



ST. ROBERT
SCHOOL

An education you
can have faith in.

**6/4—Last Day for
8th Grade Only**

**6/10—Last Day for
K4 & K5 Only**

**6/11—Last Day of
School, Dismissal
after Mass**

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/4 8:00 am
All School Mass, 8th Gr, Coffee
Reception follows Mass

6/4 10:00 am
Dismissal for 8th Grade Only

6/4 10:30 am
Art Museum Graduation, 5th
Gr

6/5 & 6/6
St. Robert Fair

6/6 9:00 am
“Pack the Mass”

6/7
Rocky Rococo Fundraiser
Lunch (must pre-order)

6/8
Madison Trip, 4th Gr

6/8 6:30 pm
School Advisory Board Mtg.

6/9 7:00 pm
8th Grade Graduation & Re-
ception

6/10 10:30 am
K5 Graduation

6/10
Last Day for K4 & K5 Only

6/11 8:00 am
All School Mass, 7th Gr

6/11
Last Day of School, All Stu-
dents Dismissed after Mass

FAMILY MATTERS

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Principal's Pen

For us here in the school office, the coming of summer represents a transition to a steady rhythm of quieter work; time to think and plan; time for paperwork and projects; time to create the educational experience that we will give birth to in the fall. For you, of course, the transition represents something quite different. You become full time activity directors, event planners, managers, supervisors, teachers. Whether you oversee your children's summer experiences or transport them to the action, whether you supervise or orchestrate or play along, the reality is that summer is the time when a new and different – but no less important – chapter of your children's educational experience begins.

Structured “book learning” – even project-based learning and media-rich, 21st century learning – is not the same as the kind of learning that happens outside of school, nor is it ever enough. As you plan for the joys of unstructured or less structured family time, consider too the gifts of summer that come in the form of education for real life.

Developmental psychologists tell us that children learn critical life lessons from having a share in both the resources and responsibilities of the family. The economic lessons learned from having an allowance, for example, are virtually impossible to reproduce in an academic setting. Beginning in about first grade, children should receive an allowance just for being a *member* of the family. The amount should increase incrementally until they are old enough to earn a wage outside the home. The teaching role of parents includes setting boundaries on the percentage that must be set aside for savings and for charitable giving –and then stepping aside! The remaining dollars should be for learning the rules of economics in a real life laboratory. Be assured that children *will* make mistakes. They will waste the money on what we perceive to be foolish. They will sometimes wish they could undo impulse purchases to reclaim money for a larger investment. And we will have to work hard resist the temptation to “save” them from their mistakes, because both their successes and their

mistakes are opportunities to learn valuable life lessons that will translate into a deeper, richer education and a successful adulthood.

Responsibility, too, should come with the privilege of family membership. Real-world jobs that teach self-discipline, reliability, dependability, and other-centeredness cannot be replicated in school. In his book *Nobody Wants Your Child*, Milton Creagh relates that employers no longer want to hire the “well-educated” children of privilege. Although there may be many complicated economic reasons why this is the case, potential employers are reporting that the primary reasons they are less willing to take a chance on our children is because teens and recent grads are no longer coming to the workplace with the requisite work ethic. Even if it were possible for employers to teach this, we need to acknowledge that this isn't their responsibility. Nor do these important life skills emerge magically with age.

They develop from a foundation of developmentally-appropriate responsibilities, coaching, and logical consequences. (If your child's daily chores aren't done, for example, perhaps s/he will have to miss the evening ice cream outing.)

During the academic year, it's fair to allow our children to focus on the primary job of their schoolwork, but the summers of their lives present an opportunity for us to teach them – and hold them accountable for – a set of household responsibilities that should grow with each passing year. Even four-year-olds can throw laundry in the hamper and collect newspapers for recycling. By fourteen, children should be responsible for some daily and weekly household chores that include routine cleaning or yard work. If we are intentional about teaching and modeling work skills, our children should be ready to take a productive ethic into the workplace by the time they are about sixteen; to show up on time and give an hour's work for an hour's pay; to dress for the job they want rather than the job they have; to serve and to lead; to be the presence of Christ in the real, grown-up world.

