



ST. EDWARD

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FRIDAY OCT 7th IS EARLY DISMISSAL
****STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR UNIFORMS****

Our year is off to a great start!

September was filled with lots of learning and fun. You all know how hard our students are working – just look at the great interim reports!

Report Cards will be handed out at Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday October 18th and Thursday October 20th from 3:30-6:30pm. You will be receiving a sign up sheet for conferences. **These are required conferences for Parents Only.** No report cards will be handed out without the parent and teacher meeting first. There will be **no school on Friday October 21st**.

Come join us Thursday October 13th for a special all school mass to honor our patron saint, Saint Edward. Mass will begin promptly at 8:00



- ◆ Believe it or not it's time to start thinking about basketball. Anyone planning to participate must have proof of a sports physical on file here in the office PRIOR to participating in the first practice as well as a signed Diocesan sports waiver and \$30 sports fee. This fee is for *each sport*, not an annual fee. Sign up sheets went home Sept 20th.
- ◆ **Volleyball** Our girls are doing great! Congratulations to all teams winning this past Thursday here in our gym. We have six regular season game dates in October. Come cheer on our girls!
- ◆ **Cross Country**:. The next meet will be October 12th at Camp Robinson. October 26th will be the league championship.



Individual Pictures will be taken Tuesday October 25th. Students are to wear their uniforms. These pictures will be available for purchase in a variety of packages as well as be used in the yearbook.

In last month's newsletter Drew Sparrow and Rebecca Sanchez in Prek4 were inadvertently left off the list of new students. We also welcome Lauren(4th) and Logan(6th) Estes and Matthew Cash(5th) who joined us in September.



Fundraisers!

Empties4Cash. Empty inkjet cartridges from small personal printers can be recycled to make money for our school. Send cartridges in with your student or drop them in the box outside the office. We can earn up to \$4.00 for each cartridge so if you have co-workers or friends who use them, get theirs too!

Kroger Cards. We have Kroger cards available in the office for \$5 in the school or church office. We receive 5% cash back to the school from your grocery and/or fuel purchases.

Box Tops. Our next Box Top deadline will be January 31st so keep clipping away!

Office Depot. When you shop at Office Depot, tell the cashier to credit St. Edward Catholic School Little Rock (we get 5%). If you are shopping online our ID# is 70002954.

Target Cards. If you use a Target credit card (Visa) St Edward will get cash back on your purchases. However, you must call Target or go online to designate St Edward for the cash back program for your card. Our school code for online ordering is 70002954.

Classroom News

PreK3: We are having such fun with our fifth grade friends who are coming to read to us on Thursdays. We have two new centers – a science center with beans, bugs and magnifying glasses and an art center with dry erase markers. Thanks so much for everyone who donated items! We have a new friend– Sr. Doris Moore is now working and playing with us on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are very excited to have her in our classroom. We are using our new sticker charts to help us manage our behavior and remember our rules!

PreK: We are working on “The Three Bears” in our Happily Ever After series and learning all about our favorite Saints in preparation for All Saints Day next month. We are getting ready to visit the Pumpkin Patch October 6th and decorate our room for Fall! We have enjoyed Sr. Doris helping out in our classroom and the fun books we are reading with our Reading Buddies!

Kindergarten: October is going to be such fun! We’ll be heading to the Pumpkin Patch on a field trip with PreK3 and 4! In the beginning of the month we are going to set up a campsite in the classroom and discuss adventures in hiking/camping. We’ll be looking at maps and make a class book about the places we would like to go! In the second half of October we will have a workshop center in our classroom. We will discuss fixing, building and inventing! Exploring and learning in Kindergarten is fun! In reading we are becoming good at hearing letter sounds, rhyming words, and their writing letters. In math, we are making patterns and looking for them in everyday places. Maybe help your little one find some patterns at home!

First Grade: October -what a busy month! We start out learning about Christopher Columbus and his three ships. We’ll take a trip to the Pumpkin Patch where we’ll have a picnic lunch and get to see pig races! Oct 24 begins Red Ribbon week. Mt St Mary’s puppeteers will be here to teach us all about how to be drug free! Then of course Halloween on the 31st! Whew!

Second Grade: Second grade has an exciting month ahead! Along with first grade, we will be taking our annual trip to the Pumpkin Patch Oct 12th . Also we are working very hard to read daily so that we may collect Accelerator Reader points. If everyone reaches 8 points the class will get to decide on a class reward. This month we get to see a drug free puppet skit by Mt St Mary students during Red Ribbon Week and hopefully we will get to visit the fire station across the street during October, which is “Fire Prevention” month!

