



# SAINT WENDEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER



WELCOME to a new school year! I am super excited to start another school year with all of our students, parents, and parishioners of Saint Wendel. I am excited that we get to work together to achieve

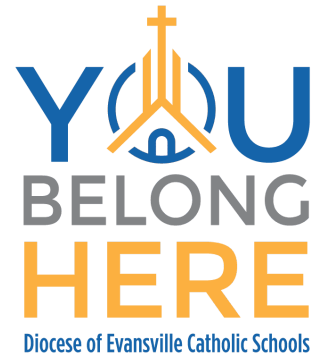
Christ's mission on earth. **Just a quick reminder that on Thursday, July 30th, we would like all PreSchool through 8th Grade families to come up to school between 7am-5pm to drop off school supplies and pick up their back to school packet information.** Before we know it, it will be August 5th. I am positive that we will have a wonderful school year. Throughout the school year there will be lots of things emailed, posted, or sent home each week: newsletters, flyers, lunch menus, etc. If you ever misplace them or need to look up information please go to the website: [www.saintwendelschool.org](http://www.saintwendelschool.org). Please don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

See You Soon!

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**\*\*Don't forget the first day of school is Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am for all Kindergarten through 8th Grade students. Thursday, August 6th for all PreSchool and PreK 5 Day a week students. Friday, August 7th for all PreSchool and PreK 3 Day a week students.**



## PreSchool and PreK Information:

PreSchool and PreK will have different start days for 3 Day and 5 Day. All PreSchool and PreK students will come on Monday, August 10th. Just a reminder that all parents should drop off students at the PreSchool and PreK entrance between 7am and 7:50am. You do not need to park, you can pull along the sidewalk and get your student out at the sidewalk to sign in with Mrs. Fehrenbacher.

## Other Information:

### Parent Information Night:

The K-8 Parent Information Night will be held the week of August 10th. All teachers will be sending out a Parent Information Night video for you to watch the first week of school. The week of August 10th all teachers will hold a 30 minute question answer session virtually either through zoom or google meet to ask follow up questions to the videos.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22 or that week from 2:30pm-7pm virtually or through phone call. More information to come on parent/teacher conferences.



## **New Staff:**

WELCOME to Mrs. Rachael Groeninger as our cafeteria manager. Rachael has been working all summer preparing for the new cafeteria portal. Rachael is married to her husband, and has a daughter, .

# Welcome

WELCOME to Mrs. Rhonda Fehrenbacher who will be our PreK assistant in Ms. Swihart's PreK class. Rhonda is also our parish secretary. Rhonda is an active parishioner at Saint Wendel.

WELCOME to Mrs. Sara Schmitt who will be our Kindergarten through 8th grade aftercare coordinator this year. Sara has been an active parent who in the past has subbed in our classroom and cafeteria. Sara is married to Kevin and they have three children- Cora, Hanna and Wesley.

As you can see we have hired many new faces to join our team. I ask that you please keep all our teachers and staff in your prayers as we prepare for another awesome school year!

## **Website:**

Make sure you are periodically getting on the school website. Anything going on or around school will be on the website. [www.saintwendelschool.org](http://www.saintwendelschool.org)

## **Paying Online:**

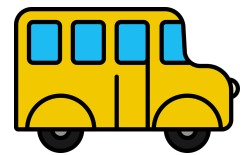
Again, this year you will be able to make tuition payments, lunch payments, and aftercare payments online through Online Giving. You will be able to set up automatic transfers weekly, monthly, etc. Please use this website to "Create New Account." There is also an app that you can download. Payments usually take about 24 hours to process through the bank and are reflected on the online giving website. You can also find a direct link on our website under School Info and then School/Parish Payments.



<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1778>

## **Bus Transportation (Kindergarten through 8th Grade Students):**

At this time, we are encouraging any student who would normally take the EVSC or Posey County buses to find other transportation.



