

Blue Notes

September 22, 2021



A Note from the Principal

We're keeping an eye on the weather for tomorrow for our All-School Dance. Students should still wear their uniforms all school day but they can change after school into casual clothing if they would like. The event will run from 6-7:30 p.m. Students **MUST** be checked out of After Care by their parent to attend the dance. -Mrs. Santellano



CIGNA Event for Parents

Our school therapist comes to us via a CIGNA grant. TONIGHT is 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. Families attending will receive 1 Service Hour! The school with the most attendees will win \$200 (let's win again!) and one attending family at random to win a gift card.



Student of the Month

Our Student of the Month Mass at 9 a.m. is one week away. Masked family members are welcome to attend in the church. Mrs. Santellano calls parents of awardees ahead of time if they can try to come for the ceremony. Secret Word: Shh! We can't wait to hear who has been exhibiting our Root Beliefs! Join us for Coffee with the Principal at 8:20 a.m. in the Spanish Room beforehand (1 Service Hour).




CSU RISE Program

Chicago State is starting another cohort for *Rise* Academy on October 11th and applications are open until September 24th! This is a scholarship opportunity for students with less than 24 credit hours to earn their first year of college free. You can find more info here <https://www.csu.edu/risescholars/> If you are interested, please contact the Director, Esther Kraft at ekraft@csu.edu.



Uniform Reminder!

It's getting colder and the fall weather is upon us. Don't forget that next Friday, October 1st, we switch the the Fall/Winter uniform. Shorts will not be permitted after Thursday. All students will need to be in pants or skirts on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. (Black or white tights and leggings are acceptable under skirts.) Jogging pants will be needed for Wednesdays and Fridays. Please place your orders as soon as possible so that there is not a huge rush in the office on the 30th. Purchase in the office or on the website (below).

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Upcoming Dates


- 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
- Monday, October 11th- No School: Columbus/Indigenous People's Day



NEW STAFF Bio: Ms. Hutchins, After Care

Ms. Sharon Hutchins has worked with children in families for many years, from CPS to Charter schools and hospitals. Born the 2nd of 9 children in her family, Ms. Hutchins has a son and daughter of her own who she is very proud of. They love to attend plays and shows together. Her son is an Administrator at a VA hospital and her daughter was a CPS teacher who now works at RUSH. Ms. Hutchins favorite TV show is CSI. Ms. Hutchins said her favorite part about St. John is "the good morning hugs from students" and that our "parents are so nice". Her favorite part of the school day is Morning Assembly when we say, "At St. John, We RISE to the Stars"! Welcome, Ms. Hutchins, we are so glad you joined us this year.

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