



**Dear God,**

Today as I reflect on what's ahead for me, I ask for your guidance to make decisions that bring me closer to you. Help me to know your voice and believe in the power of your gifts in me. I trust that you will lead me amidst the uncertainties of life. Give me the courage to follow you today as you lead me to tomorrow. Amen

**Dear All Saints Families,**

We are thankful to our four home parishes of **Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus, Holy Family and St. Mary's**. We are also so thankful for the monthly support of the parish of **St. Anthony**. As an extension of the parishes, we look forward to working cooperatively in supporting your child's faith life. There is so much excitement approaching us this year as we think about new teachers and students to meet, new books to read, new activities and concepts to master, etc, and we look forward to you sharing in all of these exciting times. Our wish is for a wonderful 2017-18 school year.

We loved meeting so many of you at our "Unpack Our Backpack" night! What a huge crowd we had and we thought it was great!! We loved seeing all of our families visiting and eating snow cones outside on our playground! We hope we were able to meet many of you that night but if we didn't we promise you that we will see you soon! We know that your pride and joy is entering our classrooms every day and we thank you for allowing us this opportunity to educate your child. We continue to see what a special school All Saints is and we really are honored to be the All Saints Catholic School Principal and Assistant Principal. Together, teachers, students, and parents make a strong All Saints family. Let's all commit to have a wonderful school year, setting everyone, students, as well as teachers, up for success.

Our building looks beautiful so please come into see it. It is so clean and shiny and that is thanks to **Jeff Seville, Linda Housby**, and so many parents and grandparents. Their long and hard work is so appreciated by all the students and staff here at All Saints. We again are so thankful that all of our classrooms are air-conditioned! We also want to thank **Kelli Rohlf** for all her work on the landscaping she did in the front of the school.

As we start this school year, it is important to remember several things. Start now by getting your child back in the habit of going to bed early. The National Sleep Foundation recommends that elementary age children get 10-11 hours of sleep each night. Have a place set aside for homework everynight. Also, have all necessary supplies: paper, pencils, crayons, glue etc. located in an easy to find and organized place. This consistency will help your child become more organized and work better in a routine. Another good idea is to set backpacks in the same place every night after homework, preferably next to the door you exit from in the mornings. Along with established bedtimes, setting out clothes for the next day, can be a tremendous time saver.

Throughout the year, should you have a concern with your child's experience, your first contact should be the classroom teacher or specials teacher if the concern is during a special's class. Should you have a concern about the overall functioning of the school, please contact either one of us, Mrs. Von Feldt or Mr. Sowell.





We had a special Kindergarten Parent Meeting on August 10, to answer questions that parents may have before their child begins his/her first week at All Saints. We also had a meeting for all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents to explain all of the activities and expectations that we have here at All Saints for these students. A **“Back to School Night”** will be held for all of our Middle School Parents on **September 7**, from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will be sending you more information as the day gets closer.



Please continue to check backpacks for notes and information that comes home or through e-mail.



We need to work together as a team! It’s a parents’ enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspire children to do their best; and a teacher’s ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things!



Thank you for all you do and may God bless each and every one of you.



**Jeanne Von Feldt, Principal**  
**David Sowell, Assistant Principal/Director of Technology**



**Parent Communication**



In our effort to improve communication, All Saints Catholic School implemented a telephone broadcast system that will enable our school to notify all households and individuals by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event. The service may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders. This service is provided by **School Messenger**, a company specializing in effective communications. When used, the service will call the 1<sup>st</sup> primary number phone number in our contact list and will deliver a recorded message from an administrator.



Here is some specific information you should know:



- **Caller ID:** The Call ID will display 563-324-3205 which is the main number for All Saints Catholic School.



- **Live Answers:** Answer your phone as you normally would; “hello” and hold for the message to begin. Inform all family members who may answer your phone of this process.



- **Answering Machines:** The system will detect that your machine has answered and will play the recording to your machine. The phone will ring for up to 40 seconds. Please check your voicemail.





