

SUMMER NEWSLETTER – JULY 2010

Dear Wonderful Saint Edward School Parents,

Our school faculty, staff and pastor, Father Jeff Keyes, lovingly welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year. We are **United...To Serve, To Preach, To Love**. This theme will echo in our minds and hearts throughout the school year. **United**, as we are one in mind and heart in the Mission of providing quality Catholic education for our students. **To Serve**, as disciples of Jesus our outreach is a reflection of the care we have for All God's people and their needs. **To Preach**, as we are called to be living witnesses of bringing the Word of God and to sharing our hope with all peoples. **To Love**, in giving of ourselves and following in the steps of Jesus with compassion, forgiveness and service to the world. This is the call we share together. May the love of God fill our hearts and inspire us in giving witness to God's love in our world.

We are grateful to Mr. Gabriel Rhoades, who graciously accepted the position of seventh grade teacher. We joyfully welcome Mr. Angelo Delfino to his new position as teacher of our sixth grade and Ms. Jocelyn Pierre Antoine returning to our school family teaching our third grade students. It is such a joy to welcome alumni to positions on the faculty and staff of our school! We all look forward with enthusiasm to greeting you on the first day of school August 18, 2010. Hope you can stay for Morning Assembly and our Parent Coffee Time. God Bless you and the summer days remaining

******PARENT POINT INFORMATION******

Safe Environment Training is **MANDATORY** for all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, ANY ADULT, etc. that plans to earn their Parent Service hours when children are present. You must have completed the course **after July 1, 2009**, and turned in your certificate to the school office, along with \$5.00. If you will be volunteering for the Hearing test, School Pictures, during the Halloween Carnival (set-up, tear down, running games, etc.), on a field trip, at lunch, during PE or in the classroom, for example (these are just a *partial list* of opportunities), you must have completed this course within the last year. First, you sign onto the website: www.shieldthevulnerable.org, and choose "Adults" to **either** (1) sign-up (new parents/families and those that have not EVER done the *online training*) or begin under (2) member log-in (anyone that has done the online course **before** July 1, 2009, but **not after** July, 2009) and proceed to complete the "Recognize, Report & Prevent Child Abuse (Ethical)" course (#703). **YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE AGAIN IF YOU COMPLETED THIS REQUIREMENT AFTER JULY 1, 2009.** This year will begin Diocesan required fingerprinting. More information to follow.

Work Party: EARN PARENT POINTS on Saturday, August 21st from 9am-12noon. Your help is needed in the classrooms and with multiple projects around the school. This is after the first day of school, so we **WILL NOT** be collecting paper products as we have in the past, as you have already turned them in to your child's classroom teacher.

Emergency Backpacks: We need volunteers to replenish our classroom Emergency backpacks. We will do it at the work party, Saturday, August 21st. Please email Kathy, kmccall@stedwardnewark.org if you can help.

More Parent Point Opportunities: In September, we will need help with the **Hearing test on Monday, 9-27, 8am to 12noon** and **School Pictures on Monday through Thursday, 9-27, 9-28, 9-29, and 9-30, from 8:30am to 2:00pm** (Wednesday only until 12noon). Please email Kathy at kmccall@stedwardnewark.org to volunteer.

And even More: Wednesday Envelope The first Envelope will be sent home on Wednesday, August 26th, along with the Parent Handbook supplements, yearly calendar and other useful information. We need 2-3 parents to put together these Envelopes every week, at home. You earn points and just need to pick up the information and envelopes Tuesday after 3:00pm and return them Wednesday morning by 8:00am. Please email Kathy at kmccall@stedwardnewark.org if you are interested.

The School Office reopens Monday August 2 but will be closed **Wednesday Aug. 4 and Friday, Aug. 6, and Monday Aug. 16 and Tuesday, Aug. 17** for faculty and staff days. Our regular hours are **7:45am to 3:30pm**. (We close at 1:00 pm on all Wednesdays, open at 8:00am on Mondays.)

Health Forms/Immunization Records must be in the school office by **Friday, August 13th** or your child may be excluded from attending school until received. Students missing records will receive a separate notice in August.