Third Grade: Third grade is having a great time researching animals. Each student is studying their animal, collecting information on it, and then putting that information into a power point presentation. We are working very hard in our class room as well as in computer class. After our projects are complete, we will take a trip to the Little Rock Zoo with the first and second grade. We can't wait to share our knowledge about animals. Our class had a great time at the Arkansas Art Center watching "Mrs. Nelson Has a Field Day". We are so lucky to be across the street from a Children's Theater! Third grade students are gearing up to start their multiplication and division unit. We will play games, use flash cards, and take timed tests each day. In six weeks, we will be experts!

Fourth Grade: Fourth grade is making a pumpkin patch for the month of October. We will take each student's picture sitting among the sponge painted pumpkins and leaves. We have turned our section of the hallway into a small forest of cascading leaves, two big trees, beautiful leaf print art and pumpkins. When Halloween gets closer we will put some eyes on those pumpkins, so we will be watching "You"! Soon we will begin making our puppets and skits for our Good Samaritan Puppet show. We are taking daily quizzes over our 12's multiplication facts and also continuing to practice our previously learned facts with our race car facts on paper each day. We have learned all about Arkansas' 6 regions and some of the special parks and features of those regions. We reached our goal of 75 toppings for our class behavior and celebrated with tiny pizzas, cookies, and sodas. Our next goal to reach will be 100. We are adding pieces of ball gum to a container and on our giant ball gum machine on our wall as we show how well we can behave for Mrs. Nolen and all of our special teachers. We want to welcome our new student, Lauren Estes. She has been with us 2 weeks now and has fit in wonderfully. We are reading a fabulous novel, Winn-Dixie, and can't wait for the next chapter.

Fifth Grade: These first couple of months sure have flown by! Fifth graders have been working hard, always remembering that this is the year to prepare – prepare for Middle School.

Middle School Language Arts: Interims are behind us and we are really working on grades before the report card comes out. Remember that the deadline for Accelerated Reading points is Oct. 6th. Everyone is required to have 25 points for these 9 weeks. The 8th graders are nearly finished with their novel, To Kill a Mockingbird, and we are hoping to attend the production at the Repertory Theater. 6th and 7th graders are enjoying the stories in our new literature books and working hard to keep up with all the skills and new format. 6th grade is planning an International Luncheon for Spanish and Chinese food and cultures for Oct. 14th. This activity corresponds with two stories in our literature book.

Middle School Math/Science: Eighth grade science is about to become a duct tape design classroom. Second quarter is approaching quickly and 8th grade will be creating their own fashion show....designed with duct tape and creative minds! Sixth grade science students will be bring in some crazy looking bugs soon so watch the halls. Seventh graders will be displaying Scientific Method Posters. They have also designed some beautiful crosses check both of them out....we have some very sharp minds at work up here! Math in all classes is moving quickly. I am so proud of all the students and the effort they are putting forth.

Middle School Social Studies: Eighth grade is studying the 1920's leading into the Great Depression and the New Deal programs of President Roosevelt. Seventh graders are currently learning about the early history of the United States, beginning with early explorers to our continent. We will soon begin our Arkansas History unit. And in sixth grade students are completing their studies of ancient Egypt and beginning lessons involving the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome.



Tuesday November 1st will be our annual ALL SAINTS celebration. All students grades Pk4-3rd are encouraged to pick their favorite Saint and dress in costume. The children love dressing up and are included in a special way in the mass. Parents are welcome to come – this is always a beautiful celebration. (If your child participates, they may come dressed in costume to school and will change into their uniform following mass).

Oktoberfest!

We hope to see lots of school faces at Oktoberfest next weekend, and we would love for you to bring your friends. Proceeds will go to the building fund for the "new" school building. Here is our lineup one more time:

Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday 7:00 am-2:00 pm
Enter the gym from 9th Street

Saturday October 8th

Family Fun Run/Walk 8:30am
Punt Pass Kick and Golf Putting Competition 9:00am
Soccer Tournament
Mariachi America 11:30-12:30pm
Mary Rose Irish Dancers 1-1:45pm
St Edward Alumni Reunion 1:30-3:30pm
Anyone who has ever attended St Edward - come join us!
German Dinner 5:00-7:00pm
Bingo 7:00pm

Sunday October 9th

Children's Carnival 10:00am-4:00pm
Talent Show 11:00am-1:00pm
Soccer Tournament Award Presentation
Raffle Drawings



Thank you to the Men's Club and PTO. The Men's Club recently purchased 20 new tables for our cafeteria. Since this left only four of the old tables to replace, the PTO purchased four more to complete the set. This is a very nice update to our cafeteria.

We will again be teaching the *Touching Safety: Protecting God's Children* classes this year, which help the students build child-abuse awareness. This is a component of the diocesan VIRTUS classes. If you would like your child to not be included in these classes you must complete a waiver in the office before October 14th and pick-up copies of the lessons.

In Christ,
Jason Pohlmeier

St. Edward – Pray for us!