**Note: Your call must originate from a phone number to which a message was originally sent to.**







**Please make sure the office has an updated contact number for us to utilize this service in the event we would need to. It is also very important that we receive your correct email address as we will be sending more electronic notes home so that we can reduce our use of paper. Please let us know if you don’t have a computer as we certainly will print out a hard copy for you immediately.**












 **Tardiness:** Your child is considered tardy after 8:00 am 



 **Unpaid lunch balance:** If your child has an unpaid lunch balance of \$5 or more your child will receive a sandwich and milk. Arrangements then can be made in the office to bring your account up to date. 



 **Dress Code:** Here are a few reminders in our dress code policy. Belts are now required for grades 3-8. 



 **Black socks now may be worn.**  
 **Girls may now wear khaki/tan/beige capris.**  
 **Collared shirts must be worn Monday, Tues., Wed., and Thurs. but**  
 **On Fridays, All Saints Catholic School or Assumption High School apparel may be worn for “Spirit Day” with uniform slacks, skirts, skorts, capris, or shorts.** 



 **Safety and Security Updates at All Saints School** 



 We continue to focus on addressing school safety and security issues. 

 We will continue with the “buzz in” system to our building. Most of our parents are known to our office staff and a simple introduction is all that is needed for the secretary to “buzz you in” to the building. This system gives us the ability to screen all visitors to our school. **Please have an ID with you when you come to the office after you enter our school building.** We would like all of our students to come in the back door so please drop your student/s off at the playground entrance door in the morning. **Please be aware of visitors who might approach the building the same time you do to ensure that they do not enter the building without being recognized.** 



 Should a school event be occurring when many parents and visitors would be coming to the school, such as the Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, a classroom play, etc. the buzz-in system may be deactivated, in which case office personnel will greet you at the door. 

 Please know that All Saints Catholic School belongs to the community, and your involvement in our daily activities and your presence in our building are valued components of the education experience. We want you to continue feeling welcome in our building. At the same time, we appreciate your understanding that having greater control over those who enter our building is in the best interest of school safety. 

 If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, **Jeanne Von Feldt**, at 563-324-3205, or by emailing me at [jeanne.vonfeldt@saints.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:jeanne.vonfeldt@saints.pvt.k12.ia.us) 

 You may also contact **David Sowell**, at 563-324-3205, or by email at [david.sowells@saints.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:david.sowells@saints.pvt.k12.ia.us) 





 **Fun Night** 

 We are so excited about our All Saints Catholic School Fun Night scheduled for September 29 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please contact **Tracy Wren at 563-505-6027** at or **Gina Bundy at 563-650-2041** if you would like to volunteer to help with the games, food, or prizes. We are so looking forward to this event. This is a great night to get involved at All Saints! 





 **Electronic Communication** 

 As we have done previously, we will email all parent newsletters to the email address that has been provided by you. The newsletter will also be available on our website. The student handbook will also be available on our website.   
 

 **New Staff Members** 

 We welcome the following new staff members to All Saints Catholic School: 





 **Teachers** 

 **Tracy Wren**-Pre School 

 **Julie McCreary**-5<sup>th</sup> grade 

 **Isaac Silver**-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8th Grade Math 

 **Ashley Bennett**-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts 

 **Ginny Mulvihill** will be teaching 6<sup>th</sup>,7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts until September 6 until Ms. Bennett can arrive here at All Saints Catholic School. We are so very grateful to Mrs. Mulvihill for helping us during this transition.   
 

 **New Classroom Aides:** 

 **Teresa Moneymaker** 


 **Renee Marshall** 

 **Judith Costello** 

 **Amanda Harper** 


 **Parent Conferences** 

 **Planning ahead...** 

 Tuesday, October 24 3:15 pm-7:45 pm 

 Wednesday, October 25 2:00 pm-8:00 pm 

 Thursday, October 26 8:00am-Noon (No School for students) 

 Friday, October 27 (No school for students or conferences) 