

# FAMILY FOCUS

## September 8, 2010

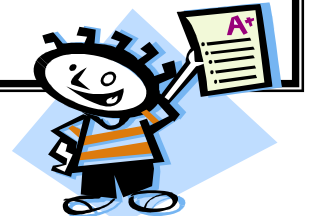
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Dear Families,

It is September and we have been in school for 2 ½ weeks. September is when school is really in full swing. Did you know that the PTO has a board and they meet on the first Tuesday of the month? Did you know that the School has an Advisory Board, SAC, that meets on the first Thursday of the month? Did you know that our Parent lunches began today? This is where you are invited to stay for lunch with your child. You get to go through the lunch line, meet your child's fellow classmates, meet other parents, clean off your table, push in your chair and line up for recess, all in record time. We have an early dismissal day on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. School will dismiss that day at 1 pm. Lunch is served and then children can go home. Mrs. Dora still has after school. Teachers, on the other hand, must stay. We have enrolled in an on-line professional development program, called PD360. We will be searching and learning about a variety of topics to help enhance our instruction. We will have a Health Screening day on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. The PTO will have their first general meeting on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The speaker's topic will be on Cyber Safety. Eighth grade parents will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss a trip to Washington, DC, for their child. They will also learn about a program called Just Say Know. This is to help young adults make good choices in this crazy world. I will also be attending a Retreat in September.

Someone has to pray that all of this will go well!

Mrs. Margaret Bowen



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you can help at the student Health Screening on 9/24, please call Mary Beth Wright at 629-7348!!

Volunteers are needed to help in the library. Please contact Barbara Stuecker at 635-7141 if you can help!!

If you have extra time, always feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher to see if they could use your helping hands!

We are SO very happy to have all our new Kindergarten students and families join our SSM community! We have new students/families in grades 1-7 also. A huge welcome goes out to:

- 1st Grade—Ada Bennett, Andrew Napier, & Gavin Scott
- 2nd Grade—Noah Brite, Jayce Dickman, & Eli Just
- 3rd Grade—Steven Adams
- 4th Grade—Lillie Bennett & Kirkland Buehner
- 5th Grade—Brittney Just
- 6th Grade—Hannah Adams, Camryn Dwyer, Nathan Hess, & Dylan Wright
- 7th—John Buehner & Allison Just

We're happy to have all our new students!!!

### Calendar

Wed, 9/8 **3<sup>rd</sup> grade parent lunch**  
Market Day  
CRE begins

Thu, 9/9

Fri, 9/10

Sat/Sun, 9/11-12

Mon, 9/13

Tues, 9/14 8th grade Parent Meeting  
DC trip—6:30 Marteen Room

Wed, 9/15

Thurs, 9/16 Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.!!



### Important October dates!!

Monday, 10/18: Teachers and students in school all day.  
Tuesday, 10/19: Conference day. Students are not in school but must attend with their parents at their scheduled conference time.  
Wednesday, 10/20: Students not in school. Professional development day for teachers who will hear national speaker Rick Wormell speak on "Fair Isn't Always Equal."  
Thursday & Friday, 10/21-22: Fall break-no school.

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



# KUDOS KORNER

**Kaylee Northcutt (2A)** is collecting donations and walking for **The Light the Night Walk** on 10/2 in honor of her three year old brother, Ryan.



To join **Kaylee's** team or make a donation, go to <http://pages.lighthenight.org/ky/Louisvil10/TEAMRYAN>.

**Abby & Chloe Kowalski** are part of team KowalskiKrew, running in the Komen Louisville Race for the Cure on October 9th. You can join their team or make a donation to their team. Contact Jennifer Kowalski for more info!



Good luck to Kaylee, Abby & Chloe!



More thanks to sixth graders **Matthew Bayens, Ben Lally, and Nicholas Koenig** for helping take care of the American Flag in our courtyard each day! Handle it with care!



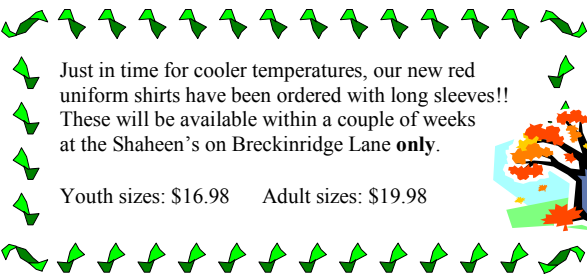
The American Diabetes Association is hosting a free Family Fun Day on 9/18 from 6-10 pm at Charlie Vettiner Park, starting with games and info booths followed by the movie "Up" which will start at 8 pm. Bring a picnic supper! Call Katie with questions at 452-6072 x3346.

Thanks to the WHAS Grant, through the Archdiocese of Louisville, SSM will receive Step 2 of EAROIBCS, a phonetic program our primary grades have used for several years. We are thankful to benefit from this generosity!!



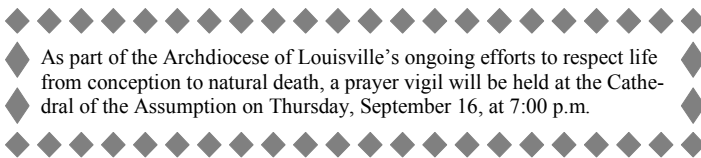
Our 2009-2010 donation for families using their REDcards at Target is \$1128.68!! Sign up at your local store and contribute 1% to SSM every time you shop!

Holy Family Social Club sponsored Kid's Trivia Night on 10/9. Doors open at 6 pm. Contact Charisse at 459-9379 for more information.



Just in time for cooler temperatures, our new red uniform shirts have been ordered with long sleeves!! These will be available within a couple of weeks at the Shaheen's on Breckinridge Lane **only**.

Youth sizes: \$16.98    Adult sizes: \$19.98



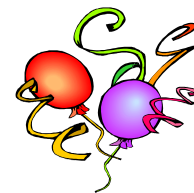
As part of the Archdiocese of Louisville's ongoing efforts to respect life from conception to natural death, a prayer vigil will be held at the Cathedral of the Assumption on Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m.



Remember we must have the barcode to make a submission for Labels for Education! You may send the entire label with the barcode or just clip the barcode and send it in!



Presentation Academy is offering dance classes in tap, jazz, ballet and hip hop this Fall. Classes will begin September 8th. For more information or to register, please email Melissa Herberger at [dmaherberger@aol.com](mailto:dmaherberger@aol.com) or call 541-2054.



Please keep selling the gift items, cookie dough, and Louisville coupon books!!! Out-of-town family and friends can order online and you still get credit for the sale!!

Plan ahead for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc. This year shop online!!

**BE SURE TO PUT STUDENT NAMES AND HOMEROOMS ON EVERY ORDER FORM!!!**

All orders due: 9/22/10

**Thank you for supporting SSM!!**



Please contact Wendy Gerhard at 635-1281, Diann Ferrill at 367-8785, or Karen Bayens at 637-7204 if you have any questions!



All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to attend the first TOSS meeting on Sunday, September 12th at 11:20. We will be celebrating Mass together and then going to the gym for games, food, prayer, and music. Go to the SSM website or our Facebook page for more information.