



DRAGON UPDATE

Aug. 31, 2017

Dear Parents,

It is so nice to be back in full swing around here. We have begun the year with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. I do have to admit that beginning the year with an ECLIPSE did add more enthusiasm than usual. It was so awesome to be able to be among the children during that phenomenon, their delight makes everything God blesses us with magnificent! It is nice to have the building filled with laughter, learning and chaos again and having 26 more students this year has just added to our blessings. Speaking of learning I am sure you have heard all the news about your child(ren)'s teacher, classroom, schedule and friends since he/she/they have been back to school. If you haven't, this weekend will be a great time to get caught up.

Just a recap ... Money Counts ... What is a tithe? Why can't the school tell us what the "tuition" is?

St. George is a non-tuition school, because under the direction of the diocese, Bishop Gaydos believes the education of the parish children is a **MISSION** of that parish. Therefore the children of the parish may attend the school because their parents are supporting the mission of the church by educating them (the child) in the ways of the faith. There is no tuition as long as the parents are **ACTIVE PARISHONERS**. The definition of **an active parishioner is a person who TITHES faithfully and justly to the church and PARTICIPATES in the sacramental and community life of the parish.**

You are probably wondering what is a tithe and how much do I pay for my child to attend St. George? A tithe is one tenth (10%) of your annual earnings given as support of the church. There are many scripture passages about tithing. St. Paul writes in the second book of Corinthians 9:7 *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* Also in Proverbs 11:24 *One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withhold what he should give, and only suffers want*

If you are still confused think of it this way; maybe a **JUST** tithe might be considered this way:

- It costs your parish \$5,300 to educate one child a year.
- If you divide that by 12 the monthly cost is \$433.
- If your family would split the cost (divide that in half) it would be \$220 per child. To split the cost, a just tithe for your family to give to the church could be \$220 per child per month. *So if you have two children in school multiply $\$220 \times 2 = \440 , 3 children... $\$240 \times 3 = \720*
- The parish would pay the other half of the cost as its **MISSION** to help you educate your child.

Of course you will make your tithe directly to your parish. If you have any questions please Msgr. Higley or any member of the finance council.

Dismissal Time Reminder:

Children who wait for their ride on the front steps need to be picked up by 3:10. Any student who is not picked up by this time will be sent downstairs to After School Care. I understand that with the dismissal times at the public school this might run the high school students who pick-up their siblings late. Please pass on this information so they will know where to find their brother/sister after 3:10.

SCRIP Program

Do you have any questions on how to use the program? Have you signed up to use SCRIP wallet or SCRIP on-line? If you have any questions you may call the school office or contact Jessica Walkenbach, SCRIP Coordinator- jessica.walkenbach@yahoo.com - directly.

Thank you to everyone who use the program already ☺ we made over \$18,000 profit on this program last year and the best thing was we didn't have to work for it all we had to do is buy gift certificates for the things we use daily like gas & food. If you are not using this program PLEASE consider giving it a try.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who saved obsolete paper, Best Choice labels, aluminum cans, printer cartridges or recycled shoes and clothing over the summer. All of these things help the school. If your company allows you to recycle paper we will be glad to put it to use or if they just throw their printer cartridges away we will recycle those for them. Every little bit of "trash" helps. We have been fortunate to earn over \$2,800 through aluminum cans, printer cartridges, and Best Choice labels not to mention over \$1,000 on box tops for our student council. We also won \$1,000 for all the recycling we did last year. Our motto is "your trash is our cash" . . . keep sending in the recyclable trash . . . Thanks for the help!

Don't forget outside by the gym entrance is a bin for clothing, cloth material, stuffed animals, shoes and blankets. We receive one cent per pound. It doesn't sound like a lot but every little bit adds up. This summer after the rummage sale we recycled all the clothes and made an extra \$500.

Visitors in our Cafeteria

If you would like to eat lunch with your child on a special occasion, please let the office know by 9:00 or call the cafeteria at 486-2564. In keeping with the Wellness Plan, the School Board has set a policy that all visitor's to our cafeteria will be expected to eat the meal prepared for the children. No outside food maybe brought in by a visitor. Please be considerate and call ahead, although many days we do have extra food there has been times Mrs. Aubuchon has to scramble to come up with extras.

Birthday Treats

Birthdays are special and should be celebrated. Although we are not demanding that birthday treats be healthy your child may bring one type of snack to share with their classmates. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher prior to sending the treats because we have several students who have food allergies and diet restrictions. The teacher will help you know what and what not to send for a treat.

If there is a food allergy in your room PLEASE do not send food with that substance. Many times food allergies are so severe that it could be a life threatening situation if the child with the allergy comes in contact with that substance. Treats will not be served if they contain the allergen.

Diocesan Internet and Social Media Policies

The Diocesan School Policy #6425 is the diocese's internet policy on "cyber-bullying". Please review the whole policy paying special attention to items 2 and 3. Also please note within the policy the diocesan expectations in regards to posting negative/demeaning remarks about school personnel or the school on social media sites. It is very important your student and you understand that there is a consequence to words and actions even when they are typed on a machine and sent out for others to read. This is cyber-bulling and very hurtful. The most tragic part of "cyber-bullying" is the person who types the message disengages himself/herself from the fact that he/she is purposely hurting another person. When we purposely hurt another person by our own words and actions even if we cannot see their face we are committing a sin; this takes us out of the grace of God.

Please understand that St. George School does not condone any type of bullying and appropriate consequences will be given when and wherever any type of bullying occurs.

Spirit Day

As soon as the t-shirt the students designed for our motto this year has arrived your child may begin to wear that shirt on ***Thursdays***. The shirt must be wore with uniform shorts/pants and it must be tucked in. Remember if you child's shorts/pants has belt loops a belt must also be worn. There are few belts in the office for loan. If you have an extra belt that you are no longer using, send it to the office, we would be glad to put it to good use.

Total Lunch Days

For your convenience, we will list the total number of lunch days in each month. Hopefully this will help the families who pay their lunch bill monthly. The monthly menu can be found on www.teacherease.com .

August 11
September20
October 21

Attachments

- Monthly Calendar
- Diocesan Internet Policy
- Diocesan Social Media Policy

God Bless,

Mrs. Julie Clungman