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Opening of School Information
2010-2011

June 2010

Dear Saint Charles School Families,

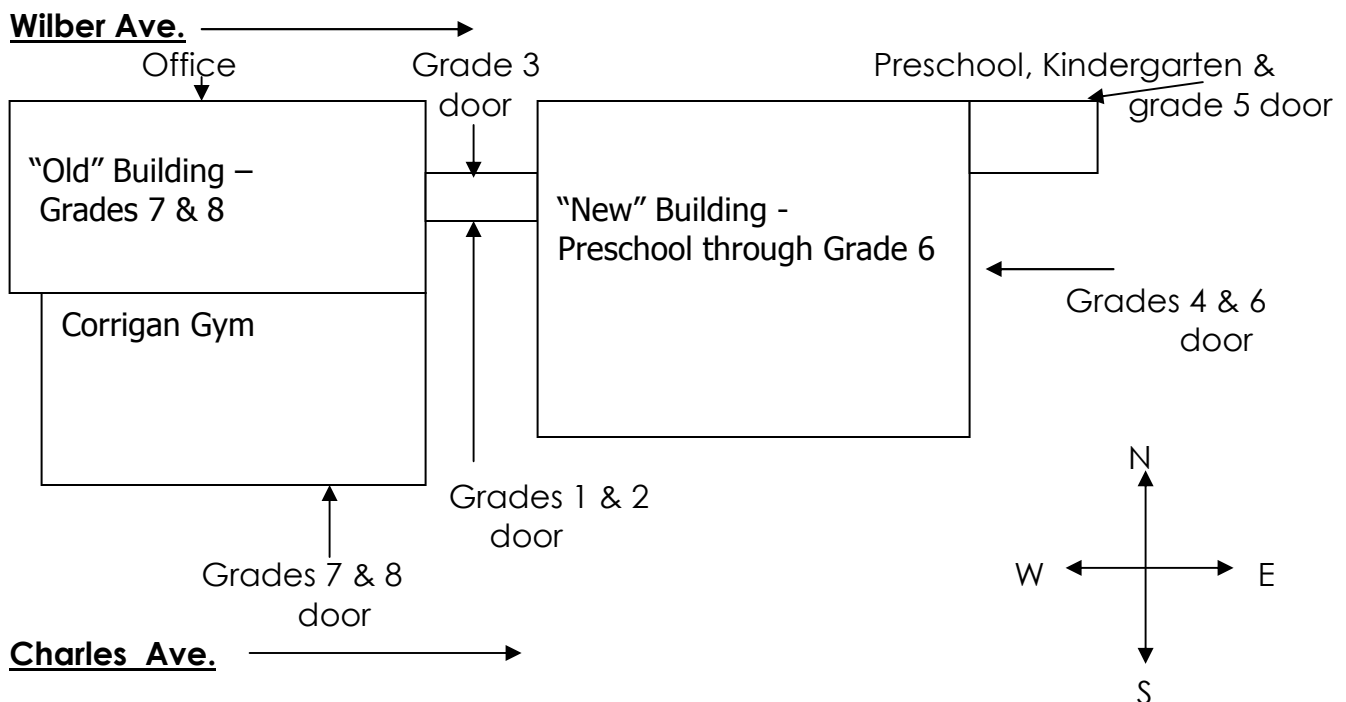
Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year! We look forward to a new and exciting school year beginning on August 23, 2010! Attached you will find some useful information for the beginning of school. Some changes and additions have been made. Please read it through now and then place this packet in a safe place so you can refer to it in August!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer – See you at Sunday Mass, Vacation Bible School and the Carnival!

Mrs. Updegrove

Opening of School Schedule

Grades 1-8: Students should report by 7:55 AM on Monday, August 23, 2010 to the places surrounding the school indicated on the diagram below. Remember to follow the new traffic plan for Wilber Ave. beginning with the first day of school. Students will have a full day of classes (8:00-2:30) beginning the first day. Students may pack a lunch on Monday or Tuesday. Pizza and drinks will also be available for purchase on Monday and Tuesday. The hot lunch program begins on Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Extended Day Care will begin on Monday, August 23, 2010. Students must be registered for Extended Day Care in order to attend.



