



St. Ailbe Weekly

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Important Dates

- **11.17.16-** Coffee with the Principal & High School/College Shirt Day
- **11.18.16-** St. Ailbe Goes Red Day
- **11.20.16-** Family Mass at 11:30 am
- **11.23.16- 11.27.16** Thanksgiving Break
- **11.28.16-** Classes Resume Wiggles & Giggles 9:30 am -11:30 am

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Principal's News

Happy Wednesday, Families!

Academic Excellence

As a faculty, we have been focused on cooperative learning. Students always work in groups and now we are focusing on increasing the challenge for the students as they work in the groups. In my weekly walk-throughs, I see the group work that is happening at every grade. Students are being challenged and making connections because of their peers. This is special to St. Ailbe, that this, is consistently happening throughout the ages. Cooperative learning is one of the most impactful ways to increase student growth, and that is definitely a focus for us this school year.

With our break approaching, while I do hope it is refreshing and relaxing as we hop into the holiday season, make sure your students are engaging their brains daily. Students should already be reading daily (always, always, always). With more time, have your child work on educational websites. There are **TONS** of free, super fun ways that your child can go online and maintain a strong educational experience. If you need suggestions, ask your child's teacher.

Just a heads up as the faculty is planning ahead: **SCIENCE FAIR** is coming! The official due dates will be given out by your child's teacher, but we will be displaying the completed projects during Catholic Schools' Week, the week of January 29. Get excited! Get researching!

Christian Values

This Friday, November 18 is our **St. Ailbe Goes Red Day!** We are Going Red to honor Cardinal-elect Blase Cupich on his new role as Cardinal. Please make sure to wear red, red, and more red to show our support for the new responsibility and honor that has been bestowed upon Archbishop Cupich, to be Cardinal Cupich on Friday, November 18. **(Our High School Shirt/ College Shirt Day will move to the November 17 so everyone can participate in both.)**

Family Mass is coming up on November 20. Remember we have our big drawing after **Family Mass** for the \$1,000 raffle ticket prize! Dress down tickets will be passed out after mass lets out. Students without a ticket will not be able to dress down- no exceptions. As stated before, please remember that this Family Mass is a time to celebrate in God's presence. We ask that all students and families not use cell phones during the mass and respectfully participate in the mass. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you!

Information is being sent home today about our #GivingTuesday campaign, **Warm Hearts for Warm Hands**. St. Ailbe is participating in the national Giving Tuesday by collecting gloves that will be donated to local shelters. St. Ailbe has set an ambitious goal of collecting 500 pairs of gloves! We will start collecting tomorrow, and deliver the gloves to the shelters on Tuesday, November 29! Please help us reach our goal!

Family Partnerships

Thank you to everyone for getting in the Immunizations and Physicals. I appreciate your patience and cooperation to ensure the wellness of all of our students. I assure you that this year has helped set us up for a successful (and smooth) next year.

If you are free on Saturday, coming up, to help out at Jewel to collect food donations, please send in the form that was sent home last week. Please check the website for another form if it was misplaced or call the office to set up a time. **THANK YOU!**

As Thanksgiving is approaching next week, I want to say a special thank you to everyone. I am so genuinely grateful for this new role in my life. I have loved every minute here and look forward to our future together. I see this principal position as one of my greatest blessings. Enjoy the break with family and relaxation. To you and your family, have a blessed Thanksgiving!

~Mrs. Mostyn



Raffle Winners



1st Drawing \$100 Prize (Monday, November 14, 2016)- Yolanda Booker

2nd Drawing \$100 Prize (Tuesday, November 15, 2016)- Fred Fomby

3rd Drawing \$100 Prize (Today)- Irene Wade

Weekend Volunteer Opportunity

Jewel is pairing with St. Ailbe to help feed our community with donations given at the 95th and Stony Island store by patrons.

We are looking for volunteers to go with their children to that location on Saturdays throughout the month, between the hours of 9-2 pm. If you are able to volunteer, this time will count towards your required volunteer hours for the school year.

We appreciate you representing our school and helping our families during the holiday season that is quickly approaching!



Volunteer Opportunities

Parking Lot Monitors

*AM Shift - 7:45am-8:15am

*PM Shift - 2:45pm-3:15pm

Greeter- 7:45am-8:15am

Nacho Day

Coffee With the Principal

Fundraisers (Fall, Winter, Spring)

Parent Ambassador Group

School Programs (Christmas, Black History, Literacy Night, Back2School Parade)

Scholastic Book Fair

Classroom Helper

Athletic Program

Food Pantry

Prayer Group

Field Trips

Spiritual Development

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving is almost here! With that being said, the **school will be closed Wednesday, November 23rd - Friday, November 27th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday!



Coffee with the Principal

Coffee with the Principal is tomorrow, November 17, 2016 at 8:00am and is hosted by the 5th grade Parents. Come out and enjoy great conversation, laughter and of course, Coffee!!!

High school & College Shirt Day

This month, our High school/College shirt day will be Thursday, November 17, 2016. Students will be able to wear a Catholic High school or any College shirt of their choice with Khakis or their school pants!