

January 18, 2019

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Dear Parents,

Friendly Reminder: “When students are absent from school, parents are asked to call the office (every day) by 9:00am and give the reason why the student is missing school that day. Parents may also call the absentee line, 241-8516 ext. 6001 to report an absence. This includes students who are shadowing at another school. Students who are not in the building will be marked absent.” (*Handbook, p. 47*) Students who shadow need to complete the appropriate forms BEFORE they visit another school. We are required to keep accurate records and want to know symptoms so we can track for the next friendly reminder...

Friendly Reminder: “Students are not to be sent to school with known fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or body aches with fever, acute cold symptoms, or skin rash. Do not send your child to school if he/she has run a fever or been sick to his/her stomach the night before or early morning. To prevent the spread of illness, do not mask a student’s temperature with medication and send the student to school.” (*Handbook, p. 62*)

1. Fever—Children must be **fever free for 24 hours** before returning to school. If a child has a fever of 100 degrees or more he/she will be sent home.
2. Strep Throat—Children may not return to school until **24 hours after the first dosage** of medication was taken
3. Pink Eye—The student **may return 24 hours after** the first application of the prescribed medicine.
4. Vomit/Diarrhea—Children must be **free from these symptoms for 24** hours before returning to school

We have been hit hard by the flu, strep, stomach bug, and other ailments. Teachers and assistants are doing their best to wipe down desks, door handles, high traffic areas, etc. Students are given opportunities and reminders to wash their hands often. PLEASE help our efforts and follow the rules. We don’t want to be the bad guys and call you to pick up your child but we will to keep other students and staff healthy. Posting how sick little Johnny is on Facebook Monday night then sending him to school Tuesday morning sets off waves of concern that have a tsunami effect on the office and classroom.

Friendly Reminder: “A single, religious medal or cross on a thin chain is permitted. No other jewelry is allowed.” “Only **one** wrist/bracelet item can be worn at a time (one bracelet per body). Students are **strongly discouraged** from wearing iWatches to school.” (*Handbook, p. 59*) Apparently our students were very good last year because Santa brought a variety of baubles and bangles to bedazzle our children. Please review the whole dress code policy and follow it. It’s a good time to check skirt length, how belts are holding up mid-year, and if you need more pants or appropriate leggings.

Friendly Reminder: “Parents should **NOT** walk students through carpool lines to avoid waiting. Families should **not** cross Mt. Mercy Drive or walk through the parking lot behind church during carpool.” (*Handbook, p. 49*) We are working on improving the safety and flow of our afternoon carpools. Just as teachers are reminded to use their safety vests and grab a walkie-talkie I am reminding families to follow the basic rules of safety that apply to everyone. Do not call your child over to the fence, do not meet your children in the street, do not take your grandchild down the hill past the zone two blue line, etc. Please just get into the regular carpool line and follow the rules. Take the few extra minutes of waiting to look for God’s graces and count your blessings of picking up a healthy, happy child from a solid educational institution.

Friendly Reminder: The vast majority of fees and donations are now being done through Faith Direct. We ask that parents not send checks, merchandise, sports uniforms, etc. to each other via backpacks. Teachers are finding an interesting variety of items coming across their desks and can not be responsible for the transfer of checks or other items. It might seem like an easy way to collect donations for a coaches gift, for example, but sending a first grader home with a handful of checks totaling well over \$200 is really a roll of the dice.

Friendly Reminder: Check the website for information on upcoming events like this trimester’s PTO meeting, Trivia Night, and new clubs like Chess Club and Art Club. The Pre-Registration form that was due on Dec. 19 is still posted as well. We need those forms returned as we dig into the budget process for next year.

Friendly Reminder: Have you gotten your child’s second HepA vaccine? When is that due again? It will be different for everyone so please check your calendar and make follow up appointments with your pediatricians. Send up to date records to the office as soon as possible.

Final Friendly Reminder: *Be the change you want to see in the world.* (Gandhi)

- I want to see God’s graces in my every day encounters. I know I am blessed to be part of a community that prays for me and supports me on my own personal journey.
- I want people to feel appreciated and valued. Thank you to the moms who direct carpool lines and help fill the lot in the afternoons. Thank you to various committee members and school board members who collectively spend hours working toward the goal of making St. Aloysius an even better school and parish. Thank you to our amazing faculty and staff who push us all to be better people and stronger students.
- I want to tend to the 95% of people doing the right thing and recognize them for their constant and consistent support and dedication. Squeaky wheels get the oil, authentic partners in formation get my prayers and heartfelt gratitude.

Enjoy your long weekend,

Mrs. Hayslip