Summer should be fun, but it should never be *only* about “me.” Let's remember that the clock never stops. Every day of childhood is formative. And one of the gifts of summer is a little more time to attend to the school of life.



For a more complete listing of upcoming events, see the on-line calendar (control + click to follow the link):

http://www.strobert.org/school/Current_Parents_0092/Calendar0114.html

Notes from the Office



ARE YOUR ACCOUNTS UP TO DATE?

All school fees, including lunch and tuition, must be taken care of before the end of the school year or records, including report cards will be held. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Raap at kraap@strobert.org or 332-1164 ext. 3035. Thank you.



LAST FAMILY MATTERS FOR THIS YEAR

This will be the final issue of Family Matters for the 2009-10 school year. We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!



REPORTING ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS

Please **call the school office attendance line each day** your student will be absent or late. Provide student's name and teacher or room number, your name, and reason for the absence (**be specific as to symptoms if ill**—e.g., fever over 100 degrees, cough, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) or late arrival. If hot lunch is needed, please also indicate which entrée is preferred.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Families who have completed the 2010-11 registration process will receive a July mailing with details regarding school start-up. The school office will be open from 9:00 – 3:00 most weekdays during the summer to assist you with registration or other business. **Please note that we will be closed the weeks of July 11th and August 9th.**

June 11th Dismissal Time

Dismissal on Friday, June 11th, is following Mass at approximately 9:15-9:30 am. It is NOT a normal half-day dismissal.



7th Grade Parents

We'd love to have you join us for our last All-School Mass of the 2009-10 school year on Friday, June 11th. Your children will sign their pledge for the 2010-11 school year and take their place as the next 8th grade class at St. Robert School.

Special Thanks to our Graduating Parents

While we congratulate all of the parents of the Class of 2010, we extend special thanks to those parents who will graduate from St. Robert School along with their children. Please know your presence and involvement throughout the years enriched our school. You and your children will always be a part of the St. Robert School community and you will always be welcome here.

Mary Beth and Mark Aasen
Catherine Baltus
John Baltus
Wandy Miezio and Thomas Chapman
Sujin Lee-Prabhu and Pat Prabhu
Barbara and Mark Lucius

Joanna Galezowska and Aleksander Pantak
Cathy and Eric Rapp
Tracy and Paul Santilli
Missy and John Van Lieshout
Nicole and Patrick Weeks

Home & School Association News

Green Week Plants For Sale at Fair

We enjoyed a wonderful "Green Week" celebration at St Robert. The commitment from faculty and students was tremendous. It's time to reap the rewards and continue the life cycle we started through building biodegradable pots and planting seeds. Your children got them this far, now let's show our students we can actually harvest something from this process. Come to the fair and purchase some vegetable, herb, or flower plants. Our students have continued their Green Week commitment to "BE" caretakers of our earth, and have cultivated plants for sale. We have lettuce, pea, bean, cucumber, pepper, squash, tomato, herb, and a few flower plants for sale at the Fair. Come and "BE" a supporter of St Robert Parish and School. Look for us next to Grandma's Attic.

Notes from the President

The Home & School Association would like to congratulate the graduating 8th grade class of 2010! We wish you all

the best in the next chapter of your lives. Good luck to all of you at your chosen high school!