Mass Attendance and Certificate Program: Sunday Mass attendance should remain a priority during the summer months. Vacation from school does not mean a vacation from Mass. As the primary educators of children, parents have an obligation to be role models of the faith.

Saint Charles Certificate Program continues during the summer months. Certificates are available in the Church Rectory Office weekdays from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Families may continue to accumulate tuition credits all during the summer months. Get those grocery and gas cards today!

Beginning of the year packets/folders: Final class lists will be posted on Monday, August 16 by about 9:00 AM. Families may pick up the opening of the school year family folders/packet with all the necessary paperwork beginning Monday, August 16. "Bookstore" items such as canvas book bags, canvas pencil pouches, and glue for kindergarteners may also be purchased in the school office beginning August 16.

****** NEW ***** Drop off supplies early ☺ :**

On Sunday, August 22 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (after 10:30 and 12:00 Mass), families may bring school supplies to the classroom. This alleviates the excess paper towels and tissue boxes being brought in on the first day. Plus, you have a sneak peek into the classroom before the first day. Be sure your child's name is on all supplies dropped off to school. "Bookstore" items such as canvas book bags, canvas pencil pouches, and glue for kindergarteners may also be purchased in the school office on Sunday, August 22. Families might even have a chance to meet a teacher or two on that day. See you then!

Kindergarten and Preschool: Families of Kindergarten and Preschool students will receive a mailing in August detailing the beginning of the school year procedures and schedule. Both programs begin with a staggered schedule that allows for question and answer sessions as your child begins his/her school year. Preschool classes begin after Labor Day. Kindergarten will begin with staggered schedule on the first day of school – August 23.

Curriculum Night: Our annual Curriculum Night will be Wednesday, August 25 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Parents of students in grades seven and eight are invited to a general junior high information meeting beginning at 6:00 PM in Corrigan gym. This is an opportunity for the adults to learn about the curriculum and expectations for the new school year, meet the teacher, join PTU, etc. Many organizations will be represented in the gym during the evening. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The information presented during this evening will be beneficial to the start of a successful school year.

Saint Charles Borromeo School Uniform Policy

***** As you are making purchases of school supplies and uniforms, please keep the following school uniform code in mind. Students will be expected to follow the dress code every day. *****

Preschool and Kindergarten boys and girls: Preschool and K students wear play clothing that is both appropriate for school wear and weather conditions. School clothing should be different from “play” clothes children wear for home play. Socks **must** be worn with shoes. Crocs, sandals and backless shoes are not permitted.

Accessories for students in Grades 1 – 8:

School Shoes:

- ✓ Canvas and/or athletic shoes that resemble tennis shoes will not be permitted as part of the regular school uniform. Use caution when shopping at stores such as “Skechers”.
- ✓ A shoe with a moderate heel (approximately 1-2 inches in height) is appropriate for school wear. Shoes should be an “earthen” color (brown, black, gray, tan). Platform shoes, leather boots, work boots, hiking shoes/boots, tennis shoes, and open back shoes are not permitted. Shoelaces should match the shoe.
- ✓ Students should wear boots when there is snow on the ground and change into regular school shoes upon entering school.

Sweatshirts/Sweaters:

- ✓ When students wear either sweaters or sweatshirts, they must wear a knit polo shirt underneath.
- ✓ Sweaters may be pullover or cardigan in style in a solid color of white, yellow, navy blue, gray, or dark green.
- ✓ The only sweatshirts that are permitted are Saint Charles sweatshirts. No CYO sweatshirts may be worn inside the building during the day. For safety reasons, hooded sweatshirts and sweaters are not permitted to be worn during the school day but may be worn for recess.
- ✓ Students may not wear sweatshirts with the logo of neighboring Catholic grade schools at any time during the school day.
- ✓ **NEW 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR – FLEECE PULLOVERS (QUARTER ZIP WITH SIDE POCKETS) AND FULL ZIP PULLOVERS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH SCHOOLBELLES. THESE FLEECE SWEATERS ARE PERMITTED TO BE WORN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Our school code for shopping online is S0054. Look under “school specialty items.”**

Jewelry:

- Girls only may wear one earring in each ear, post only - no dangles are to be worn.
- Students may wear one ring, one watch, and one religious necklace.
- Other jewelry, buttons or pins on persons or clothing are not permitted.

