



St. Richard Catholic School

Swanton, Ohio

"EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION"

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ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE IN FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, SERVICE

I FEAR NO EVIL

"Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side." Psalm 23:4

Many people would say this psalm is their favorite bible passage. No wonder! We all have to face scary things in the "dark valleys" of our lives. To feel sure that Jesus is right there with us would be wonderful indeed. Guess what? Jesus *is* right there with us whether we feel his presence or not. This great psalm is a reminder of what is true, whether we are in the dark valley or the bright sunshine.

Lord Jesus, be at my said always.

Source: Living Faith for Kids

DATES TO REMEMBER—

Check here for the latest reminders

- April 28—Writing Competency testing begins for Grades 3, 5, 8.
- May 7—6:00 p.m. Parent Club meets; Marcos Pizza Night
- May 8—8:30 a.m. Mass planned by Grades 3 & 4; Science Fair for Grades 5, 6, 7, 8
- May 9—Midterm Cutoff date; Testing for registered incoming Kindergarten students; **no school for Kindergarten students**
- May 10—Confirmation Retreat
- May 14—Midterms go home; 7:00 p.m. School Advisory meets
- May 12-15—Scholastic Book Fair

- May 15—8:30 a.m. Mass planned by Grades 5 & 6; Happy Birthday, Mrs. Cook!!! Grandparents Day
- May 16—Happy Birthday, Sister Jean!!! Walk-a-Thon: Walking With the Stars
- May 21—6:30 p.m. Endowment Meeting
- May 22—8:30 a.m. Mass planned by Grades 1 & 2; 7:00 p.m. Confirmation here at St. Richard—Father Charlie Ritter will preside
- May 26—Memorial Day—no school
- May 29—8:30 a.m. Mass planned by Kindergarten
- May 30—Field Day
- June 4—7:00 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation planned by Grades 7 & 8
- June 5—8:30 a.m. Mass planned by Grade 7; 6:00 p.m. Parent Club meets
- June 6—Last day of school
- June 9—11:30 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

PRAYERS FOR CLAIRE

Yesterday the students learned about the life of Sister Mary Aloysia, Foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Sister Mary Valerie role played her life and the students learned how she always wanted to be a missionary and work with orphans since Sister Mary Aloysia was an orphan. Her dream came true when she was able to come to the United States and work in Cleveland and Delphos, Ohio. She worked with orphans in Cleveland and taught school in Delphos. After the presentation, everyone present gathered around Claire Lathers to pray a special prayer that Claire may be healed of her health problems. The students have asked that we continue to pray this prayer each day for Claire that she may be healed soon. We pray it each morning with our Morning Offering and Prayer to St. Richard.



KINDERGARTEN TESTING

Those students who are registered for Kindergarten for next year will be tested on May 9. There will be no class that day for Kindergarten students. If you have a Kindergartener for next year, please make sure they are registered so they can be tested.

SCHOOL SPIRIT JACKET ORDERS

We have an opportunity to get School Spirit Jackets for the Fall. Your child/children were given fliers with all the information on it. Please look it over and send back the orders and money by tomorrow May 8, 2014. Thank you.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

We will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Thursday, May 15. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by refreshments in school. If a student does not have living Grandparents, they may invite a special person in their life to come that day. Students will take their Grandparent or Special Person on a tour of the school and to the Book Fair that day.



WALK-A-THON

Our Walk-a-thon will be on May 16th at 1:00 p.m. Come and do some "Walking with the Stars."

REPORT CARDS NEED TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH TWO (2) 49 CENT STAMPS ON THEM

BOOK FAIR NEXT WEEK



We will have our Scholastic Book Fair next week

Monday through Thursday, May 12-15 in the Art Room. All books will be buy one, get one free.

Information was sent with your child regarding this.

TUITION AND FUNDRAISING ACCOUNTS

Just a reminder that no diplomas and/or report cards will be given, or records sent to schools unless all tuition, fees, lunch charges, library fines and fees are paid in full. All library books, textbooks and other items that belong to the school must be returned or paid for before any transactions can take place.

LUNCH CHARGES

Please send in lunch and milk money for your children in a timely manner. Some bills are not being paid and students have numerous charges.

