

ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, September 11, 2020

WELCOME BACK to a new school year! Our first two weeks have 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 = Greyson & Charlotte **1st** = Everett, Ronan, Major & Terrance
Kdg = Ziena, Emilie, Avery, Maizey, Vivian, Avery, David, John, Terry & Finn
2nd = Jayden, AnnMarie, Grace, Liam, Amelia, Bohdi & Leena **3rd** = Blake, Addison, Justin & Kevin
4th = Lourdes, David, Easton & Maximus **7th** = Audrey **8th** = Olivia, Chloe, Santino, Emily & Lynn
5th = Bradley, Cooper, Sophia, Brody, Cooper, Jaxson & Jackson **6th** = Isabella & Kendell

STAFF – We also welcome our new 1st Grade Teacher, Mrs. Michelle Towns, our new Gym Teacher, Mrs. Carolyn Brack, our new Preschool Aide, Mrs. Bonnie Belott, our new Kdg Aide, Mrs. Diane McAllister and our new Religious Education Secretary, Miss. Clare Pulley. We are happy to have them all as new members of our “St. Robert Family”.

EMERGENCY CARDS – Have you returned your child’s blue emergency card and yellow health form? These items are very important. Teachers will need the health form in the event that students leave the campus, and the information on the emergency card is used in the office if your child is ill and we have to call home. Blank cards/forms are available in the school office. **Please turn your completed items in to your child’s homeroom teacher by Monday, 9/14.**

PARENT EMAIL/PHONE REQUEST – A purple Parent Email/Phone Request form went home this week. Please fill out and return this important form quickly. Updates, reminders, activity calendars, menus and newsletters will be sent out to parents using a distribution list created from these emails. Updated phone numbers are also important since School Messenger is utilized to notify parents of school closings and last minute happenings. **The form is due back to school by Monday, 9/14.**

ESP - NEW FOR 20/21 – The ESP handbook and forms were updated this fall. The forms that are needed to sign up for ESP are now included with the ESP handbook, which can be found on the school website in the Quick Links box. Please note that an ESP **RSVP** has to be filled out by Sunday night each week in order for your child to attend ESP for that week. The links for signing up for each week for the month of September can also be found on the school website. New registration paperwork will be accepted during the week, but RSVP's must adhere to the Sunday deadline. Please forward any questions to Mrs. Bushey at sbushey@strobertschool.com.

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 to every student 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, 9/25.** 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 659-2503 if you have any questions.

Request for Paper Copies

****(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 each and every day of school, we know that this is not always possible. Health, injury, and appointments, to name a few, sometimes prohibit school attendance/being on time. Text/Emails/Phone Calls to teachers DO NOT count as attendance notification. **If your child will be absent or late, you must report that absence/tardy, before 9:00 am, 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?

SPECIAL EVENTS – Friday, Sept. 18th will be our first Jeans Day and Booster Popcorn Sale 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¢.

PRAY FOR PEACE – As we commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks on the United States, please take time to pray for peace between nations, religions and peoples, and especially pray for an end to hatred, violence, war and terrorism. May God preserve us in peace and protect all those who serve and defend our nation!

REMINDER TO PARENTS – If you are contacted that an after school practice/event that your child is involved in has been canceled, and that changes what he/she will do at dismissal, then you will need to contact the school with the new instructions so that the student can be informed. Due to new protocols, students will no longer be coming down to the office to use the phone unless absolutely necessary.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED – We are in need of a volunteer to oversee our Booster popcorn days due to Mrs. Belott being hired as our Preschool aide. Popcorn days are held once per month (except Dec, Feb and June). You will receive 15 PIP credits and training will be provided. Please contact the school office if you are interested in volunteering for this project.

ANGEL'S ATTIC sells gently used and outgrown uniform clothing. All items are \$1.00. Angel's Attic is located in the cabinets across from ESP. Proceeds go to the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund.

REQUESTS – The school office is in need of plain Band-Aids (1" and variety-pack sizes). Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED – St. Robert School is looking for Substitute Teachers. Substitute employees work mostly on an on-call basis, and are paid \$75 per day.

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 90 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.virtusonline.org.
- Fill out the required "New Sub" paperwork for SRS (available from the school office)
- Wear a mask while in the building.

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.

K OF C FISH FRY – Fridays from 4-7pm at Good Shepherd Church – **Take Out Only!** \$10 Fish dinner, \$10 Shrimp dinner \$10 Chicken Fingers and \$13 Fish & Shrimp combo. All dinners include Fries, Cole Slaw & Roll. **Everyone is invited and welcome!** For over 30 years the proceeds from the Fish Fry has helped support Montrose Special Olympics, Special Needs Scouting, Montrose Food Pantry, Kids Fishing Derby, & many other community events.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday, 9/12	9am-4pm, Level 1 Training (Media Center)
Sunday, 9/13	Grandparents Day
	K of C Golf Outing (Briar Ridge)
Wednesday, 9/16	8:30am, Mass
Thursday, 9/17	St. Robert Bellarmine
	Constitution Day
Friday, 9/18	Jeans Day, 25¢
	Popcorn Day, 25¢

SUPPORT SRS

- ❖ **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** – Register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Scroll down to “I’m a Customer” and click on View Details. Sign In or click on “Create an Account”. You will be able to sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering your email address, creating a password and entering your Kroger Plus account information (you can pick up a Kroger Plus card at any Kroger customer service desk if you do not already have one). Then click “Create Account”. You will be able to select St. Robert School once you’re logged into your account. **Enter VF592 or St. Robert School.** Select our school from list and click on save. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see St. Robert School’s name on your Community Rewards information page. You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count. It takes approximately 10 days for the Kroger Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt.
- ❖ **BUECHES RECEIPTS** – Bueches donates money to St. Robert School for every turned in receipt. Look for the “Kids 2021” (starts in October) total to appear at the end of your Bueches receipt. Bueches boxes are located in school, the parish office and in the gathering space of church.
- ❖ **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** – Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school. Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for our school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date. Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.



If you see the new label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Digital Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for our school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to SRS's earnings online. The Box Tops app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Additional information about the new program can be found www.bboxtops4education.com. Traditional Box Tops can be turned in to the School Office, and can also be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Church by the front southern entrance. Be sure to encourage family and friends to save their Box Tops and download the app as well. Our Box Tops goal this year is \$1,000. Together we can make the Box Top for Education Program a HUGE success! Thanks for your help!

SPECIAL NOTICES

Saint Robert School – ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

August 31, 2020 – 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 2018 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. **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.

HOMEWORK POLICY

(Adopted 8-27-12)

This is a reminder to parents and students of the continuing policy regarding missed class work.

Work is not collected for one-day absences.

Students who are ill or miss school for one day can retrieve daily assignments via Quia and Google Classroom, or can collect their missed assignments on the day they return to school. They have one day to make up this work without a late penalty.

Upon parent request, students who miss more than one day of school in a row will have their missed work and books sent down to the office on the 2nd day of being absent. The work and books will be available in the school office for pick up after school is done for the day, or can be sent to a sibling's room. As is school policy, the student has one day for every day absent to make up the class work at full credit.

Kindergarteners who miss a day of school will receive missed class work in their Friday folder.