



School of St. Philip

September 29, 2011

“The School of St. Philip is strongly committed to providing its students with a fundamentally sound education in a Catholic atmosphere which will enable them to carry their faith and learning beyond this school.”

(School Mission Statement)

All students must be dropped off at the church tomorrow for Marathon Day.

Buses will drop off there.

No one will be at school.

Busses and parents should pick up students at the church after school also.

No Late Start at St. Philip School on Wednesday

The Litchfield Public Schools will have a two hour late start on
Wednesday, Oct. 5.

St. Philip School does not observe these late starts.

Buses will be 2 hours late.

Parents are asked to drive their children to school that morning.

Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m.

If you child's only way to school is the bus, your child will not be
counted tardy.

Marathon Day is Here!

We hope you and other relatives can join us for all or part of the day.

- **All students should wear their St. Philip School shirts if they have them.**
- **Wear your walking shoes and have a jacket.**
- All students will spend the whole day at the church. All students are to go directly to the church in the morning. The bell will ring at 8:00 a.m. as usual
- Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Join us if you can.
- After Mass, we will have a marathon rally. You are welcome to join us.
- We plan to take an all-school picture before lunch that will be available to you to use on your thank you's to donors if you wish.
- Lunch will be served in the social hall by the Knights of Columbus at 11:15. If you plan to walk with us, you are most welcome to join us for lunch too.
- We will begin the marathon walk at about noon. The route will be: west on 5th street, south on Sibley Ave. to the Burger King corner, north on Holcombe and back to the church by way of 3rd street. **No water bottles on the walk.**
- After our walk, the KC's will be serving us milk and cookies, and we will have a short closing prayer in church.
- After the closing prayer, students may leave with their parents (or others if we have a note on that morning.) Buses will pick up students at the church.

Hot Lunch News

On Monday, we will begin a new lunch procedure in accordance with up-to-date regulations. We will be changing to “serve” rather than “offer.” This simply means that all students will receive all the items on the menu every day. They will not have the opportunity to say “no thank you” to one or two items as in the past. They are never required to finish everything, just to do their best at eating what they can. I spoke with all the classes yesterday when they came to music and the students all seem to understand.

We are hoping that with this change it will help you as the parents by knowing that your child is actually having on his/her tray all the items on the menu and will not be choosing to leave out any of the food groups on a regular basis. Perhaps they will even try some new things and develop some new favorites. As you know, a well-balanced lunch definitely helps the children be ready for an afternoon of learning.

We trust that you will encourage your children to eat the excellent hot lunches that we have available.

Phy Ed Mile Run

Phy ed classes will be on Thursday, October 6, so that our 1st – 5th graders can run the mile at the high school track. This is not a race, but rather, students try to do their own personal best. They will run it again in the spring and see if they can do even better after another year of phy ed classes and “work-out Wednesdays.” **Please be sure your child has good running shoes**

Little Red School House

Today our 2nd and 3rd graders will be bringing home a permission slip to go on a great field trip “back in time.” They will have the chance to spend Wednesday, October 5, at the Little Red Schoolhouse and experience a day of education the way it would have been “back in the old days.” Please send the permission slips back as soon as possible.

Bus Safety Session

On Monday, two of the bus drivers will be here to review bus safety rules and bus emergency evacuation with all of our students. Be sure to ask your children what they have learned. We appreciate all your efforts to reinforce the need for good bus manners, so that the driver can concentrate on transporting everyone safely.

National 4-H Week

Next week, October 2 – 8, is National 4-H week. We celebrate with all our current 4-H’ers and encourage others to think about all the opportunities that 4-H has to offer. My four children certainly benefitted from their many years in 4-H. They told me that interviewing for their college scholarships was much easier because of all the experience they had with 4-H conference judging.

May God bless you and your family.

Keep on bringing in any marathon money that you can.

We are still reaching for the \$50,000.

Mrs. McCarney