

Blue Notes

September 15, 2021



A Note from the Principal

What a great turnout at last week's Back to School Night! Don't forget that you can always email or call to make an appointment to speak to the teacher, and they are usually available from 7:30-7:55 or 3-3:30. Let's continue to partner together to make it the best year of learning possible for our students! -Mrs. Santellano



Payments/Exclusion

We've had some questions about After Care billing. We will be sending Before/After Care bills via email at the end of the month. They will include both August and September. Parents will have one week to pay these bills via the Run Sandbox site (or in the office) before being excluded from Before/After Care. As a reminder, school tuition is a separate cost and it is past due. Families with accounts in arrears will be excluded on Monday, Sept. 20 ongoing until the tuition is paid.

Think of Others Thursday

Tomorrow is a \$2 dress down day. Students can wear something with red to support the American Red Cross efforts after Hurricane Ida and the California Wildfires. Clothing should be Secret Words: school appropriate. No tank tops, nothing too tight or too short will be permitted. Thank you for practicing our SEL skill Social Awareness and caring for those in need. [Check out these links](#) to learn more.

CIGNA Event for Parents

Our school therapist comes to us via a CIGNA grant. As part of this grant, there will be a VIRTUAL family meeting on **Wednesday, September 22 from 6:30-7:30 pm**. This meeting will feature mental health awareness. Please see [this](#) flyer. All families that attend will receive 1 Service Hour! The school with the most attendees will receive a \$200 gift card (we won in May!) and they will choose one attending family at random to win a gift card.



Brush Creek Recap by Brooke Thomas (8th)

This past summer, two of my classmates and I went on a trip through Big Shoulders Fund to Brush Creek Staddle Camp in Saratoga, Wyoming. The experience was very interesting. Usually we were breaking off into groups where we didn't know the people so we had to make friends. Also, there were a lot of activities like the rock climbing wall or the stack of cards (so you could never be bored). One last thing is we had some field trips at the camp, like going to the Gold Mining Museum or going to a greenhouse and meeting baby goats. Remember: if you have a chance to have an opportunity like this, take it, because you never know what will come out from it.

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, September 22nd- CIGNA Event (Virtual) see front page
- Thursday, September 23rd- Back to School Dance, 6 p.m.
- Friday, September 24th- No School, Professional Development
- Wednesday, September 29th- Coffee with the Principal, Student of the Month Mass
- Thursday, September 30th- Grades 6-8 NET Retreat (school day)
- Tuesday, October 5th- Picture Day! Students may be out of uniform on this day
- Friday, October 8th- Parent-Teacher Conferences, E-Day of School
- Monday, October 11th- No School: Columbus/Indigenous People's Day



NEW TEACHER Bio: Mr. Louis, MS Math

I, Bernard Louis, am a mathematics essentials teacher and tutor at Sylvan Learning Institute. An uninterrupted Catholic Education along with a quest for number sense, problem solving and geometry guided my passion to teach at Chicago public and Charter schools along with coaching basketball. Honors society, Robotics, neighborhood beautification, table games, music and mentoring are some pastime activities. Bringing my expertise to St. John de la Salle Catholic Academy is sight with vision. God will guide me to assist in molding our future math wizards.

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