

August 5, 2010

Dear Parents,

We have missed seeing you and hearing the children's voices in the schoolyard. Now that it is August, we are making the final preparations for the coming school year. It's been a quiet summer at school compared to the last two summers with the yard improvements last summer and the retrofit of the building in 2008.

Maintenance projects were the focus this summer: painting in rooms 5 and 8, refinishing the hardwood floors in rooms 7 and 8, installing white boards in kindergarten and the middle school math room and doing repairs to benches. Thank you to Robert Engel. The biggest projects involved Mr. Dunn's work on: the installation of a public address system, installing ceiling mounted projectors in kindergarten and the math room, and the imaging of the new MacBooks that replace the iBooks purchased four years ago with the first mobile cart. Thank you Boosters and Student Council for these computers!

At this point, the rooms are cleaned and ready for the teachers, who are anxious to decorate and prepare for the first day of school. Thank you to Sue Penberthy and Denise Young who worked many hours in June getting general operation matters in order and ordering textbooks, consumables, classroom supplies, etc. This year we have two new textbook series: 1) Kindergarten through 6th grade math and 2) 6th – 8th grade language arts. Thank you to teachers who spent a great deal of time last spring examining various options to determine which series would best meet the needs of our students.

INCLUDED IN THIS ENVELOPE:

-- **Tuition Invoices:** The annual and semi-annual payments are due by **August 10**. **Reminder:** The first 2010-2011 11-month auto-debit payment and the second 12-month auto debit payment will be withdrawn from your accounts on Tuesday, **August 10**. According to the tuition agreement, in order for children to begin school, August semi-annual and annual payments must be received before the first day of school (August 25th).

-- **Field Trip/Activity Fee Invoices:** Activity fees are due 9/1/10. Please make a separate checks for the tuition payment and the activity fees payment (activity fees for more than one child may be included on one check with the grades noted in memo section).

-- **School Telephone Directory Form:** Please return this form by Monday, August 30 to facilitate getting the school directory to you as quickly as possible.

WHAT TO FIND ON THE SCHOOL WEB SITE:

Please go to our web site at www.stanselmsschool.com for the **Student Supply Lists**, **Uniform Regulations**, and the **Extended Care Sign-Up Sheet**. Complete and return the Extended Care form as soon as possible so that the Extended Care personnel will be ready to accommodate your needs effectively on the first day of school, or on whatever days you may have selected. We will have a few of these forms available in the office, should you have difficulty accessing the information.

FIRST 7 DAYS OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE:		
Wednesday, August 25	8:15am - 12:30pm 8:25am - 10:00am	All grades Opening of School PTG Coffee
Thursday, August 26	8:15am - 12:30pm	All grades
Friday, August 27	8:15am - 12:30pm 9:15am	All grades Opening of School Mass
Mon. & Tues., August 30 & 31 and Thurs. & Fri. Sept. 2 & 3	8:15am - 12:30pm 8:15am - 2:00pm 8:15am - 3:15pm	Kindergarten (through September) 1 st grade (all week, send lunch) 2 nd – 8 th (regular hours, send lunch)
Wednesday, Sept. 1	8:15am - 2:15pm	2 nd – 8 th (early dismissal, send lunch)

NOTES:

First Day of School: The doors and gates will open at **7:50am** on **August 25**. Students may arrive anytime between **7:50am** and **8:15am**. The bell will sound at 8:15am for "Salutes" (our daily morning assembly).

Opening of School Coffee and Mass: All parents are invited to the PTG (Parent-Teacher Group) Opening of School Coffee on **August 25th** from 8:25am-10:00am as well as the Opening of School Mass on **Friday, August 27 at 9:15am**.

Back to School Nights: Whether you're attending one or both of these events, be sure the date(s) are posted on your calendar.

Thursday, August 26 for grades 6-8
6:15pm – 8:30pm

Thursday, September 2 for grades K-5
6:00pm – 7:00pm

PTG and Boosters are hosting a parent gathering from 7:00pm – 8:00pm on **September 2nd**, immediately following the K-5 teacher presentations. This gathering is replacing the end-of-September dinner. Light re and beverages will be served.

