

Dear St. John's – St. Andrew's Parents,

The first day of school went well. It is good to see all the students again after the summer---I'm always amazed at how much the students have grown over the summer!

Please return your signed parent envelope by Thursday or Friday of each week. We use the same envelope with your name on it throughout the school year. All important communications are sent home in this envelope. Without being able to enclose communications in this envelope, they can easily get lost. Thank you.

If you have not done so, please complete and return all colored forms you received in your beginning parent packet. In addition, please remember to complete the Melrose Area Public Schools Student Information Portal – Guardian Approval Form. It is on white paper, not colored as all the other forms are.

An ALL SCHOOL KICKOFF MASS is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Greenwald. **ALL STUDENTS WILL BEGIN THE DAY AT THE ST. ANDREW'S BUILDING.** Following Mass the St. John's students will be bussed back to the St. John's building. Please remind your child to dress appropriately for Mass. They may bring shorts to change into following the Mass.

If your child comes home with a smiley face stamped on their hand, this is a message that their lunch account is low. We will not be doing the pink lunch notices this year because they were often lost. All you have to do is watch for a smiley face on the top of their hand. Lunch money is paid to and sent directly to Melrose Public School.

Enclosed in this Parent Envelope is a blue-colored letter regarding the upcoming Work-a-thon. Each student needs the names/addresses of five people to whom they can write letters for the work-a-thon. Please return the names/addresses by Friday, September 9, 2011.

Special thanks to Kristin Uphoff who is providing lunch transportation for SJSA School this year. If you would be willing to substitute for her, please give her a call, (320) 267 3724.

Special thanks to Don Brang who has graciously agreed to be our music accompaniment for the weekly Children's Masses this year. Please come and join in our Mass celebrations of song and praise.

I will be sending home tuition statements on the third Wednesday of the month. You will find in inside a brown envelope marked *Tuition*. Please return your payment in the same brown envelope.

Calendar

September

- 8 **All School Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church – All Students begin the day at St. Andrew's building,** Speech Screening for Gr. 3 at 12:35-1:30
- 9 Names/Addresses for Work-a-thon letters due
- 14 SJSA Shirt orders due
- 25 St. John's – St. Andrew's All School Mass at St. Michael's (SH) at 8:00 a.m.
- 26 Diocesan Ministry Day- Non student day
- 27 Gr. 3-6 NWEA Maps Testing (Reading) at Melrose Public at 8:30 a.m.
- 29 Gr. 3-6 NWEA Maps Testing (Math) at Melrose Public at 8:30 a.m.

October

- 4 Blessing of Animals at St. Andrew's at 2:00 p.m.
 - 7 Work-a-thon, Early Dismissal
 - 11 Chicken Dinner Tuesday
 - 13 Ludwig Photograph-student picture day (All School Picture at 8:00 a.m. at
 - 19 Oktoberfest
 - 20-21 No School
- Peace and Blessings,

