

ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, August 26, 2022

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – There will not be a newsletter next week due to Labor Day Weekend. This newsletter will cover the next two weeks. Watch for the next newsletter on Friday, September 9th.

WELCOME BACK to a new school year! Our first week has gone well and the entire staff is looking forward to a wonderful year. A special welcome goes out to all our new families. Please read your Newsletter each week to keep up-to-date with the entire “goings on” at school.

NEW STUDENTS – Please help us welcome our new Y5-8th grade students:

Young 5’s = Edward **Kdg** = Savanna, Fiona & Bryce **1st** = Logan, Zain & Luke
2nd = Leonardo & Kayleigh **6th** = Donovan **7th** = Maya **8th** = Helena

STAFF – We also welcome our new Preschool 3 Teacher, Miss. Hanna Kowalczyk, our new Preschool Aide, Mrs. Manal Dabish, our new Preschool 4 Teacher, Mrs. Anne Stankiewicz, our new Phys Ed Teacher, Mr. Thomas Zintsmaster, our new K-2 Interventionist, Mrs. Nichole Baroski and our new ESP Associate, Miss. Amanda Davis. We are happy to have them all as new members of our “St. Robert Family”.

EMERGENCY CARDS (blue) went home this week. The information on the card is used in the office if your child is ill/hurt/etc. and we need to call home. It is very important that the cards be completely filled out, in blue or black ink, and that the info is printed legibly. **Please turn in your completed emergency card(s) to your child’s homeroom teacher by Thursday, September 1st.**

NEW THIS YEAR – Hot lunch requests (for students who are not present in the morning for lunch count) must be called in to the school office **no later than 9am**. Students who submit a hot lunch request after the 9am deadline will receive an emergency hot lunch – **NOT** the hot lunch option of the day.

NEWS FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- **VIRTUS** – As mandated by the Diocese of Lansing, all volunteers (lunch/library volunteers, field trip drivers, special school activities, sports, etc.) are required to complete the VIRTUS Online Training. Go to www.virtus.org. Click on “First Time Registrant”. Choose the Diocese of Lansing and then follow the prompts.
- **VOLUNTEER DRIVER FORMS** must be turned in before a parent may drive on a field trip. Please remember that diocesan policy requires a single liability limit of \$500,000 per occurrence or a combined liability limit of \$250,000 per person /\$500,000 per occurrence to be eligible to drive. By checking your policy and submitting the volunteer form, you are eligible to drive for the remainder of this school year.
- **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS** – The SRS library is looking for additional volunteers. This is a fun way to spend a few hours a week while earning PIP credits. Please contact our librarian, Wendy Krupp (srslibrary@gmail.com), if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.
- **LUNCH VOLUNTEERS** – We’re looking for volunteers to help one day or more per week during lunch (10:45am-12:15pm). You will earn PIP credits with this volunteer position. Please contact the school office if you can help.

THURSDAY MASS – School masses will be held every Thursday morning at 8:30 am. Our first liturgy was a beautiful, community celebration. Please plan to join the school and parish in celebrating as a faith community every Thursday.

PAPER COPIES – This year we are once again working to reduce paper waste by emailing the weekly Newsletter and monthly Activity Calendar / Menu to all school families instead of handing them out in the building. We will also post the Newsletter and monthly Activity Calendar / Menu on the school website (www.strobertschool.com). **This email system will begin on Friday, 9/16.** We appreciate everyone who supported this effort last year by reading/printing these items from your home computer. If you do not have access to a computer, please fill out the form below and return it to the school office. This will ensure that a paper copy of the Activity Calendar / Menu and Newsletter is sent home with your child. Please contact the office at (810) 659-2503 if you have any questions.