## **Car Riders (Kindergarten through 8th Grade Students):**

If you transport your children to school, please have them here between 7:00-7:25 AM. It is imperative that your children arrive by 7:25 AM, especially on Tuesdays/Thursdays which are Mass days. Mass begins promptly at 7:30 AM. The procedure for discharging/retrieving car riders is to drop them off at the north entrance which is outside of the school office area. Please pull your vehicle as far forward along the sidewalk so that other cars are not waiting out on the street. Students should be able to exit the car on their own. Students will enter the building and will go directly to their classrooms.

## **Dismissal (Kindergarten through 8th Grade Students):**

Car riders, walkers, and bike riders are dismissed at 2:30 PM at the north entrance (outside of the school office). Students are allowed to stay from 2:30-3:00 to complete homework in classrooms, get extra help from teachers, or participate in extracurricular activities. Students riding Posey County and EVSC buses remain in classrooms until 3:00 PM and are then supervised by staff until buses arrive.

## Tuition (Kindergarten through 8th Grade Students):

As a reminder, the tuition rates are: for families who are parishioners of Saint Wendel Parish, \$3,665.00 for 1 student family, \$4,850.00 for 2 student family, \$5,940.00 for a 3 student family, \$6,980.00 for a 4 student family, \$7,920.00 for a 5 student family. For families who are not parishioners of Saint Wendel tuition is \$4,465.00 for 1 student family, \$6,150.00 for a 2 student family, \$7,730.00 for 3 student family, and \$9,190.00 for a 4 student family. If your family is in need of financial assistance please contact, Mrs. Scheu. The deadline is August 31st. Tuition can be paid online through online giving.

## School Lunch & Wellness Plan:

The August 2020 lunch menu is posted on the website. The cost of a student lunch is \$2.85. Following government guidelines milk is automatically part of the meal and is included in this price. If a student wishes an additional beverage (water or additional milk) the cost is \$.50. The price of an extra entrée is \$2.00. As part of our Wellness Plan, we will be offering a “chef salad” as a lunch alternative to all students, preschool through Grade 8. Students are offered everyday for purchase: main lunch, chef salad, and the rotating alternate. Payment for meals can be paid weekly, monthly, or yearly since our lunch program is computerized. Every 2-3 weeks during the school year you will receive an email report on the balance of your child’s lunch account. Checks are to be made payable to: Saint Wendel Catholic School. Posted on our website you will find the information on the federally funded free/reduced lunch program. As other schools in Indiana are doing, we have developed a “Wellness Plan”. **As part of the plan, we have decided to serve only “healthy” snacks at classroom parties, morning snacks, and school celebrations.** On our website you will find a list of “healthy” snacks. If unhealthy snacks are sent in, the school reserves the right to not hand them out. Also, as part of the “Wellness Plan”, we ask that students do not bring soft drinks to school as part of their lunch. The wellness plan is posted on our website. **Parents- please, please, please help us follow our Wellness Plan.**



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## School Safety:

At this time the school building will be closed to all visitors until further notice. When restrictions are over, when you enter the school building, please report immediately to the school office. If remaining in the school building, please sign in and ask for a “visitor” badge. This will help to account for everyone in the building should there be an emergency. During the school year we will be practicing different drills. We will have one fire drill a month, two tornado, earthquake, and lockdown drills during the school year.

When restrictions are lifted, when school is in session from 7:30am-2:30pm, the only doors that parents, visitors, parishioners, etc will be able to enter is through the main office doors. Down in PreSchool/PreK at 8am if your child is not signed in their classroom they will need to enter the main office doors, report to the secretary to submit attendance and lunch count and then walked down through school to the PreSchool/PreK classrooms to sign in. For all parties or events at school ALL visitors/parents/guest must enter the main office doors and sign in before starting the activity.

## Electronic Gradebook and School Wide System:

Parents, over the course of the summer the Saint Wendel has transitioned to PowerSchool as our School Management System. Powerschool has been adopted diocesan wide. We will now have 1 system to do everything: grades, attendance, etc. Unfortunately, lunch will be in another system, Titan. Each school family is given a specific password of which to log-on to the Powerschool system. We will be sharing more information as the year goes on.

