



# 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 Wednesday, July 26, the Saint Wendel teachers and staff will be passing out back to school paperwork and new spirit dress shirts during our "Back to School" Blitz. If you are going to be on vacation please let me know. If you have special delievery directions please let me know of that as well.*** I know that before we know it, it will be August 9. I am positive that we will have a wonderful school year. Throughout the school year there will be lots of things 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) or you can look under school documents on Sycamore Education. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have a question or concern.

See you soon!



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***\*\*Don't forget the first day of school is Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am\*\****

## **PreSchool and PreK Information:**

PreSchool and PreK open house is on Thursday, August 3rd in the cafetorium. PreSchool will be at 6:00pm and PreK will be at 7:00pm. This is a time for all students to meet their new teachers. Parents, we will be giving you specific directions for drop-off, pick-up, and the new building. ***Please remember that ALL PreSchool and PreK supplies should be brought to open house and delivered to the classrooms so the teachers have some time to go through and organize before the first of school.*** Our Early Childhood expansion project is coming right along but, we will not be in our new space until September. We will give you more information at Open House.

## **Other Information:**

### **Parent Information Night:**

The K-8 Parent Information Night will be held on Monday, August 14. This will be a time for you to meet your children's teachers and ask questions at the different grade levels. This is the time that the teachers and staff will present information given out about the upcoming school year. Just as a reminder, this Parent Information Night is ONLY FOR PARENTS, NOT FOR

STUDENTS. Kindergarten @ 5:30pm; Grades 1 & 6 @ 6:00pm; Grades 2 & 7 @ 6:30pm; Grades 3 & 8 @ 7:00pm; Grades 4 & 5 @ 7:30pm.

At parent information night, you will also receive information on how to sign up for parent/teacher conferences. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19 from 2:30-8:00pm each day.

### **New Staff:**

# Welcome

WELCOME to Mrs. Keri Spahn who is our new Physical Education teacher. Mrs. Keri Spahn previously taught at St. Joe and Corpus Christi. Mrs. Keri Spahn and her husband have four girls- Ashlyn, Ali, Alaina, and Adleigh.

WELCOME to Mrs. Megan Campbell who is our new PreSchool teacher. Mrs. Megan Campbell previously taught at Holy Cross and Holy Rosary. Mrs. Megan Campbell and her husband have one child, Millie.

WELCOME to Mrs. Haley Dessauer who is our new PreSchool teacher and assistant. Mrs. Haley completed her student teaching at St. Philips. Mrs. Haley Dessauer married her husband, Caleb at Saint Wendel this past spring.

WELCOME to Mrs Sallie Wenger who is one of our new PreSchool assistant. Mrs. Sallie Wenger and her husband have five children who all attend Saint Wendel- Kennedy, Kate, Grant, Alex, and Jack.

WELCOME to Mrs. Kiersten Stolz who is another one of our new PreSchool assistants. Mrs. Kiersten Stolz and her husband have four children- Ethan, Drew, Evan, and Anna. Mrs. Kiersten Stolz previously taught in the EVSC.

WELCOME to Ms. Abby Bender who will be our final PreSchool assistant and will run the Aftercare for PreSchool and PreK. Ms. Abby Bender is a Saint Wendel parishioner who recently graduated from Purdue University.

WELCOME back to Mrs. Carolyn Knopfmeier who will be teaching our PreK enrichment class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mrs. Carolyn Knopfmeier previously taught for Saint Wendel until she retired a year ago but, after being away she realized she needed to be around our sweet kids.

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:**

This year you will be able to make tuition payments, lunch payments, and aftercare payments online through Online Giving. Saint Wendel is in the process of transferring all Sunday

offerings/collections over from Parish Pay to 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. 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:**

At this time, we cannot tell you the exact time that buses will be by your house to transport your children to and from school, but we have bus service through the EVSC and North Posey Schools. With our first day of school falling on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> both EVSC and North Posey will be in session. Please make sure your call your bus driver to be put on their list for pickup and drop off.

### **Car Riders:**

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. Please also be patient with the morning drop off because we will be using multiple entrances for drop off for PreSchool and PreK.

### **Dismissal:**

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. Students riding Posey County and EVSC buses remain in classrooms until 3:00 PM and are then supervised by staff until buses arrive.