Request for Paper Copies 22/23
*****(One Per Family)*****

Info for student who should receive the paper copy:

_____ (Student Name) _____ (Grade)

_____ I want paper copies of the Newsletter and Activity Calendar / Menu sent home with my child.

_____ (Parent Name)

_____ (Parent Signature)

_____ (Date)

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE – Attendance and timely arrival is an important part of each student's academic performance. While it is our hope that every child would be present and on time for every day of school, we know that this is not always possible. **All attendance notifications for students in grades Preschool 3 through 8th must be reported by 9am by calling the St. Robert Attendance Hotline at: (810) 487-9600.**

Please be prepared to include the following information if your child is sick:

- Your student's name and grade
- **The exact symptoms the student is experiencing (fever, vomiting, cough, sore throat, etc. – flu, stomach flu, cold, not feeling good are NOT acceptable symptoms)**
- If a fever is present, what was the highest temperature?
- When did the symptoms start? (include a specific date – a few days ago or over the weekend is NOT an acceptable date)
- Has the student had any known exposure to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 or who is suspected of having COVID-19?

Please Note: All absences and tardies must be reported through the Attendance Hotline. Texts/Emails/Phone Calls to teachers are fine as a courtesy, but **DO NOT** count as attendance notification. You still need to report the absence/tardy through the Attendance Hotline.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Friday, Sept. 9th will be our first Jeans Day and Booster Popcorn Day! 25¢ will be collected from those who wear jeans. Dress code shirts or SRS spirit shirts can be worn. Popcorn will be an additional 25¢.

CALLING ALL 2 YEAR OLDS! – There's still time to enroll in the St. Robert School 2+1 program for 2022-2023. This popular program gives a parent/adult and toddler (2 years old by 9/1/22 or 3 years old by 9/1/22) an opportunity for a weekly play/social school experience. There will be two 10-week sessions, and the classes are held on Mondays from 9-10 am. Session 1 begins September 12th and runs through November 21st. Session 2 is scheduled January 9th through April 3rd. The cost is \$25.00 for one 10-week session or \$50.00 for both sessions. Registration materials are available online at www.strobertschool.com or from either the parish or the school offices. The program fee is due at registration and registrations are processed at the parish office.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED – St. Robert School is looking for Substitute Teachers. Substitute employees are paid \$100 per day and work mostly on an on-call basis.

Applicants are required to:

- Receive a Substitute Teaching Permit through GISD (Genesee Intermediate School District).
- Be fingerprinted and have a criminal records check.
- Have completed at least 60 semester hours of college, with at least a 2.0 GPA, at one four-year, regionally accredited institution (an official transcript is needed).
 - Those with a valid teaching certificate do not need a Substitute Teaching Permit.
 - Those with an expired teaching certificate will need a Substitute Teaching permit through GISD.
- Complete a one-time Protecting God's Children class (in person – not the online version). The schedule of available classes can be found at www.virtus.org.
- Fill out the required "New Sub" paperwork for SRS (available from the school office)

Steps to Subbing:

- When you have your educational documents ready, please call GISD at (810) 591-4400 to schedule a fingerprinting appointment.
- Complete a Protecting God's Children class (www.virtus.org).
- Contact the school office at (810) 659-2503 for required paperwork.

Questions regarding the Substitute Teaching Permit and fingerprinting should be directed to GISD (810) 591-4400. Please contact the school office for all other questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8489 will hold their annual golf scramble on Sunday, 9/11 at Briar Ridge Golf Course in Montrose. Please contact Joe Cozart (810) 869-5614, Bill Winchester (810) 874-9901, Jonathon Smith (810) 223-7459 or James Burns (810) 397-2700 for more information

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, 8/29	First Day for Preschool 4 Busing begins
Tuesday, 8/30	First Day for Preschool 3
Friday, 9/2	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day Weekend)
Monday, 9/5	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day Weekend)
Wednesday, 9/7	2:45pm, Staff Meeting (Media Center)
Friday, 9/9	Jeans Day - 25¢ Popcorn Day - 25¢

SPECIAL NOTICES

Saint Robert School – ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

August 26, 2022 – In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we had inspections performed at our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings are part of our asbestos management plan and have been on file in the school administrative office since that time.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of asbestos materials every three years. Accredited asbestos inspectors performed these re-inspections in 2021 and recommended action we should take to safely manage each asbestos material in our buildings.

The results of the re-inspection are on file in the management plan in the school's administrative office. Anyone is welcome to view this plan at any time during normal school hours. Please contact us if you have questions about the asbestos in our school.

