



# Fourteen Holy Helpers School News

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BACK IN THE SWING!

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## PICNIC THANKS

Many thanks to our wonderful H.S.A. (Home School Association – that’s YOU!) -- headed by Mr. Rob Cruz, Mr. Ralph Gibson, Mrs. Carol Winiarski, Mrs. Kathy Carl, and Mrs. Colleen Sikora – for the spirit filled back-to-school picnic! It was lovely to see familiar and new faces, and to have an opportunity to meet the teachers. It was also a special privilege to celebrate the service of **Mrs. Sally Becker**, who has kept the office boat “afloat” while tending to the needs of the children for so many years! Sally will continue her work with the EDP, so her presence will be felt within the school. We also welcome and celebrate Mrs. Justine Krzeminski, who joined our office staff this August. Justine is learning the ropes at a rapid pace!

## WELCOME BACK!

Our students have moved right into the swing and rhythm of school and are clearly ready for a year of active learning! The bells are ringing (in music class, too!) and schedules are being deciphered. Parents are being “oriented” and our littlest ones will be “touring” the school and going on scavenger hunts through the offices! On Friday morning, we will celebrate the new year with a very special prayer service officiated by our own Father David, with blessings for all our new endeavors. Our theme for the year is **Faith, Academics, Service** and we intend to excel in all of these!

And now for all the news of the week:

## FAMILY ENVELOPES

This is our first family envelope of the year. After this week, family envelopes will be sent home with the youngest or only elementary child in each family and our PPK children every Thursday, filled with important information for your review. Please have your child return the envelope to his/her homeroom teacher each Friday – or the next day of school.

## DIOCESAN PARENT SURVEY & E-RATE

We are asking ALL families to complete the enclosed white forms from the Diocese of Buffalo entitled *Letter to Parents for School Meal Program* and *Catholic School Family Survey*. Several parameters other than income are used as qualifiers for special e-Rate funding and Title I eligibility for Fourteen Holy Helpers School. Your input will help to maximize our financial awards through the program. Please return the completed forms to classrooms tomorrow. Thank you!

## MORE IMPORTANT FORMS COMING HOME

Several additional forms that require your attention are included with this mailing:

- The **CHILD EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM** must be completed for each child in the family. Please return this form tomorrow.
- The **PHOTO and FAMILY DIRECTORY AUTHORIZATION** will enable us to include your child’s picture in school –related marketing and presentation activities including the yearbook and notification of awards and activities to newspapers. If you’d like to be included in a family directory, simply indicate items for inclusion.
- **IN SCHOOL SERVICE NEEDS** include ROOM PARENT, LIBRARY READERS, LUNCH MODERATORS, PLAYGROUND AIDES and OFFICE SUPPORT. If you can help, please complete the enclosed form and we’ll schedule you ASAP!

### FORMS, cont'd

- The **AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP & ACTIVITY FORM** is a **weekly** form on which you may designate the day-to-day after-school activities of your child(ren), indicating regular pick-up, bus pick-up, EDP (Extended Day Program) or other activities.
- The **SEPTEMBER MENU** is included for your daily review in making lunch selections.

### A SPECIAL NOTE ON EDP

If you have not yet registered for the EDP (Extended Day Program) for the 2011-2012 school year, please do so by sending your completed forms in, or by stopping in at the office to obtain and complete a new registration form. Only registered students will be included in the program.

### BAND SIGN-UP TOMORROW

All students in grades three through eight who are interested in participating in the **after-school band program** are invited to attend an information meeting tomorrow, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:50 a.m. in our cafeteria. This year's band program will meet for group lessons on Thursday afternoons after school. More information will follow.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT CHANGED TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

All parents are invited to attend our Back-to-School Night next Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., beginning in the Parish Hall with general overviews by our HSA, Father David and Yours Truly, and followed by classroom visits with an overview of your child's curriculum and the year ahead. Sign-up sheets for the December conferences will also be available. Please plan on joining us for this important evening!

### FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All students in grades three through eight are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the last Sunday of each month from September through April. Practices are held on Monday evenings, and students may participate on a monthly basis as greeters, singers, gift bearers, banner-makers and readers. See the attached flyer for more details.

### PARKING LOT UPDATES

Many thanks for your patience and cooperation in learning the drop-off/pick-up procedures for the students of 14HH.

### AND MORE REMINDERS...

- Our full-day PreK4 program begins on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Our PreK-3 classes begin on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Classes dismiss at 11:30 a.m.**
- Our first school Mass and induction of Student Council officers and Bookstore managers will take place next Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. Student Mass.

### UP AND COMING AT 14HH

- September 21 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night at 7:00 p.m.
- September 23 - Catholic Elementary All School Reunion at the Hearthstone