



The Eagle Connection

All-School Newsletter
Back-to-School Edition August 28, 2020

Calendar of Events

Mon, 8/31

First Day of School K-8

*Remember the new school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE REVIEW THE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES FOUND IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Fri, 9/4

No School

Mon, 9/7

No School

Tues, 9/8

First Day of School PK2 & PK5

*Remember the new school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wed, 9/9

First Day of School PK3

*Remember the new school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

New School and ESP Hours:

The new **PERMANENT** school day hours will be
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
School doors will open at
7:00 a.m.

The new **TEMPORARY** ESP hours (for the 2020-21 school year) will be 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hope in the Lord

A message from Mrs. Dolan, Administrator

Dear Parents,

Enjoy the final weekend before school starts on MONDAY! If you haven't received the email that I sent on August 25 entitled "A Must-Read Message from St. John's", please let the school office know as it contains important messaging about the school year and our approach.

Thank you for engaging in "Tell the Teacher More" time with your child's teacher/s this past week. It's wonderful to begin to feel as if we all know each other a little better. Those partnerships will be valuable going forward.

Let's prepare to enjoy this coming year! Let's smile, find joy in moments, and work together. Let's take a breath and remember that our Lord is in control. Children are remarkably malleable and will adjust to the expectations we set. They can better focus on learning in an environment of positivity. For them, let's push aside the things about our current circumstances that may bring dissatisfaction or disagreement and free our children of those worries.

Isaiah 40:31 reminds us: "Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

In joyful service,
Gretchen Dolan

Latest Update to COVID

Preparedness Plan:

Only students with a signed bus contract will be allowed to ride the [St. John's] bus. Any special bus arrangements (for students with bus contracts) must be made at least one day in advance through the school office.

New Schedule and New School Hours

Please remember our new school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. These new school hours have adjusted class schedules. For some classes, lunch will be later this year and the students need to be prepared. **Make sure your child eats a good breakfast every morning so they will be full and ready to focus on learning throughout the morning.**



Morning Checklist Before You Leave for School:

CHECKLIST

- Eat a good breakfast
- Pack your mask
- Pack your water bottle
- Pack your cold lunch, if you're eating cold lunch today
- Bring your smile (behind your mask) and a twinkle in your eye!

Parents: Remember your laminated family name sign should be in the passenger side window of your car for drop-off and pick-up.

Remember, forgotten lunches cannot be brought to school later.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Teacher Wish Lists

In order to keep our students safe at school this year, the teachers have had to adjust the materials they use in the classroom. Students need their own individual sets of manipulatives (dice, cards, blocks, dominoes) to lessen the amount of supply sharing. As a result, the teachers need more materials! If you are shopping at Target or online at Amazon and see any of the below items, the teachers would greatly appreciate it if you would pick up a set or two. These extra materials will make learning safe, fun, and effective for our children this year. The list will be updated as school starts and teachers see what else they may need. Thank you so much for your support and generosity!

TEACHER WISH LIST

PreK

- Plastic toys like Legos, Magnatiles, Waffle Blocks, Bristle Blocks
- Wooden Puzzles
- Floor Puzzles
- Board Games like Candy Land, Bingo, Memory, Hi Ho Cheerio

Kindergarten

- Outdoor toys: squishy footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, playground balls, frisbees
- Legos: specifically people and wheels
- Dominoes
- Cooperative board games: Hoot Owl Hoot!, Count Your Chickens, Buzz, Smoosh & Seek Treehouse, Stone Soup, Blue Plate Scramble
- Gallon and quart sized slider storage Ziploc bags
- Do-a-dot paint markers

1st Grade

- Clorox Wipes

2nd Grade

- Dice
- Dominoes
- Pattern Blocks
- Buttons
- Unifix Cubes
- Rectangular Clear Tubs
- 1 bag of red solo cups
- 2 sets of paper plates
- Extra glue bottles
- Extra glue sticks
- 11 complete sets of Place Value Dice



3rd Grade

- Black Dry Erase Markers
- Extra Glue Sticks
- Extra Glue Bottles

5th – 8th Grade Science

- Money Donations for Science Lab Equipment

Wish List continues on next page...

Teacher Wish List cont.

5th – 8th Grade Math

- Math Tools available on Amazon:
 - Learning Wrap-Ups Math Intro Key Kit with Self Correcting Math Problems
 - Star Right Multi Math Flashcards Pack for Addition, Subtraction, etc.

5th – 8th Grade Language Arts

Money for Upper Grade Scholastic Book Sets (for book clubs) -- each set is about \$40

- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus (Dusti Bowling)
- Esperanza Rising (Pam Munoz Ryan)
- Tuck Everlasting (Natalie Babbitt)
- Bud, Not Buddy (Christopher Paul Curtis)

Books for 7/8th grade classroom library (Newbery Medal Winners):

- Merci Suarez Changes Gears (Meg Medina)
- The Crossover (Kwame Alexander)
- New Kid (Jerry Craft)
- Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village (Schlitz)
- The Higher Power of Lucky (Susan Patron)
- Criss Cross (Lynne Rae Perkins)

Books for 7/8th grade classroom library (student requests):

- Among the Impostors (Haddix)
- Story Thieves Book 1 (James Riley)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules (Book 2)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw (Book 3)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth (Book 5)
- The Sea of Monsters -- Percy Jackson & The Olympians - Book 2
- Momentous Events in the Life of a Cactus (Bowling)

Money Donations for P.E. Equipment for the Whole School

We're so excited to see you on Monday!



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