Dennis Uniform Sale

Dennis Uniform will be on campus for a sale, in the gym, on **Tuesday, August 17** from 12:00am-3:00pm

New Students' Visit

New students are invited on **Tuesday, August 24** from **2:00 - 3:00pm** to meet their teachers and get acquainted with the campus. Student Council officers will be here to assist with the tours and hospitality.

Uniforms

St. Anselm School uniforms are purchased or available from: (see web site www.stanselmschool.com for full information)

Lands' End	1 Lands' End Lane	Dodgeville, WI 53595-0001	Phone: 800-469-2222	School Code #9001-0381-3
Dennis Uniform	590 10th St.	San Francisco	Phone: 415 864-3401	School Code W22SAS

Both suppliers carry our navy pants & shorts, khaki pants & shorts. Dennis Uniform is the only supplier of our girls' K-5 jumper, 3-5 skort, & 6-8 plaid and navy skirts. You can order online at www.dennisuniform.com, go to the store, or order by phone. They will be in the **gym** on **Tuesday, August 17** from 11:00am-2:00pm with a supply of girls' uniforms (jumpers, skorts, and skirts), as well as navy pants and shorts, khaki pants and shorts, and white polo shirts for both girls and boys. **Note: only black or white footwear is acceptable – no more navy blue** due to the variety of blues we were seeing.

The **Uniform Closet**, a PTG fundraiser and service, offers used uniforms at great prices. There is currently a large selection of sweatshirts and shorts, as well as a good assortment of pants, shirts, shorts, and jumpers. Come and shop the Uniform Closet on Tuesday, **August 24** from **1:00 - 3:00pm** in the School Gym. Questions? Contact: **Signa Churton at 690-0999**.

Weekly Envelope

You will receive your first Weekly Envelope on Wednesday, **August 25**. It will include: **Emergency Forms, Medical Release & Consent to Treat Form, September Calendar, Insurance Forms**, and other important information. Please return the Weekly Envelope, and the Emergency and Medical Release Forms immediately on the 26th. A second envelope will be sent home on Friday, the 27th.

Welcome to the Following New St. Anselm Faculty and staff:

Lisa Shapiro – AKA Miss Figlietti - our new 3rd grade teacher

Sarah Tancredi our new 1st grade teacher

A new K-5 art teacher – the hiring process will be completed before the opening of school.

Emergency Food Bag: Flyers went home at the end of school. If you missed the form, but are still interested in ordering the pre-made bag which is an 8th grade fundraiser, this is a great way to take care of the requirement to have an emergency food bag on hand. Forms are available on the school website (www.stanselmschool.com) under forms. A no peanut option is available. Contact: **Linda Ryan at 299-0930**.

School Supplies - on line ordering: There is a new, **optional** way to order school supplies online through MyschoolsuppliesUSA. Go to www.myschoolsuppliesUSA.com for information and ordering. The last day to order is August 13.

Hot Lunch Program: The Good Earth Hot Lunch program will be served beginning Tuesday, September 7. Sign-ups will begin on Mon. August 16 at www.goodearthorganiclunches.com.

Can you help? As always at this time of year, we need hundreds, if not thousands, of **tennis balls** (new is not necessary) to “cap” desks and chairs in the primary classrooms. These help protect the floors and soften the noise. If you have some, please drop them off in the office weekdays between 8:30 am and 2:30pm.

Attention Kindergarten Parents: The State of California requires that all Kindergarten immunization forms be submitted to the School Office **prior** to the start of the School Year. We are not exempt from this law.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. We hope the children are also getting excited and ready for the coming year. The campus simply isn't “right” without them here.

The 2010-2011 school year is sure to be another year of great learning experiences and growth. Teachers are eager to continue the implementation of the Step-up-to-Writing program in grades K-8, expand the integration of technology, work on math computation, and establish a school-wide method to chart curriculum standards. As always, we count our blessings and happily embark on another academic year with your children.

Sincerely,

Odile M. Steel, Principal