Hairstyles:

- Unusual, fad or extreme hairstyles are not acceptable.
- Dyed hair is not acceptable (if student does not adhere, then he/she will be sent home and may not return to school until hair is returned to natural color). **Dyed hair includes highlights.**
- Boys' hairstyles are to be neat and the length of hair may not exceed the collar in back. Hair should not cover the eyes or be at a length in the front so that hair needs to be pushed out of the eyes on a regular basis.

Gym Uniforms: Kindergarten boys and girls do not wear a gym uniform

Grades 1 – 8:

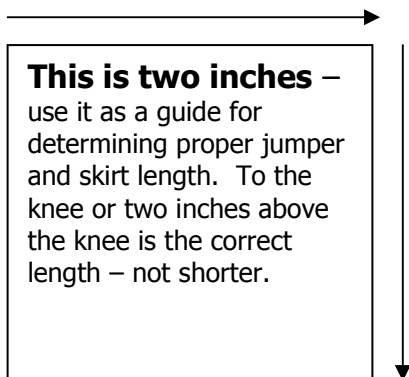
School T-shirt (gray) – ordered in the fall of each school year, must be purchased through school

Plain navy blue shorts – may be purchased at any store, appropriate in length – plain shorts are available to order in the fall with t-shirts

Gym socks and tennis shoes in good repair

Girls Uniform Grades 1-8

- Students may choose to wear a plaid jumper, skirt, split skirt, or skort from Schoolbelles Uniform Company (www.schoolbelles.com). School code for online shopping is S0054. Skirts and jumpers must be knee length – no shorter than two inches above the knee. This will be strictly enforced in 2010-2011 school year. Skirt length is a matter of modesty for girls and young women.



- Knit polo shirts (banded or unbanded) may be worn in dark blue, light blue, pale yellow, hunter green or white. Be sure that the shade of green purchased is hunter green only. Unbanded shirts must be tucked in. Do not continue to purchase blouses. Polo shirts are being phased in as the only option.
- Socks, knee-highs, and tights must be a solid navy, hunter green, yellow or white.
- Dress slacks may be of uniform plaid, navy or khaki (as in the color beige or tan).
 - Dress slacks may be like those purchased from Schoolbelles, **which means that all the pockets are on the inside of the pants (not sewn-on pockets).**

- There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter style pants, or any facsimile of either).
- Slacks must fit properly – not baggy or too tight.
- A belt must be worn if pants have belt loops.
- Make-up is not appropriate for school and may not be worn.
- Nail polish and acrylic nails are not permitted. Students may be asked to remove nail polish under the supervision of office staff.

Boys Uniform Grades 1-8

- Knit polo shirts may be worn in dark blue, light blue or white with a collar (either long or short sleeve). Shirts must be tucked in. Plain white t-shirts may be worn under shirts.
- Navy, black or khaki (as in the color beige or tan) dress pants may be worn.
 - Dress slacks do not have sewn-on pockets, which means that all the pockets are on the inside of the pants.
 - There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter pants), or any possibility of rip-off or zip-off legs, or facsimile of either of these.
 - Pants must fit properly - not baggy or too tight.
- A plain black, brown or navy dress belt must be worn with all pants that have belt loops.
- Socks that cover the ankle must be worn with regular uniform.

Boys Grades 7 & 8

Students may choose to wear dress-collared shirts with a tie. Students may wear knit polo shirts that are dark blue, light blue or white in color with a collar. Shirts must be tucked in.

Cool Down Dress Policy Grades 1 – 8

- During the months of August, September, May and June, the cool down dress policy will be in effect. Cool down uniforms are an option. Students may choose to wear the regular uniform.
- Students may wear navy or khaki dress/uniform walking shorts, like those purchased from Schoolbelles or from the uniform section of major department stores.
 - **They should be of knee length.**
 - **There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter pants/shorts).**
 - **All pockets are on the inside of the shorts (no sewn on pockets).**
- Belts must be worn with shorts that have belt loops.
- Students may wear tennis shoes during the shorts option days. Shoelaces must match the shoes. Clean plain white socks must be worn with tennis shoes.
- Students must change into physical education uniforms on gym days.