



PAW PRINTS

WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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PARENTS!

Welcome back to the second semester of school. It's been a cold start but we are thrilled to finally get back in the groove of things. We hope this New Year brings health and happiness to all and may God bless you in abundance.

START TIME

Lately, we've had some parents asking about start times for school so we thought we would share these tidbits with everyone. School starts at 7:30 a.m. at St. Boniface and 7:40 at St. Agnes. Most teachers prefer the students to be at school at the least 10 minutes before the tardy bell rings as they begin teaching right away to maximize every teachable moment. School start time and arrival times are not the same. It is hard for those students that arrive later to be ready to start with prayer, lunch count, attendance and morning work when they are just stepping in the door.

Being on time is so important for academic success! Improve your daily routine and your chances for academic success with these tips for being right on time, all the time!

1. **Rethink the meaning of "on time."** People who are always on time are really people who arrive early every day and acknowledge that things can go wrong to set them back.
2. **Understand the importance of being on time.** Students who are always on time are the people who usually earn the best grades, earn scholarships, and get the best promotions.
3. **Get enough sleep.** If you have trouble getting out of bed in the morning, then make a serious effort to get to bed earlier. Sufficient sleep is essential for maximum brain functioning.
4. **Give yourself a realistic amount of time to get dressed and eat a good breakfast.** You may be surprised at the time it takes, especially if you find you have been trying to squeeze forty minutes worth of grooming into fifteen minutes each morning.
5. **Know exactly when you need to be ready for school and establish your arrival time.** What time are you expected to be seated in your home room or your first class? If school begins at 7:40, you should arrive at the school by 7:25 and be in your seat at 7:30.

P.T.O.

Our third PTO meeting is this coming Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Guerin Room at St. Agnes. FREE DRESS PASSES will be given for parents in attendance – FREE GYM TIME for all kids!

Thanks to everyone that supported the Hacienda Gives Back Night! We had a wonderful turn out and received a check from Hacienda for \$444.22. That makes over \$810 we've earned on just two evenings of give back nights!!!!

SHOPAROO

With the new year in hand, *Shoparoo* is hoping we're primed and ready to earn some serious money for Westside Catholic School in 2014, because they are kicking things off with a bang. For *the next few weeks*, *Shoparoo* will give \$500 to the school that adds the most new participants who upload their first qualifying receipt. Each week's runner-up will receive \$100 - that's \$2,400 in January giveaways! The first week is already underway, and the final week of this contest will end on Friday, January 31st.

Need to join? Simply download the free *Shoparoo* app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Select Westside Catholic School, 1620 Glendale Avenue, as your cause and take pictures of your receipts.

YOUTH FIRST STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Westside Catholic School is hosting "Strengthening Families," a program designed for families with children between the ages of 6 and 9. The goal of the program is to learn ways to strengthen communication and relationships between family members. It is a program designed for EVERY family. Strengthening families gives parents opportunities to share parenting successes and struggles with other parents who are experiencing the same thing. It is a way of encouraging other families and building off of what is already working well.

Join us for this fun and free program – meals and child care provided! Monday evenings January 27 – March 24, 2014, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes. Contact Kelsey Meier at 423-9115 or kmeier@evdio.org if you have any questions.

SANTA!

Santa Claus stopped by to see all the good children at Westside Catholic School. The students were delighted when Santa appeared and brought wonderful gifts for their classrooms at St. Agnes. **Halle Dickerson** and **Jacob Wathen**, Kindergarten, pose with Santa after receiving some of their classroom gifts. Santa stopped by Franklin Lanes to catch some eighth grade girls bowling, **Lynzie Drone**, **Olivia Barnes**, **Taylor Sutherland**, **Makenzie Warren**, **Abbey Chapman** and **Betsy Happe** along with **Andrew Vibbert**, **Travis Kirsch** and **Mrs. Weinzapfel**!



MATER DEI BOY'S JR. PREP BASKETBALL

Joe Doepker was omitted off the first list of young men that were selected to represent Mater Dei at several tournaments throughout Southwest Indiana. We would like to congratulate the following young men from Westside Catholic School. Grade 5: **Alex Money**; Grade 6: **Nathan Hoss**; Grade 7: **Joe Doepker**, Grade 8: **Nevin DeCoster**.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If anyone videotaped the Christmas program this year and would be willing for a few of our parents to make a copy we would appreciate you letting us know. Just call the St. Agnes office at 423-9115.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Please note we have a training opportunity coming up on Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the St. Agnes Campus in Guerin Hall. We have many parents attending class parties and going on field trips that have not gone through the Youth Protection training and completed the background checks. This training program is scheduled for your convenience during the evening.

5TH GRADE STORY BOARDS

Fifth grade students **Tanner Lamb**, **Alexis Wible** and **Jacob Pierre** stand proudly by their storyboards and shared their projects with younger students at school.



LOOKING AHEAD

Jan	14	6:00 P.T.O. Meeting at SAC	Jan	31	9:00 All Schools Mass at St. Boniface for PS – Gr. 8
	15	6:00 School Board Meeting			Serra Club Recipient Luncheon
	20	SCHOOL in Session Make-Up #1	Feb	7	FREE DRESS
		NO EVSC BUSES			P.T.O. Peelers Begin
		1 st Reconciliation Mtg at SHC		11	Camp Ondessonk Presentation
	24	Jr. High Dance at St. Philip		12	Preschool Appreciation Night
	26-31	Catholic Schools Week		14	Valentines Parties for K-5
	27	Tales & Scales SAC for PS – Gr. 5		17	School in Session -President's Day
		6:00 p.m. Strengthening Families		19	6:00 School Board
	29	CSW Mass at St. Ben's for Gr. 8		21	Peeler's Due
		Family Reading Night and Chili Supper		25	Grandparent's Day at SBC

Safe Environment Program For Youth Protection

Required for all
Westside Catholic School Volunteers

As part of the Diocese of Evansville Safe Environment Program for Youth Protection, along with dioceses all over the country, every adult over the age of 18 who works with children or who has regular contact with children must have on file proof of a clear background history check. This is a directive given to all bishops in the United States being carried through our diocese.

All volunteers, employees, and catechist working with youth will be required to attend a Safe Environment Informational Training Program before working with our youth by assisting with field trips, class parties, teaching youth religious education classes, youth group activities, etc. **We have many parents attending class parties and going on field trips that have not gone through the Youth Protection training and completed the background checks.** The following training program is scheduled below for your convenience during the evening:

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
St. Agnes Campus in Guerin Hall

After the presentation, you will be asked to sign a “Best Practices for Pastoral Conduct” page to be placed in your file. The background checks will be processed at no cost to you and the results are kept confidential.

Youth Protection Renewal

Each year, you are required to renew your pledge to abide by the Diocesan policy of “Best Practices.” Youth Protection Renewal is simple and easy. We will send out all renewals the first of January. Your cooperation with our continued effort to provide a safe environment for our children is greatly appreciated.