### **Tuition:**

As a reminder, the tuition rates are: for families who are parishioners of Saint Wendel Parish, \$3,350.00 for 1 student family, \$3,650.00 for 2 student family, \$3,950.00 for a 3 student family, \$4,250.00 for a 4 student family, \$4,550.00 for a 5 student family. For families who are not parishioners of Saint Wendel tuition is \$4,050.00 for 1 student family, \$4,650.00 for a 2 student family, \$5,250.00 for 3 student family, and \$5,850.00 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. Please find directions in your packet and on our website.

### **Wellness Plan:**

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.

### **School Safety:**

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 “visitors” 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.

### **Electronic Gradebook and School Wide System:**

Parents, we will once again be using Sycamore Education. Sycamore has been adopted diocesan wide. We will now have 1 system to do everything: grades, lunch, attendance, etc. Each school family is given a specific password of which to log-on to the Sycamore system. If you have lost or forgotten your password new ones will be sent out at Parent Information Night. There is a direct link on the school website.

### **Extended Care:**

Extended Care is provided for all students, Kindergarten through Grade 8, until 6:00 PM each day when school is in session. If you are interested in registering your student for Extended Care please print off the form from the website or Sycamore.

### **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: Still Searching

Secretary: Amy Graff

Treasurer: Lisa Mauck

**Mark your calendars for the PTO Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 5th!! Look for the information flyer in the Back to School Packet.**

### **Parent Newsletters:**

Your next parent newsletter will be available on Monday, August 14. Weekly newsletters are emailed out and posted on our school website: [www.saintwendelschool.org](http://www.saintwendelschool.org) and on Sycamore every week.

### **Spirit Dress T-shirt:**

Your child will receive a red "Saint Wendel Catholic School" t-shirt during the "Back to School" delivery event. Your student should wear this t-shirt with their uniform pants/shorts on Friday, August 11th for a PreSchool through 8th grade picture.

### **Catholic Charities Counselor:**

We would like to welcome Ms. Kelsey Held to Saint Wendel. Kelsey will be our Catholic Charities counselor. She can meet with any student. Paperwork can be found on our website at the very bottom of the homepage. Her office hours are Mondays from 7:00-9:30am.

**The packet that you will receive on Wednesday, July 26th contains the following school information:**

### **Emergency Card (please return)**

This is to be completed and returned on the first day of school. Hopefully, we will never need this, but it is important for us to have your contact information in case there is ever an emergency involving your child. Please make sure you sign the back of the emergency card.

### **School Lunch:**

With this packet you are receiving the August 2017 lunch menu, it is also on the website and on Sycamore. The cost of a student lunch is \$2.75. 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 a report on the balance of your child's lunch account. Checks are to be made payable to: Saint Wendel School. Parents are encouraged to come to school and eat lunch with their children. If doing so, please contact the school office with that information before 9 am. The price of an adult lunch is \$3.15. Posted on our website and Sycamore you will find the information on the federally funded free/reduced lunch program.

### **Medication Form:**

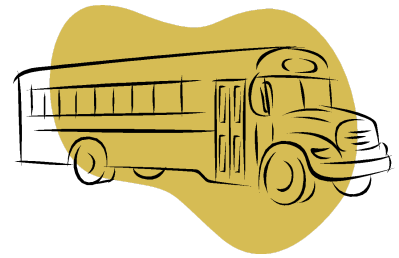
If the medication is a prescription, the medication must be in the original container provided by the pharmacy. All medication is administered through the school office and should be brought to the school office. Any remaining medication must be picked up from the school office by a parent. Medication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

### **Allergy Form:**

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

**Bus Transportation Form:**

Please complete and return this by the week of August 9th. This will assist us in returning your child home safely.



**Handbook and Agreement (please return):**

The Handbook will be sent to you in a second email. The handbook can also be found on the website and Sycamore Education. The last page of the handbook is the agreement form which will be in your packet. This agreement certifies that you have read the 2017-2018 Saint Wendel Handbook and are in agreement with its information. **READ THE HANDBOOK CAREFULLY.** After that, please sign and date the agreement. We are asking that you read through the handbook with students in grade 2-8 and have them sign and date. Please return the signed Handbook Agreement by Wednesday, August 9th. The only change from last year is the state's change on attendance.

**Media Consent Form:**

At times during the school year, school information with students' names/pictures are sent to local media (Posey County News, Westside Courier, The Message) and pictures posted on our school website and the Facebook page, **by signing and returning this form, you are requesting that your child's name/picture NOT be published. If you don't care if your child's name/picture be published you do not need to return this form.**

Again, I look forward to working with each of you this school year. Enjoy the few remaining days of summer before school begins.

May God Continue to Bless our Students, Parents, and Staff!