Your child is allowed only one (1) lunch charge. A Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich will be given the first day only. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCRIP UPDATE

As of April 1, 2014 everyone will need to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Even if you have recently signed up for these rewards, you must sign up again beginning April 1, 2014. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Either "Sign In" if you already have an account, or "Create an account". You will be asked to enter your email address &

password. Once the next page is up 'click' Enroll Now - our organization number is 80729 then 'click' Search. Once St. Richard School shows up you MUST click on the 'bubble', then Enroll. You are now officially enrolled for another year!

Please support this program – St. Richard has received \$8,347.82 from February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014 – THANK YOU!!

If you have problems enrolling OR re-enrolling please contact Val Myers @ 419-829-3307 or vmyers920@aol.com. Those that were registered by Val last year will also be re-registered by her this year.

Thank you!!

Contract forms for the 2015-2016 school year are attached to this newsletter.

We are now stocking cash and carry Kroger gift cards in the school office. They are in \$25 and \$100 amounts.

There will be a \$20 service fee for all checks that are returned to us from banks for Insufficient Funds.

ED CHOICE 2014-2015 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The following link has information regarding scholarships for 2014-2015 Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. These scholarships help to cover the cost of tuition. Check this for more information.

<http://www.scoho.org/school-options/choose-school-options/private-school/ohioscholarships/scholarship.html>

If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten or Grade 1 next year, you may want to check the Fact

Sheet. You may qualify for tuition to be paid in full by the State of Ohio for next school year.

New and renewal applications must be brought to school by May 7 at the latest so all paper work can be sent in on time.

NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2014-2015 Waiting List Application forms are available in the School Office. These are due to the Northwest Ohio Scholarship office by May 30, 2014. Get it done now so you don't forget.

FACTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Forms for applying for the FACTS scholarship are available in the office. Forms are due May 30th.

ONE FAITH MANY BLESSINGS

This is a scholarship from the Diocese of Toledo for tuition assistance. Forms are available in the school office. Forms are due May 30th.

NDA SUMMER CAMPS

See the attached flyer for summer camps at Notre Dame Academy.



St. Richard Crusaders 2014 Spring Soccer Schedules

Day	Date	Team	Grade	Time	Field Name	Home Team	Away Team
Thursday	5/8/2014	Junior	7 & 8	6:00 PM	ST. RICHARD	St. Richard	Evergreen
Sunday	5/10/2014	Minor	3 & 4	11:15 AM	CYO - St. Ursula Field	Christ the King	St. Richard
Saturday	5/10/2014	Pee Wee	1 & 2	12:15 PM	CYO - Boyle Field	St. Richard	FALU

Middle School Dance Update:

Last Friday, 67 students from 10 different schools enjoyed dancing to tunes provided by MC Sounds as well as a photo booth!



The winners of the Spring Raffle Baskets were Kate Lathers of St. Richard and Adam Niese of St. Richard. Congratulations!



Chaperones - your time, assistance and commitment is always appreciated!



Mary Anne and Rich Lathers Sue and Bob Fesenmyer
Diane Niese Stephanie and Tony Stuart
Brenda LaPlante Jeff Callicotte Sr. Jean John Lenz

Profits from dances continue to provide enrichment to our students. This year's profits were able to send our middle school students on additional art field trips to create glass projects at Copper Moon Studio and a glass blowing studio.

Our next Middle School Dance will be held in November of 2014.

Hope to see you then,
Lisa Lenz

SCHOLAR DOLLARS (SCRIP)

St. Richard School Parent Club

School Year 2014-2015

Discount will be applied for 2015/2016 school year

Please **sign (by the X) and return** this form with first order each school year!

- 1.) To be filled in by all who participate in Scholar Dollars:

Your Name _____

(Last)

(First)

(Middle In)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

******You must also register your Kroger Plus Card online (www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and designate St. Richard School (80729) as your organization to earn funds.**

Please complete so your money will be applied appropriately (if nothing is marked Parent Club will decide):

- () Family of _____ for _____ Catholic School
(Must be within the Toledo Diocese)
- () St. Richard School of Religion for the Family of _____
- () St. Richard School Tuition Assistance Fund (This helps families with the expense of tuition)
- () St. Richard General School Fund (This helps with operating expenses incurred by the school)
- () Favorite teacher at St. Richard School _____ Grade _____
- () Family Fundraising Fee _____

Would you like to keep your donation confidential? () yes () no (if nothing is marked no will be assumed)

2. **DISCLAIMER.** Complete this part **only if your child is permitted** to bring your certificates home from St. Richard School. Certificates will **not be sent home** with your child, if the disclaimer is not signed.

