

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22
8th grade to The
Blanchet House

September 23
Picture Day
(Free Dress--Sunday
Best)

September 25
NO SCHOOL
Archdiocese Inservice

September 28
6th grade visits
St. Paul Preschool

September 29
High School Visitations
for 7th & 8th grades

October

October 2
Blessing of the
Animals 2pm

October 8
Jogathon

October 9
NOON DISMISSAL

Dear Parents:

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. (and Mr.) Downing. Lillian Jane was born on Monday evening, weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. Both mother and daughter are doing very well. Our second grade class is now under Mrs. Schultheis' care and guidance until Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Downing back in January.

With school now back in full swing, it's a good time to review parking lot safety procedures. For new families and as a reminder for all of us, the cones and chains are placed in the parking lot to create a "safe zone" for pedestrians. Children in grades K through 5 are not allowed into the parking area without direct adult supervision. Junior high students are able to walk out to their cars on their own.

In the morning, cars may drive up and let children off in the drop-off line. In order to keep traffic flowing, please have your child ready to hop out of the car quickly and without help from an adult. If more time is needed or you are coming into the school, you may park and walk in with your child. Please walk to the stop sign and wait for cars to stop before you cross the car line.

At the end of the day, one benefit of our pick-up procedure is that it allows for families to safely socialize after school at the play structure. Please stay as long as you wish, but be sure to make after school arrangements on the pedestrian side of the chains before going to your car. Our expectation is that children will walk directly to the car and not be playing among the cars while parents talk. Remember that K through 5 students must be accompanied by an adult when going out into the parking lot, and junior high students may walk out to their car on their own. Please follow these guidelines and help keep our students safe, supervised and away from moving cars.

I also want to remind you that pets are not allowed on school grounds, particularly at drop-off and pick-up time. This is a student safety issue – we appreciate your support in following this rule.

Again this year we have a strong contingent of bike-riders, with a good number of bicycles regularly parked in the bike racks. It's nice to see those bike racks being used! For safety sake, students may not ride their bicycles anywhere on school grounds – this includes the parking lot and the driveway alongside the gym building. We've had a few close calls, so if your children are riding to school please remind them of these important safety rules.

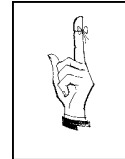
Don't forget that National Walk and Bike to School Day is coming up on October 7th. I encourage families to make an effort to walk or bike to school together on that day. Even if you live far away, you can drive part of the way then park and enjoy a reasonable walk or bike-ride with your child. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 7th – hopefully this will become a fun, environmentally friendly, and healthy new routine for your family!

John



Congratulations to Brian & Kathy Downing as they welcomed a new baby girl on Monday evening.

Just a little reminder...



Your school handbook signature page was due in the school office today, September 18th. You'll find it located directly inside your Student/Parent Handbook. Also, please review your contact information in the pink pages and notify the office of any changes. Thank you!

Student Handbook/ Directory Updates



Boy Scout Troop 351
Would like to invite boys age 10-18
To see what we are about:

Some recent things we have done:

- Crater Lake – took a boat tour
- 3 day hike near Timothy Lake
- Dug for Thunder eggs in Madras
- Many service projects
- Spelunking – Ape Caves, Oregon Caves & Ice Caves
- & much more
- Check out <http://troop351.org> for more info.

Please come to our Court of Honors Ceremony Wednesday, September 23, 2009 @ 6:30pm at St. Ignatius in Dillon Hall. Join us for cake and ice cream afterward.

If you have any questions: you can call Ronda Eikenberry 503-484-3281



HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR YEARLY UPDATE?

Every volunteer needs to complete a yearly update for their “Called to Protect” training. If you completed your initial training during the 2007-2008 or 2008-2009 school year please complete the online update titled “Keeping Your School Safe”.

Please see the link on our website under “NEWS/INFO” or go to www.PraesidiumInc.com and complete the following steps: Click on “Armatus Training New!” Select “Click here to begin Armatus online training.” Enter your log in and password. Your login is the first initial of your first name and your full last name. Your password is the four numerical digits of your birthday followed by “or” for the state abbreviation (ex. 1114or). Thank you for your support as we work to keep our children safe.

For questions please email Dan Beseau at dsbeseau@stignatiusschool.org or Becky at office@stignatiusschool.org. If you have not completed the initial training please see the Archdiocese website at <http://www.archdpdx.org/cpo/> for a list of classes.