

ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, September 10, 2021

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – Because of the amount of time that will be needed next week to prep for the Fun Fair, this newsletter will cover the next two weeks. Look for our next newsletter on Friday, September 24th.

WELCOME BACK to a new school year! Our first three 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 = Nikolai, Liam & Carter **1st** = Joseph & Milo **2nd** = Isaac **3rd** = Jonas
Kdg = Leo, Violet, Savannah, Damien, Chase, Chloe, Lucas, Wyatt & Aurora
5th = Benjamin, Tessa & Nour **6th** = James & Eden **7th** = Ava **8th** = Sylvia

STAFF – We also welcome our new 1st Grade Aide, Mrs. Kim Motyka, our new Music Teacher, Mr. Cole Thomas, our new Food Service Coordinator, Mrs. Barb Kushon and our new Nurse Liaison, Mrs. Irene Panos. 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 Monday, September 13th.**

PRAY FOR PEACE – As we commemorate the 20th 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!

MASK WAIVER UPDATE – The Genesee County Health Department recently provided updated information to area schools. This was in response to a number of questions from the public as well as school administrators. Included in the updates are specific conditions that must be met for a mask waiver. In response to the new requirements, GCCS has a new form that must be completed by a physician and approved by administration for any masks waivers. These forms are now available from the school office. We realize many students currently have a note from a physician for mask waivers. Pending review, all current waivers that don't meet the eligible criteria will no longer be valid. **Please direct all questions regarding mask waivers to Mr. Ralbusky (mralsbusky@strobertschool.com).** Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as information and requirements are ever changing.

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, 10/1.** 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)

SPIRIT WEAR AND DRESS CODE SHIRT – An order form for Dress Code Shirts/Spirit Wear Shirts went home this week. Spirit Wear shirts can be worn on jeans and casual days. Dress code shirts can be worn any time. Orders, with payment, are due by **Thursday, September 16th**.

FUN FAIR NEWS

- ***We Need Your Help*** – Fun Fair Volunteers for multiple games are still needed. An email was sent out this week to all school families with an invitation to sign up to help. Please consider volunteering for this school-wide fundraiser. We can't make it a success without your help. You can sign up to volunteer by following the instructions sent in the email, or you can access the sign up with this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44AAAA22A5F58-strobert2>.
- ***Sponsorships*** – Do you own or know someone who owns a small business or company that would be interested in sponsoring the SRS Fun Fair? Would you like to sponsor your child(ren)'s classroom? A variety of sponsorship packages are available. Sponsorship forms, emailed to all school families, were due today (Friday, 9/10). Any last minute forms can be sent in to school on Monday, 9/13.
- ***Presale Ticket Orders*** – Forms for presale ticket orders were sent home this week, so that school families have the option to purchase Fun Fair tickets at a reduced price. **Return your presale ticket order before the September 15th and your family will be put into the drawing for a "Flushing Prize Package"**.

NEW GAMES FOR FUN FAIR 2021

We have quite a few new games (and some returning favorites) for this year's Fun Fair. More information about the games will be given out next week during morning announcements.

New Games - Radar Pitch, Animal Bean Bag Toss, Minion Hula Hoops, Pirate Invasion, Chicken Soup Launcher, Roller Bowler and A-Maze-O.

STUDENT COUNCIL is gearing up for campaigns, elections and the beginning of their work this school year. Mrs. Cindy Kelly and Mrs. Krystal Reagan will once again sponsor the Student Council, which is comprised of 4th-8th graders. Those seeking an officer's position will give campaign speeches explaining their platform on September 15th, campaign on September 16th, and elections will be held during school on September 17th. The results of the elections will be announced to the school at the end of the day on Friday, 9/17. Please explain to your children the importance of voting on merit and not popularity.

CALLING ALL 2 YEAR OLDS! – There's still time to enroll in the St. Robert School 2+1 program for 2021-2022. This popular program gives a parent/adult and toddler (2 years old by September 1, 2021 or 3 years old by September 1, 2021) 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 October 4th and runs through December 6th. Session 2 is scheduled January 3rd through April 11th. 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.

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. **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. 24th 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¢.

ANGEL'S ATTIC sells gently used and outgrown uniform clothing. All items are \$1.00. Contact the school office to arrange a time to "shop". Proceeds go to the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund.

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)

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 (beginning September 10th) from 4-7pm at Good Shepherd Church – Eat in or take out. \$10 Fish dinner, \$10 Shrimp dinner and \$10 Chicken Fingers dinner. 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

Friday, 9/10	4-7pm, Fish Fry (Good Shepherd)
Wednesday, 9/15	NO TAKE HOME BUSES Presale Ticket Orders due 12:15pm, Student Council Speeches (Gym)
Thursday, 9/16	Student Council Campaign 8:30am, Mass
Friday, 9/17	Constitution Day Student Council Election 9am-1:30pm, 8 th grade Visit to Powers 2:45pm, Fun Fair Set Up (Gym/Activity Center) 4-7pm, Fish Fry (Good Shepherd) 5:15pm, Powers Parade
Saturday, 9/18	11am-2pm, Fun Fair
Monday, 9/20	8:30am-1:30pm, 8 th grade to Cathedral
Tuesday, 9/21	2:45pm, Staff Meeting (Media Center)
Wednesday, 9/22	8:36am, 7 th grade Confession
Thursday, 9/23	8:30am, Mass
Friday, 9/24	Jeans Day - 25¢ Popcorn Day - 25¢ 4-7pm, Fish Fry (Good Shepherd)

SPECIAL NOTICES

Saint Robert School – ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

August 31, 2021 – 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 July 2021 and recommended action we should take to safely manage each asbestos material in our buildings.

The results of the re-inspection will be on file in the management plan in the school's administrative office once we receive them from the inspection company. 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.

ST. ROBERT SCHOOL RETAIL FUNDRAISERS

(2021/2022)



Bueches donates money to St. Robert School for every turned in receipt. Look for the "Kids 2022" total to appear at the end of your Bueches receipt.

Bueches boxes are located in the school, the parish office and in the gathering space of church.

Please visit bueches.com.



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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". Enter your email address and 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. It takes approximately 10 days for the Kroger Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt.



Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide our school ID (70050150) at checkout (in store and online) and SRS will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies! It's a small act that can make a huge difference. More information can be found at officedepot.com.