

FAMILY FOCUS

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Dear Families,

There is nothing like the beginning of a new school year. It is such a time of anticipation. What will my new teacher be like? Will I be in class with any of my friends? We have all been there. Life as we have known it will change. There is something exciting about the energy of a new school year. Some students are going to learn something they never knew before. That is exciting. So be excited for your children. Encourage them to learn things they never knew before. Thank God that we are all able to venture forth on this new beginning. Welcome back!

Parent Information Night is tomorrow, Thursday, August 19th, starting at 7 pm.

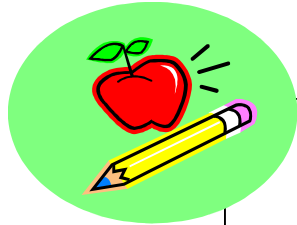
The teachers wanted to get information to the parents ASAP. On this night, parents are to go to their child's classroom. The TV's in all the rooms will be tuned into the SSM TV Channel. Parents will hear from Fr. Randy and various groups of SSM. Then the teachers will talk in the rooms for about 15 minutes. If you have more than one child, when the bell rings feel free to visit the classroom(s) of your other child(ren) to meet their teachers.

REMINDER!!!!

We will be having 1:00 dismissals on these first three days of school. This gives us time to work out any kinks in schedules and for planning. It will also help the students to get adjusted to new bedtimes and routines. The heat may be a factor in their adjustment as well.

Fr. Randy had a straw Mass for all grades today. This is an excellent way for the students to learn about the various parts of the Mass. We will celebrate our first all school liturgy on August 20th at 9:40. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen



WELCOME BACK
Teachers, Staff and Students!!

Calendar

- Wed, 8/18 **1:00 dismissal!**
Straw Masses 
- Thu, 8/19 **1:00 dismissal!**
Parent Information Night, 7 pm
- Fri, 8/20 **1:00 dismissal!**
Opening school mass at 9:40
- Sat, 8/21
- Sun, 8/22
- Mon, 8/23 UK/UL Gov Cup Blood Drive
3-8 in the SAC
- Tues, 8/24
- Wed, 8/25
- Thur, 8/26
- Fri, 8/27 Fundraiser
Kickoff!!!



LOOK....

Please send all Family Focus news items to Wendy Gerhard at wgerhard@ssmartyr.org by Tuesday at noon!!

KUDOS KORNER

Congratulations to **Courtney Car-rico** (8) for taking third place and shooting 65 for nine holes in the CSAA Tournament in June!!! Awesome job!



Steele Whitney (5) participated in the Community Foundation of Louisville at the Louisville Zoo. Five families signed up to participate and were allotted \$100 each from the Foundation to give back to the Zoo. Steele participated and chose to donate his \$100 to the information boxes (Zoo keys)!! To see more about this program and Steele's tour around the zoo, log on to www.cflouisville.org!! Way to go, **Steele!**

Congratulations to **Sammy McDonogh** (6), **Nicholas Koenig** (6), and **Josette Wolfe** (6) for participating in the 4H State finals this summer. **Sammy** won 1st place in his category for Science, Engineering & Technology, and Nicholas and Josette received honorable mention ribbons for their speeches!!



Do you want to be in the Boy Scouts of America? A Scout Rally will be held in the Marteen room on Tuesday, August 31st for grades 1-5 at 2:00 p.m. A sign-up meeting for parents will be held on Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. Watch for an information flyer to come home next week!



Anyone interested in cross country, please contact Tammy Allgeier at 479-3655, Paul McDonogh at 636-3575, Jamie Payne at 553-2188, or Tracy Evans at 409-7969. It is still not too late to sign up!!!



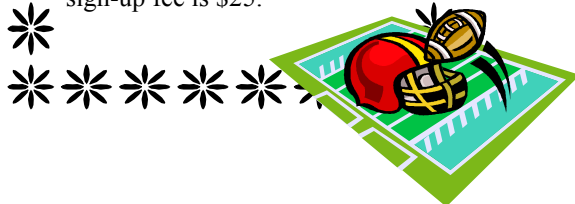
Our summer contest will continue until 9/10. For every 10 box tops you return to school before 9/10, your name will go into a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

(Stephanie Nutter, nutter05@gmail.com)



SSM has Powder Puff Football!!!

If you are interested in playing Powder Puff Football for SSM, please contact Tammy Allgeier at 479-3655. The sign-up fee is \$25.



SSM will continue to collect SMALL ink jet cartridges and gently used cell phones for recycling! Send these to school with your child. Each classroom has a recyclable bag to hold these items.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND LARGE TONER CARTRIDGES!!
These are not accepted by the company who takes our recycling.



Also, there is a recycling bin on the Greenup Road side of our school for paper recycling. Feel free to drop your papers in the bin for recycling. Please though, do not put cardboard in this bin!