## Aftercare (Kindergarten through 6th Grade Students) :

Aftercare is provided for all students, Kindergarten through Grade 6, until 6:00 PM each day when school is in session. If you are interested in registering your student for Aftercare please print off the form from the website. This year more than ever we need to know who plans on using aftercare and on what days.

## PTO Information:

The PTO plays a huge part in what our school is able to accomplish throughout the school year. We encourage all parents to become involved in the PTO. Please watch the newsletters and the website for PTO events and news. If you have any questions please see below officers

President: Rejean Bergman

Vice President: Allyson Breeden

Secretary: Still Looking For

Treasurer: Amy Happe

## Parent Newsletters:

Your next parent newsletter will be available on Monday, August 10. Weekly newsletters are emailed out and posted on our school website: [www.saintwendelschool.org](http://www.saintwendelschool.org).

## Spirit Dress T-shirt:

Your child will receive a **red** "Saint Wendel Catholic School" t-shirt during the "Back to School" pick up event. Your student should wear this t-shirt with their uniform pants/shorts on Friday, August 7th for a PreSchool through 8th grade picture.

## Spirit and Free Dress Days:

Month	Spirit Dress Dates	Free Dress Dates	\$1.00 Free Dress Dates for Service Projects
August	14, 28	7 12 (school picture day)	21 (3rd grade service project)
September	11, 25	4	18 (4 <sup>th</sup> grade service project)
October	9, 23	2, 30	16 (1 <sup>st</sup> grade service project)
November	13	6	20 (7 <sup>th</sup> grade service project)
December	11	4	18 (Parish Haiti Mission project)
January	8, 22	29	15 (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade service project)
February	12, 26	5	19 (Kindergarten service project)
March	12	5	19 ( 5 <sup>th</sup> grade service project)
April	9, 23	2, 30	16 (8th grade service project)
May	14	7	

## School Picture Day:

School Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12. If your child is not able to attend school that day there will be another date scheduled for a make-up day. We will share with you the date once a day is scheduled. Reminder on school picture day students do NOT need to wear their school uniform.

## **Youth First Counselor:**

Saint Wendel Catholic School offers a free school counseling service. This year our school has partnered with Youth First to provide a day and a half of school counseling services to our students. Our new school counselor is Mrs. Mary Ruth Branstetter. She can meet with any student. Paperwork can be found on our website at the very bottom of the homepage. Mary Ruth works on Tuesday and Thursdays at Saint Wendel. She may be reached at [mbranstetter@evdio.org](mailto:mbranstetter@evdio.org).

## **Student Supply List:**

Parents the school supply list was emailed out a couple of weeks ago. It has also been posted on our school website. This year parents had the opportunity to order through a vendor- School Tool Box. We ask that all supplies be dropped off at school on Thursday, July 30 between 7am and 5pm at the front entrance of school.

## **Medication:**

If the medication is a prescription, the medication must be in the original container provided by the pharmacy. All medication is administered through the school office and should be brought to the school office. Any remaining medication must be picked up from the school office by a parent. Medication cannot be sent home with the child-this is a state regulation. *Medication sent in zip-lock bags will not be given.*

## **Health Wellness Check/Yearly Physical:**

Parents each year you should take your child into the doctor for the yearly physical and wellness check. At this time please ask for a print off of immunizations and updated health status and turn into the main office. There is not a partial form just documentation from the doctor's office that we need, usually the office can complete their own form and turn that in.

## **Student Allergies:**

If your child has an allergy which may need medical attention here at school, please contact the school secretary, Mrs. Travers and Mrs. Scheu. Student allergy plans need to be completed with pictures and turned into the teacher, cafeteria and the main office.

## **Sports:**

Saint Wendel's Athletic Director is Cassie Schmitt. Her email is [cassiestading@gmail.com](mailto:cassiestading@gmail.com) if you have any sports related questions.

## **5th Grade Reminder:**

All 5th graders should bring their recorders and binders back to school for the school year.- Thanks, Mrs. Byrne