

August 17, 2018

Dear Parents,

The first few days have flown by in a flurry of new schedules, new classes, and new ideas. However, there are still many items that have stayed the same. Here's a recap of the old and new for St. Aloysius this school year.

•**Activities**—Three days down and three activities looking for recruits. If your child is interested in being an altar server (grades 5+) for school or weekend Masses, we are taking names. Students do need to complete a training session prior to being scheduled. For more information, contact Mrs. Varga in the school office at kvarga@staloyusiuspwv.org Mrs. Varga is also coordinating our safety patrols. These student volunteers wear awesome yellow vests and open your car door with a smile in the morning. We ask students to be here no later than 7:30am to serve. Patrol positions are open for grades 6-8 and will alternate through the year. Let Mrs. Varga know if you're available. Quick Recall is also getting started for middle school. See the flyer on the Weekly Info page of the website for details on Tuesday's tryouts. 4th/5th—don't worry! You'll start quick recall later since your season begins in January.

•**Paperwork**—We have improved slightly since my last letter but as of Friday afternoon, we still have 51 families who have not yet paid their book bill. If you still owe this, you will receive an email from Mrs. Kaelin in the office. If you have missing paperwork, Mrs. Varga will be sending additional forms home. Please take care of these as soon as possible.

•**Carpool**—You know I had to include it! Overall, our first days of carpool have gone smoothly. Thank you to the parents who easily formed a second line in the back to keep Central Avenue free and clear. Thank you to the parents who filled all six rows in the front. Thank you to the parents who turned their car off while they waited and children were walking nearby. Next week, the back might get a bit more crowded as kindergarten moves to full day and preschool gets started but I'm sure we will breeze through the afternoon. A friendly reminder, DO NOT collect your children from the front lot and walk through the back. DO NOT call to your children to cross Mt. Mercy or to walk past the Zone 3 line down the hill by the gym doors. Walkers need to wait until carpool is finished before heading out. Put your cell phone down, drive slowly, and enjoy the blessing of a safe child and a happy principal.

•**Uniform**—We've been giving "friendly reminders" this week to make sure everyone is held accountable for following the dress code. Please make sure to review it, buy a belt, get a haircut, fix your skirt hem, or whatever else you need to do. Starting Monday, students will be given a dress code infraction form if they are not following policy. This could result in an alternate recess activity or no recess at all depending on the grade level. Let's work together on this!

Relax after your first few days back and enjoy your weekend,

Mrs. Hayslip