

Thursday, August 18, 2016

Hello, everyone! Happy first Thursday of the school year! If these first two days are any indication of the rest of the school year, then I am happy to announce we are going to have a GREAT year. Yesterday, all students gathered together to learn our new 5 daily traits that help us SHINE and SOAR. The energy in the gym was electric and God's love for our school was definitely present! I hope you had a chance to talk with your children about how excited they were when they learned them.

Here are a couple of reminders for the upcoming week:

- All beginning of the school year forms should be filled out [via this link](#) by **Friday, August 25**. Please also review the changes, in yellow, made to the 2016-2017 handbook (follow this [link](#)). Please note that one aspect that has been condensed in our handbook is with regard to our attendance policy. After careful consideration, and on behalf of the faculty, we have decided that there we will no longer award an attendance award. We want students to feel comfortable to stay at home to rest from an illness or injury, take time to spend with family if need be, or schedule doctor appointments that may need to occur during school hours. Students will have the ability to receive other types of awards this year that rewards their academic and personal success. Those awards will be announced later in the first quarter. Once you have reviewed the handbook, please sign off electronically [here](#).
- Parents in grades 5-8 should review the Acceptable Use Policy that was passed out Monday evening with their students, sign, and return it by **Monday, August 22** to your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher.
- Students should turn in their Summer reading log form to their homeroom teacher by this **Monday, August 22**. Any attempt at Moby Max and a completed reading log will earn them a dress down coupon.
- Today you received two folders, the red one is the one that we will use each Thursday to communicate with parents and the white one is one that you may do with what you wish as it was a free gift to the students.
- Car rider pick up signs will be handed out next week. We ask that all parents who pick up students through the car rider line place the orange sign in their dashboard window. If you need additional signs, please email [mrsivey@stfparishschool.org](mailto:mrsivey@stfparishschool.org).
- If you have placed an order for new PE shirts, but have not yet received them, please have your child wear a solid grey or white t-shirt on PE days until all orders are filled. If you still need to order a PE shirt, please click the link below.

- Families who are new to St. Francis received a paper in today's folder outlining directions for signing in to your Gradelock account. Mrs. Masters is the school's Gradelock account manager this year and all questions with regard to Gradelock should be directed to her at [MrsMasters@stfparishschool.org](mailto:MrsMasters@stfparishschool.org). Please keep in mind that Kindergarten students will not receive a Gradelock account because they receive a Standards Based Report card at the end of each grading quarter.

We ask that you continue to keep Mrs. Ahbe's daughter, Kelsie, in your prayers as she competes as a finalist in tomorrow's Olympic pole vaulting event. Check out our St. Francis de Sales Alumni Facebook Page to keep up-to-date with Kelsey's progress in the competition. What an amazing accomplishment for one of our Alumni!

Please feel free to join us for Mass tomorrow morning at 9:00am! Students should be dressed in Mass attire. **Due to the heat, we will allow students to wear shorts to Mass.**

Many Blessings,

Miss Buzzelli