Saint Robert School – MEDICATION POLICY

Please review the St. Robert Medication Policy. This policy is in existence for the well-being of all students and not intended to inconvenience. Students **may not** bring and administer their own medication in school unless specific written approval from a doctor and written permission from a parent is provided. This is a safety hazard to your child and other children.

Medication Policy

State of Michigan school code requires that all medicines given at school shall have a **doctor's order / parent permission authorization form, which includes dosage, signed and on file at school** in order to administer the medication. This includes all over-the-counter medication such as Tylenol, cough medicines, cough drops, nasal spray, etc. Authorization forms must be filled out, signed by a doctor, AND signed by a parent before any medication (prescription or OTC) can be administered at school. **The school cannot administer medication if the completed form has not been returned.** Forms are available in the school office. The doctor and parent permissions may also be faxed to the school office at (810) 659-4002. **This policy complies with State of Michigan School Code.** Please understand compliance with the policy is required for the health and safety of all students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. Thank you for your support.

- Medication (prescription and OTC) must come to school in its original container (no medicine sent in baggies), and liquid medication must include a measuring spoon/cup.
- Inhalers – Students may possess and use metered dose or dry powder inhalers for the relief of asthma symptoms while at school, on school-sponsored transportation, or any school-sponsored activity when APPROVED BY A PHYSICIAN AND REQUESTED IN WRITING FROM STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN.

MRSA-WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW – Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is a type of "staph" bacteria that causes skin infections that can't be treated with certain antibiotics. It is sometimes mistaken for a "spider bite". Symptoms may range from minor to serious, including skin redness and swelling, "pimple-like" red bumps, boils, rash, fever, headache and malaise. Infections can spread quickly to other parts of the body or to other people.

How can you avoid getting or spreading MRSA?

- Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially after touching wounds or bandages.
- Do not share personal items (towels, bar soap, wash cloths, razors or clothing) even among family members.
- Seek care immediately at first signs of infection (red, swollen, painful, warm, draining pus).
- Keep wounds clean and covered with a dry bandage, especially if the wound is draining (follow your healthcare provider's instructions on proper wound care).
- Wash clothes, towels and sheets in water with laundry detergent at hottest suitable temperature. Add bleach, if desired (check label instructions). Dry in dryer at hottest suitable temperature – do not "line dry".
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces (for example, doorknobs and phones frequently, and shared sports equipment between uses) according to item label cleaning instructions. Types of cleaning/disinfecting products include soap and diluted bleach, Lysol® and Original Pine-Sol®. Follow label instructions for appropriate dilutions and contact times to be sure that surfaces are cleaned properly.

Information on the risk, treatment and prevention of MRSA is available on the following websites:

www.michigan.gov/mdch or www.cdc.gov/mrsa.

Advisory to all Parents

Pursuant with Regulation 537 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws*, this notice is to inform you of St. Robert School's Integrated Pest Management Plan.

It is the goal of our school to maintain the integrity of the school building and grounds, to protect the health and safety of students and staff, and to maintain a productive learning environment. Pesticides will be used only as a last resort when other pest prevention and non-chemical control measures are not feasible, unavailable or ineffective.

You have the right to be notified prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. To request prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to:

Mr. Fred Fras
Maintenance Supervisor
St. Robert School
214 E. Henry St.
Flushing, MI 48433

You may contact Mr. Fras at (810) 659-2503 if you have any questions.

Pesticide Notification Form

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Student's Name _____

Student's Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please Check One

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled treatment inside the building.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled treatment on the outside perimeter of the building.

_____ Both of the above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Weekly Newsletter & Activity Calendar / Menu

- A weekly Newsletter will be emailed to all families each Friday that school is in session. The newsletter will also be available online (www.strobertschool.com) or as a hard copy by request to the school office.
- A monthly Activity Calendar / Menu will be emailed to all families at the end of the previous month. It will also be available online or as a hard copy by request to the school office.

SRS Website

The website (www.strobertschool.com) will give you an overview of all facets of our school activities, athletic schedules, school year calendar, paperwork, flyers, handbook and important timely announcements.

School Messenger

This text-based service is used to notify parents of important information, school closings and last minute notices.