- Eric Aasen - Marquette
- Emma Atwell - DSHA
- Caitlin Baltus - Dominican
- Armando Barron - Marquette
- Patrick Byrne - Marquette
- Louie Chapman - Shorewood
- Emmett Conlon - Marquette
- Jane Dillig - Dominican
- Bryan Frieseke - Shorewood
- Brigid Gallagher - DSHA
- Danny Jarosz - Marquette
- Tim Jurgens - Dominican
- Alexia Lee Kiram - Pius
- Jerome Linn - Dominican
- Anna Lucius - Pius
- Allison Mitchell - Nicolet
- Deniko Montgomery - Pius
- Julia Pantak - Pius
- Ashley Rapp - Dominican
- Max Reynolds - Thomas More
- Foley Van Lieshout - Shorewood
- Corwin Weeks - Marquette
- Madeline Wittkowske - DSHA

Upcoming Home & School Events:

- June 4**—Coffee Reception for Parishioners & Parents of the Class of 2010
- June 9**—Graduation Reception

Jack Ziebert - Dominican

We also would like to acknowledge some milestones of current teachers and staff members celebrating anniversaries here at St. Robert:

- Vicki Daniels – 5 years
- Sarah Liebenthal – 5 years
- Barb Dietz – 15 years
- Marilyn Meservey – 25 years
- Peter Sorce – 25 years

Congratulations to all!

Please remember to turn in your volunteer forms before the end of the school year. This will save us from making phone calls throughout the summer! Forms are available on the school website or contact Susan Joy at soozn@wi.rr.com.

Annual Fund Update



As of Thursday, June 3rd, we are now at \$148,225 pledged toward our \$200,000 goal. The Advancement Office records gifts from current and alumni parents, alumni, grandparents, parishioners, corporations, friends, faculty and foundations daily this time of year. With the support of many donors investing various dollar amounts in our school we will reach our goal. As we prepare to close our fiscal year on June 30th, thanks again to Tom and Sally Zale for hosting our Annual Fund kick-off party last fall, and thank you to the following school families who made their gift to the Fund during the past week:

Sara Ralph and Willie Coffou, Gabrielle & John Franke, Stacy Harwell, Adrienne & Ted Houck, Pam & Mickey Mattox, and Ann & Mike Schueller.

Our overall current parent participation now stands at 48%. With almost four full weeks left in our fiscal year the members of the Development Committee will be hard at work contacting prospective donors. We will have to get the final results to you later in the summer. Special thanks to our third grade parents who moved into the highest participation spot this week with 66% participating!

3 rd	66%	5 th	47%
K5	65%	7 th	45%
1 st	54%	K4	44%
2 nd	49%	6 th	41%
4 th	47%	8 th	33%

Summer Reminder/Thanks from the Marketing & Recruitment Committee

St. Bob's Backlot Cinema Family Movie Night – Thursday, August 19th

Get ready for the fourth annual FREE family movie night on the St. Robert back parking lot. No movie title to be announced yet; students will be asked for their suggestions next week. Everyone is welcome; bring your friends and neighbors. Let's show Shorewood that fun things are always happening at St. Robert!



Ask Us Why Summer Sign Campaign

We will be contacting school families in August about posting an Ask Us Why sign in your yard sometime that month. As the summer winds down and families consider a school choice/change, we want to be visible throughout as many neighborhoods as possible. A final reminder that if you still have one (or more) signs in your basement or garage, PLEASE return it to the school so we have an accurate count of our sign inventory.



A Sincere Thank You

Thanks to all parents for continuing to spread the good news about St. Robert School. As we end the school year with 317 students, we look forward to what that number will rise to by August 30th. We already know we will welcome 16 new families AND two returning families to St. Robert! And it is only June 3rd. The School Office and Advancement Office are open throughout the summer so encourage interested families you meet to contact us for more information.

Quotable Kindergarteners

A child who had dry, chapped lips asked for some "gasoline" (aka Vaseline) for her lips.



School Supply Shopping Made Easy!

Thinking about using School-Pak for school supplies for next year? If so, please place your School-Pak order early. Order by June 15th at www.schoolpak.com for discounted prices. Also, some supplies may not be available later in summer.



Calling All St. Robert School Alumni . . .

