed to all. Much work, pride, and spirit will be required to **'make it happen'**. I am counting on everybody to do their part and more.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Yours in Christ,

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