Medication At School: If your child will be taking **ANY** medicine, prescription or over-the-counter during school hours, we must have a signed "Request for Medication" form on file in the school office along with the medication. (see page 28 in the current Parent Handbook on our website). **PLEASE NOTE THAT COUGH DROPS ARE CONSIDERED MEDICINE.** As a reminder for returning parents, as stated at the end of the last school year, all medication was to be picked up or it was properly disposed of. Please be sure to obtain new Authorizations and bring them in along with **new medication**. This is especially important for those needing to take inhalers before PE. If you need another form, please stop by the school office. We will try to post one online to download as well.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, we invite you morning assembly followed by a "Welcome Coffee" in the Hall. Hope to see you there to greet and meet one another.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18	THURSDAY, AUG. 19	FRIDAY, AUG. 20
Kindergarten: see below	Kindergarten: see below	All Kinders: 8am-12:30pm
Grades 1-8: 8am-12:30pm	Grade 1: 8am-12:30pm	Grade 1: 8am-12:30pm
	Grades 2-8: 8am-3pm	Grades 2-8: 8am-3pm

Monday, Aug. 23 to Friday, Sept. 3	Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7 th
Kindergarten ONLY: 8am-12:30pm	All Grades attend 8am-3pm (except on Wed.)
Grades 1-8: 8am-3pm (except on Wed.)	Normal Wednesday Dismissal time is 12:30pm
**Wed. Aug. 25 is 12:30pm Dismissal for ALL	

KINDERS have a unique schedule for the first 2 days only. On **Wednesday, August 18** students whose last name begins with **A-L** arrive at 8:00am and will be dismissed at 10:00am. Students whose last name begins with **M-Z** will arrive at 10:30 am and be dismissed at 12:30 pm. On **Thursday, August 19** this schedule will be reversed with students **M-Z** attending 8:00am-10:00am and students **A-L** attend from 10:30am to 12:30pm. This is to allow all students to experience morning assembly.

KID'S CLUB will be open the first day of school, Wed., Aug. 18 at 6:45 am until 8am, as well as from 12:30pm dismissal until 6pm. However, Kindergarten and First Grade students will be on a special schedule for the first few weeks of school. Dismissal for both Kindergarten and First Grade will be at 12:30pm on both Thurs., Aug. 19, and Fri., Aug. 20. Kindergarten will continue 12:30pm dismissal daily until Fri., Sept. 3. Kids Club will ONLY be open beginning Thursday, August 19, from 12:30 until 3pm if sufficient commitment from Kindergarten and 1st Grade families is received. To date, we have only received a couple commitments. If we do not receive additional commitments by Friday, July 23, we will not be able to offer care for this special schedule of 12:30 - 3pm. Again, KIDS CLUB will be available beginning the first day of school at 6:45 -8AM, but will ONLY be available for the K and Gr.1 special schedule (12:30 - 3pm) beginning Thursday, August 19, if sufficient commitment is received. Remember, students may be dropped off for morning recess beginning at 7:40 am. Any student on campus before 7:40 am will be checked into Kid's Club and charged accordingly. Any questions, please call Marylou Parsons at 793-5663.

UNIFORMS: MERRY MART SALE AT SCHOOL: Our uniform store, Merry Mart, will be at St. Edward School on Monday, July 26 and Monday, August 9 from 5-7pm for your convenience in trying on and ordering uniforms.

Weekly Parent Bulletin is posted on this website every Wednesday. You will find our Parent Handbook there as well, which we will be updating before the beginning of school. You will know it has been updated when the Signature Page reflects the current due date in September, 2010.

CYO Sports-NEW FOR 2010: Girls CYO Softball for grades 4-8. Sign-ups are due August 1. Contact AMarcus@stedwardcyo.org for more information. Please visit the our CYO website: stedwardcyo.org for all fall sports : boys basketball(gr. 2-8), girls volleyball (gr. 5-8) and cross country for everyone.

Hot Lunch Program. We will be using a new server, Choicelunch (formerly Children's Choice) beginning September 13, 2010. You will receive a flyer in the first Wednesday envelope with instructions on ordering. To get a head start, you may visit choicelunch.com and use "Edward" as the registration code. We also **REQUIRE** 2 volunteers every day to run the program. You must complete the Safe Environment training and have a current TB test (within the last 2 years) and be fingerprinted. You will earn points for this service as well as credit toward the cost of your child's lunch! We have begun a signup list and if you can help, please email Kathy at kmccall@stedwardnewark.org with your name, and days available. We are also looking for a head lunch person that will be in charge of the volunteers. You will earning additional points as head lunch person.

ESCRIP and BOX TOPS In partnership with Safeway, both programs are part of the 10% Back to Schools campaign from August 11 through September 14, 2010. Look for the Yellow School Bus tags when shopping to earn 10% and extra Box Tops for your school. Be sure your Safeway Club card is registered, renewed and updated at their website: www.escrip.com . St. Edward School's ID no. is 142144051. It's just that easy. To earn even more, buy Safeway SCRIP to pay for your purchases!

Parking-Morning Drop Off-Afternoon Pick Up: Please follow the directions of the Safety Patrol personnel. There is a single line drop off/pick up in front of the School Office/Parish Hall. . There are cones marking the route, as well as indicating NO PARKING areas. You may park and walk your child into the play area, using ONLY the designated crosswalks, when you are told it is safe. In the first Wednesday envelope, you will receive a map.