

St. Aloysius Academy

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Dear Parents,

When we experience the MLB All-Star break, we know the weeks of summer seem to start to move more quickly. In a sense here we are at the bottom of the 9th inning, focused on homeplate a.k.a. the first day of school! Wow!

As we move closer to our exciting beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, to keep informed, please check the website -- especially ***Calendar, Parent Resources/Files to Download (download summer reading list, medical and dental forms, stationery list, yearly calendar and St. AA bus registration), Arts, Athletics, and Alumni*** links for updates. This summer letter contains some essential information that you will find helpful to your preparations for your son(s) during these next few weeks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: All school uniforms must be purchased at *Flynn and O'Hara* stores in Festival Shopping Center in Exton and Drexeline Shopping Center in Drexel Hill. When we return to school, students may wear the blue golf shirt and gray dress trousers (black belt) with school regulation shoes. The regular "winter" uniform consists of a regulation white shirt (no decoration), tie, gray ***dress*** trousers, navy blue/black dress socks, belt with regulation school shoes. A *Flynn and O'Hara* order form is available at the school office. Beige/black buck shoes (oxford tie, velcro or slip-on) or black leather shoes (tie, velcro or slip-on) may be worn. *No boot, moccasin or athletic styles are permitted.* New shoes may be purchased at *B & S Shoe Store* in Drexeline Shopping Center or through *Olly Shoes* located in Paoli Shopping Center, Main Street at Exton, Marple Crossroads Shopping Center, and Suburban Square in Ardmore.

Our school store carries the blue golf shirt, gym clothing, school bag and gym bag; school ties are also available. **The school store will be open in the evening on Aug. 25 and Aug. 26 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM and on August 31 and Sept. 1st from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.** VISA and MC are accepted.

STATIONERY: Classroom teachers will take care of stationery needs that are included in tuition fees –such as copybooks and folders. Other supplies may be purchased by the students at school the first week of school or from other vendors during the summer. These other required supplies are listed by grade level on the website under PARENT RESOURCES – Go to Files to Download.

BUSING: Call the transportation department of your school district with any questions. New students should know the SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS that they ride (e.g., Marple, TE, Great Valley, etc.).

SPORTS: Any new student (grade 5 - 8) who wishes information about fall sports should call the Athletic Department (610.525.6897). Our football and soccer programs usually begin two weeks prior to the opening of school.

BUDDY SYSTEM: Each **new** family is assigned a “buddy family.” Once your buddy has made contact with you, feel free to call them for information or clarifications. *All questions welcomed!*

LUNCH: Lunch money may be deposited in your son’s lunch account beginning the last two weeks of August. \$200 or more is requested for start-up. VISA and MC are accepted for deposits in excess of \$200. New students will receive a cafeteria account number and information in late summer prior to the opening of the school year. Students may purchase the cafeteria entrée and/or any other items a la carte such as hot dog, peanut & jelly sandwich, bagels. A variety of drinks and snacks are also available. Bringing lunch from home is also acceptable.

PRETZEL SNACK: Students are invited to purchase a pretzel (Vendor: Pretzel Boys) for each day’s recess break. Pretzels may be paid for by the Trimester (\$30.00 per trimester term) or for the entire school year (\$90.00). Students in grades K-3 have the option of ordering a half-pretzel (Payment therefore is ½ of fee.) Ordering information is sent home the first week of school. Good news! The first day of school for students, they each receive a FREE pretzel!

EXTENDED DAY: Extended day is available beginning the first full week of school (Sept. 13th) until 6:00 PM. For further information please contact the School Office.

FIRST DAY: All students, *new and old*, will gather in Katharine Drexel Hall on their first day of school, arriving no later than 8:20 AM. This location continues to be our meeting place to begin our day together throughout the school year.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Wed.	September 8	Grades K - 4 only	8:20AM - 3:10PM	(Kindergarten 8:20 - 11:30)
Thurs.	September 9	Grades 5 – 8 AND K only	8:20AM - 3:10PM	(Kindergarten 8:20 - 11:30)
Fri.	September 10	Grades K - 8	8:20AM - 3:10PM	(Kindergarten 8:20 - 11:30)

The tentative 2010-2011 school calendar as other useful forms can be accessed from our website – www.staloysiusacademy.org

Go to PARENT RESOURCES; then choose Files to Download. You will see the School Calendar and other useful information documents listed.

Summer Blessings! Special hello to our boys! Let them know that the Friday of the week we return to school, we are having a 115th Anniversary of the Academy Back-To-School Birthday Bash! Yeah! Celebrate good times...come on!

If any question comes up, do not hesitate to contact the School Office!

As always, asking God to bless you in your vocation as parent, with love,

*Sister Stephen Anne IHM
Principal*

*Sister Noreen Joseph IHM
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