

NEWS YOU COULD USE

May 26, 2016

Reminders:

Tomorrow, Friday: 8:15 a.m. Final **all** school liturgy.

**1:15 p.m. Pep rally/volleyball game.

**Last FSP lunch.

**Last day for bus service (no p.m. bus)

No BUS service for remainder of the year.

Monday, May 30: NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31: All FunDay monies due.

Wednesday, June 1: 6:00 p.m. Eighth grade banquet.

**Eighth grade dismissal at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 2: Grade 8 late start (10:00 a.m. arrival)

**10:15 a.m. Awards assembly (gr. 3-8)

**All school picnic

Friday, June 3: 12:00 p.m. Eighth grade graduation practice

**7:00 p.m. Graduation

Monday, June 6: Grade 4 field trip

Tuesday, June 7: 9:30 a.m. Preschool and Kindergarten Step Up

**7:00 p.m. Band concert

Wednesday, June 8: Last day of school

**8:15 a.m. Final school liturgy

**9:30 a.m. Report card distribution

**6:30 p.m. BSJ meeting



SHOP Corner



Tuesday, May 31, will be the last SHOP order for this school year. We will be available in the morning after drop off on **Tuesday, June 7,** for cash and carry purchases only. Please keep these dates in mind for year-end teacher gifts and stocking up for your summer shopping needs! SHOP orders can be placed online at www.mannaorders.net.

Thank you,

Your SHOP Team



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Welcome to **CELTICS CORNER**- *Here you will find information regarding our athletics program.*

On behalf of the Athletics Board, Ms. Payne, Faculty and Staff, we would like to thank our coaches and assistant coaches this year for doing such a great job with our kids. We appreciate you sacrificing your time to teach our students, guide them, and help them grow into confident young people.

Thank you to the Girls Coaches:

Katie Notter, Brigit Calderon, Jen Brace, Peggy Rios, Jeanne Phelan, Katie Gorski, Katie Maday, Karen King, Shannon Wright and Laura Kerfin.

Thank you to the Boys Coaches: Rob DiDomencio, Shawn King, Brendan McGuire, Dwayne Meeks, Larry Kirk, Scott Kogut, Joe Michniak, and Mike Stacey.

We would also like to thank Joe Michniak and Laura Kerfin for their many years of service on the Athletics Board. You have made many contributions to the program and we appreciate all you have done. We wish you all the best as you leave St. Al/St. Pat's.

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FSA News! *It's the corner of eThursday where you can keep up with everything going on in our Family-School Association.*

Upcoming events:

8th grade: Final all school liturgy is at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, May 27.

SCHOOL PICNIC! Our all-school picnic is scheduled for next Thursday, June 2.

Check with your class room mom if you would like to help or to confirm details.

Last FSA board meeting for this school year: Thursday, June 2 at 7pm.

Please contact any FSA Board Member with questions or concerns.

Have a blessed week!!



WELCOMING NEW BUTTERFLIES



learned how to care for them before their release.

Our second graders learned about life cycles as they watched caterpillar cocoons become butterflies. The students learned to care for them before their release.



FunDay 2016

"I liked that it was a variation of fun things to do."



"The games were fun and creative."



Even teachers got in on the fun.



"I liked walking because I could talk to my friends and Mrs. Salomone."

"I liked the basketball thing because you could see how many baskets you could make. I used to be bad at it but I got the highest score I've ever gotten."

Why are we in school longer than other schools around us?

This question has been posed to either myself or another staff member over the last few weeks. The Illinois State Board of Education requires that every school have at 176 student attendance days. The Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools requires that we have between 178-182 student attendance days. We are also required to have 6-10 religion and staff development days. Individual schools set their own calendars. Thus, schools may have different days off, different start dates, different Christmas and Easter breaks, different professional development days, use of emergency days, etc. The various ways schools set their calendars would be the reason there are different beginning and ending days. In the end we are required to have the same amount of days. I hope this helps answer the question.

ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 2001 student receives PhD.

Congratulations to Bradley Cesario who recently completed his doctoral program at Texas A&M University. Brad has a PhD. in philosophy with a major in history. Brad began his foundation in education at St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School in 1992 and graduated in 2001. After St. Al/St. Pat's, Brad graduated from Providence High School. From Providence Brad graduated from U of I at Champaign with a Bachelors degree in History. Brad completed his graduate studies at Texas A&M. In 2013 he received a Masters in History and then graduated from Texas A&M as a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in history.

Bradley has served as a Teaching Assistant and taught for six years in various history classes at Texas A&M. He has done research for his dissertation in England. His research specialized in 19th Century British Navy.

In 2014 Brad presented a paper he authored titled "The Popular Nelson in the Navalist Era, 1889-1914" at the Navy and Nation Conference at the National Maritime Museum in London. He has been invited to present at the British History Conference in London next week.

Bradley's Professor, R.J.Q. Adams, author and distinguished professor at Texas A & M, is quoted as saying: "Brad should be teaching and is an excellent writer." Bradley attributes his love for writing and research to Mrs. Eileen Bruno, St. Al/St. Pat's eighth grade teacher.

Congratulations Brad!

