

Blue Notes

August 25, 2021



Note from the Principal

Special Shirts are coming home today with last year's 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th graders who took part in the Ensemble Español Spanish Dance in Gym class last year. These shirts can be worn with the Gym Uniform on gym days. Students also received a fan! We are so thankful to Mr. McCottrell and the teachers who supported that special unit. We hope to do more collaborations in the future. - Principal Santellano



Virtus and Volunteering

Parents! Grandparents: We need you! If you have a free lunch hour any days a week, you could work off your Service Hours by assisting students in opening lunches, milks, and supervising lunch and/or recess. Contact Mrs. Wills if you are interested. Any time between the hours of 11:30 and 1 p.m. would be great. All volunteers need to complete the requirements [in VIRTUS here](#).



Back to School Night

Our Back to School Night is on Wednesday, September 8th at 6 p.m. We start in the Hall of Heroes and also have time in the classrooms. Parents will receive 2 Service Hours per family for attending. Raffles and giveaways will also take place. Families will receive a paper copy of the Student-Parent Handbook to take home. A digital copy can be found [here in this link](#).



Vaccination Truck

A COVID Vaccination truck from the IDPH with the Pfizer vaccine will be in the King Lot on Friday, September 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in signing up for a shot, please contact Mrs. Wills. Any students ages 12 and up can be vaccinated but parents must be present. All parent volunteers for field trips and volunteer opportunities must show proof of vaccination.

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, September 1- Early Dismissal, 1 p.m. (After Care Available)
- Monday, September 6- Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, September 8- Back to School Night, 6 p.m.
- Friday, September 10- Special Spirit Day Celebration!
- Wednesday, September 15- Early Dismissal, 1 p.m. (After Care Available)
- Tuesday, September 28th- 1st Order of Taffy Apple Orders Money Due
- Thursday, September 23rd- Back to School Dance, 6 p.m.



Bio: Mrs. Santellano, Principal



Principal Santellano is in her 5th year as our school leader. Her passion for education began when she was a volunteer in Kingston, Jamaica through the Passionist Volunteers International Program. Through this program she spent a year supporting families in the Kingston community. There she witnessed the transformative power of education and committed herself to the profession of teaching. She joins the St. John de la Salle community after holding various teaching and leadership positions for 13 years in the Diocese of Gary. In 2005, Mrs. Santellano was honored with the Teacher of Excellence Award in East Chicago and in 2017 she received a Most Inspiring Teacher Award in Hammond. In 2018, she was awarded the Grace Under Pressure award in the Archdiocese of Chicago. When she is not at school, Principal Santellano likes to read mysteries, watch The Office, Secret Word: podcasts, play basketball, swim, sing and spend time with her loving husband Louis and three kids: Rafael, Gabriela, and Samuel.

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