



**St. Anastasia Catholic School**  
**Newsletter**  
**October, 2009**



\*\*\*\*\* *Our Lady of the Rosary Month* \*\*\*\*\*

*October 17<sup>th</sup> – Octoberfest/Raffle for Education*

From:  
 Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey, Superintendent of Schools

**Re: H1N1 Virus**

The U.S. Department of Education has provided some detailed suggestions about continuing student learning during both the seasonal and H1N1 flu seasons. I want to make sure all of you are aware of these so that you can assist your school to plan how learning will continue for individual students who may be home for an extended period of time or for whole school communities if a particular school is closed. Since some individual teachers can also be expected to become ill, planning ahead will facilitate their ability to continue instruction.

While ever so much is being written, please do start with prevention - tissues, hand sanitizers (before meals and after play), hand washing, covering coughs, sanitizing surfaces, more hand washing, and **STAYING HOME WHEN ILL**.

The protocol changed as more was known about the virus. Right now, closure is not preferred. While that could change, schools are being asked to remain open.

The new recommendations for continuing learning can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/pandemic/index.html> under Continuity of Learning.

God bless you and the others who are adding extra tasks to planning for a successful school year.

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Note: All classrooms and the cafeteria are provided with hand sanitizers.

**FYI: When Is It More Than a Cold? (Source: CNN)**

**Cold Symptoms:**

- Stuffy nose
- Congestion
- Body aches
- Growing cough
- Symptoms last 3 to 5 days

**H1N1 or Seasonal Flu Symptoms:**

- Fever
- More painful body aches
- Dry cough
- Diarrhea
- Severe fatigue
- Respiratory problems
- Dehydration

*It may take testing to determine if you have seasonal flu or H1N1.*

**Memo from the Illinois State Board of Education**

**Re: Elimination of FY 2010 Funding for the Parent Transportation Reimbursement Program (September, 2009)**

*This memorandum is being sent as formal notification that a fiscal year 2010 appropriation was not awarded for the Parent Guardian Reimbursement Program authorized under Section 29-5.2 of the Illinois Code.*

*The lack of FY 2010 funding will prevent the State Board from paying any Parent Guardian Transportation claims filed for the 2008-09 school year. These payments are normally made in December each year. In the event that funds are restored this fiscal year we will promptly pay the 2008-09 claims that were submitted.*

*If you have any questions regarding this information provided in this memorandum, please contact the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at 217-782-5256.*

**Athletics & Schoolwork:** Starting immediately, teachers will be e-mailing Mrs. Brolley the names of athletes who are lagging behind with their schoolwork or getting very low grades, who will then forward to the respective coaches. As explained by Fr. Aloy to the parents, and Mrs. Mon to the students, **academics first – before sports**.

**Pre-Algebra & Algebra Tutoring for Grade 8:** Included in our Jr. High Curriculum will be Pre-Algebra and Algebra an after-school tutoring. In addition to the teaching during school hours, tutoring will be made available for those students who are interested in getting extra help. Mrs. Jenneatte Bray will be the tutor. As soon as funding is made available by the Title I federal funding, the program will start. Mrs. Bray will send home the necessary paperwork before your child will be able to participate.

**Physics Club:** Mrs. August will be forming a Physics Club for Grade 8 students who might want to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare themselves for high school.

**Writing Club:** Mrs. Brisbois will also be inviting students in Jr. High who are interested in sharpening their writing skills to also prepare them for high school.

**The Rosary:** After each school mass on Wednesdays during the month of October, the students will pray the rosary to be led by the Rosary Club. All families especially devotees of Blessed Mary are invited to pray with us. Bring your rosary.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour:** On Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, our school will hold a prayer service in church joining other children and youth around the world to pray for world peace. On this day, students in the archdiocese will be in prayer before Jesus Christ present to us in the Blessed Sacrament to appreciate the power of our relationship with Jesus.

**Halloween Parties:** All classroom Halloween parties will be at the discretion of the teacher. All inquiries have to be directed to them. They will be held on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

Students can wear **orange** and/or **black** for **50¢**. The money will be donated to Fr. Aloy's "*Street Children Mission*."

**Congratulations ...** to our **Student Council Officers**. They are *David Sivia*, president; *Makenzie May*, vice-president; *Rachel Berzin*, secretary; and *Emily Shanley-Roberts*, treasurer.

..... to *Mrs. Mary Ellen August* who will be honored as "**Outstanding Teacher**" to be given by *St. Scholastica Academy* in Chicago. It will take place on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. She was nominated by *Estela Malagon*, who graduated from our school last year.

..... to *Mrs. Nancy Wajrowski* who was awarded a grant to attend the **K12 Computing Teachers Conference** as part of the **2009 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing**. It will be held in **Tucson, Arizona**. A safe trip to you, Mrs. Wajrowski.

**Crucifix Donations:** Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Don Cudworth, grandparents of Emily Zastrow for donating a large crucifix to be placed in the gym.

Our thanks also go to Mrs. Pat Styx, the assistant secretary of the Board of Specified Jurisdiction for donating three crucifixes in memory of deceased loved ones. They were given to the parish.

**Godspeed, Fr. Dennis:** "*We pray for your safe return to Uganda and and a happy and blessed re-union with your family. We thank you for your services to St. Anastasia Parish. We will surely miss you. Till we meet again!*"

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**Condolences Mrs. Wajrowski:** The faculty, staff and students wish Mrs. Wajrowski and family our heartfelt condolences for the untimely death of her brother, who lived near New Orleans, Louisiana. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Grandparents' Day:** Like in past years, the presence of grandparents is such a wonderful event to be seen praying with the kids in church and "roaming" around the school. Their grandchildren were very proud of seeing their grandparents visiting their classrooms, spending sometime with them, especially because they squeezed them well for cash to buy their favorite books. *Thank you Grandparents!*

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