Let's All Go to the Fair

The St. Robert Parish Fair that is! Please stop by the parish/school booth to pick up your official alumni button to wear proudly while at the fair. You can also sign up to be a part of the planning for the school's upcoming 95th anniversary year during 2010-

Parish News

Hospitality for Fr. Robert

All are invited to say farewell to Fr. Robert at a hospitality after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 6th. Fr. Robert has been assigned Pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Union Grove.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Fair Weekend Mass Schedule: 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 5; 9:00 am and 5:30 pm on Sunday, June 6th.

Summer Mass Schedule: 4:30 pm on Saturdays; 8:30 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm on Sundays.

Community News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BREAST CANCER SHOWHOUSE

We are looking for volunteers from our St. Robert Community to help sell Raffle Tickets at the Breast Cancer Showhouse, located at 2433 N. Wahl Avenue. The Showhouse will be open to the public from June 5-20th. If you are available to work from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., any of those days, please call Debi Balistrieri at (414)276-2802 or Kathy Sammons at (262) 241-5818.



39th Annual Chicken BBQ

Help the Shorewood Men's Club continue to support Shorewood organizations—attend their 39th Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 12, 11:30-7:30, at Atwater Park (upper level). There will be live entertainment all day as well as special parking for carry-out orders. Tickets will be available at the park or may be purchased in advance by calling 332-5999.



Shorewood Players Present *Annie*

The Shorewood Players are presenting the musical *Annie* at the Shorewood High School Auditorium on June 18, 19, 25, and 26 at 7:30 pm and June 20 and 27 at 2:00 pm. For tickets, visit www.shorewoodplayers.org or call 737-3421.

Wisconsin Young Authors & Artists Conference

The 6th Annual Wisconsin Young Authors & Artists Conference is coming to the Milwaukee Art Museum on Thursday (1-4 pm) and Friday (8:30 am-3:30 pm) August 12 and 13. Wisconsin's finest young authors and artists are invited to collaborate on the 6th edition of the book entitled *Wisconsin Writes*. Check out the conference website at wisconsinwrites.com for more information and to register.

D2D Fundraising Boot Camp

Kick off the summer with another terrific Fitness Boot Camp run by Milwaukee Adventure Boot Camp on Saturday, June

26th on the SHS field from 8-9 a.m. For a recommended donation of \$25 per person, you will get a great workout and help raise funds for the new bleachers. And be sure to bring the kids—there will be fun fitness activities for them to do too while their parents get in a killer workout! Arrive a few minutes early to register. Call Milwaukee Adventure Boot Camp at 414-881-5FIT for more details.

Gift for Dads and Grads

Looking for a great gift for that hard-to-buy-for dad or grad in your life? We've got the perfect thing: for \$650, you can sponsor a seat for them in the new SHS Athletic Field Seat bleachers and put their name right on it (22 character limit). Want more than one? Get two for \$1,000 and \$500 for any additional seats after that. For more information contact Jennifer Anderson at jenniferanderson@wi.rr.com or 414-961-7225.

Bayshore Safety Day Crime Prevention and Fire Safety Event

The 29th Annual Safety Day Event will take place at the Bayshore Town Center ~ Town Square, 5900 N. Port Washington Rd, Glendale, on Saturday, June 5th 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Presented by the Glendale Police Department and Steiner Inc., in partnership with the North Shore Fire Department, the event includes a large variety of **free** Police, Fire, EMS, Crime Prevention, and safety-related educational demonstrations and displays for people of all ages to enjoy! Food, music, and a variety of mascots will add to the enjoyment of this worthwhile safety event!



Borders 2010 Summer Reading Double-Dog Dare

If you're 12 or under, you're in! Read 10 books of your choosing, download and print the Double-Dog Dare form, list the books you've read on the form, and bring your completed form into any Borders store for a free book. Visit http://www.borders.com/online/store/MediaView_doubledogdare?cmpid=SA_20100513_V2 for details.