I AUTHORIZE ST. RICHARD PARENT CLUB TO RELEASE MY SCHOLAR DOLLARS GIFT CERTIFICATES AND VOUCHERS TO MY CHILD. I WILL NOT HOLD ST. RICHARD SCHOOL OR THE PARENT CLUB RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR MISPLACED CERTIFICATES.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Signature _____ Date _____

- 3.) **FUTURE FAMILIES ONLY.** Complete this part if your child is not yet enrolled in Catholic education.

Projected date of enrollment: _____ Child's Name: _____

- 4.) **I have read, understand, and will abide by the policies of the Scholar Dollars Program**

X

SIGNATURE

DATE

**Policies of the St. Richard Parent Club
Scholar Dollars Program (SCRIP)
2014-2015**

1. Purchases from the Scrip Program for the 2014/2015 school year will run through March. Any questions about the Scrip Program should be directed to the Scrip Program coordinators, Val Myers at 419-829-3307 and Laura Kuhlman at 419-825-2577.
2. Family or friends may help you with your tuition reduction by ordering certificates and noting your name on the contract they sign with the earnings directed to your family. All checks in the envelope must be made payable to St. Richard Parent Club. These checks are non-tax deductible because you receive dollar for dollar value.
3. The percentage earned on each participating family Account Number will be held by St. Richard Parent Club and credited to your account on next year's tuition. The dollar amount earned will be noted on your pickup envelope except for any purchased cash and carry certificates.
4. The Scrip Program is being offered to promote a Catholic education of students at St. Richard Parish; therefore the money collected on your account will be paid to St. Richard School for tuition for grades Preschool-8 or School of Religion. If you have no children attending either of these, the monies held under your Account can be:
 - a. Credited to another family's tuition at St. Richard School or a Toledo Diocesan School of your choice.
 - b. Credited to the St. Richard School Tuition Assistance Fund (This helps families in need of scholarships with tuition)
 - c. Credited to the General School Fund (This helps with operating expenses incurred by the school)
 - d. Credited to a favorite teacher at St. Richard School
 - e. Used toward a family's "Fundraising Fee"**If nothing is noted, it will automatically be given to the school general fund.**
5. Certificate orders will only be given to parents unless a Disclaimer of Responsibility form has been signed. This must be done for each school year before certificates will be released to your child. These forms will be kept on file.
6. All completed certificate order forms may be turned in at any time, but no later than **Monday at Noon** if you wish to receive your order on **Friday** of that week. Orders may be turned in to the teacher, school office, collection basket at Mass, or Parish office. No late orders will be accepted. Filled orders and new order forms will be available for pickup on Friday during school hours unless you choose to pick up the order from the parish office during their hours. We reserve the right to change any incorrect dollar amount increments or issue a credit slip.
7. These gift certificates are just like cash. **Neither St. Richard School or the Parent Club** are responsible for lost or misplaced certificates.
8. Anyone writing a N.S.F. check will incur a fee of \$35.00 to be paid to the Parent Club. After two N.S.F. checks are tendered, only money orders or cashiers checks will be accepted on your account. No further personal checks will be accepted for purchase of certificates.
9. The Scrip Program being offered by St. Richard Parent Club uses the services of certificate broker organizations. These organizations purchase gift and merchandise certificates in large quantities at a discount from major food and retail chains. As a school organization, we are able to buy these certificates at the discount but in smaller quantities to sell at face value, thereby raising funds for the designated recipient that is chosen (see #4). Your 'rebate' ranges from 2 to 24 percent of the certificate value. 'Rebate' percentages are subject to change without notice. A complete list of stores and restaurants, along with the percentage discount the designated recipient receives is on the order form. St. Richard Parent Club and St. Richard School shares 2% of any scrip offered by our supplier which is over 5%, if the scrip offered by the supplier is 4% or less, the purchasers receive the entire percentage.
10. The certificates can be used, for the most part, just like cash or a check at the participating stores. Certificates have an expiration date varying from six months to two years. Some stores limit the amount of change that can be returned from a certificate purchase (see individual certificates). Do not expect any change unless it is explicitly stated so on the certificate.
11. In cases where the business has suddenly closed before the certificates can be used, a refund of up to \$50 will be considered by St. Richard Parent Club.