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Saint of the Day: The Saints of the Day on Monday and Tuesday this week are unique. They are mother and son! St. Monica was recognized on Monday for her constant parental prayer for her son, St. Augustine who was recognized on Tuesday. St. Augustine was eventually a convert with a "firm purpose of amendment." He became a priest and bishop all by the age of 41. Mothers and fathers should never give up on leading our children back to their faith, just as St. Monica did.

The start of school has been very busy! It is my pleasure to welcome Sandra Halla as our new 4th grade teacher. Sandy is a familiar teacher at St. Anne's having taught in our school. All other teachers are returning for the 2018-19 school year. We also want to welcome all new students and families to our school. We are so pleased that you have chosen St. Anne School for your children's faith formation, academic education, and extracurricular activities. Our enrollment stands at 107 today, which is 2 more students than last year.

This weekly letter will come to you via School Speak. Father Doyle mentioned in his previous email message that, in past years, all forms were copied and placed into the oldest child's Brown Envelope along with the Administrator's letter. All of this information will now be electronic, uploaded to the website under the Parent link. We are learning this technical skill, so please be patient. Until we are fluent in the new learning, some important forms may still come to you through your child's physical backpack. Just a reminder that the Home & School Connection newsletter will be sent home electronically as well.

The monthly menu for lunches will be on the school website.

Rosary Club will continue on Thursday mornings at 7:30am, led by Mrs. Karen Overcash. All school rosary will be recited each Monday morning at 8:00am.

Our school offers Before School care for \$3:00/daily in Ms. Ybarra's kindergarten room at 6:45am. Please see Ms. Ybarra to sign up for this care. After School care is offered from after school until 5:30pm and is in Mrs. Seyller's 5th grade room. Cost is \$6.00 per day. Please see Mrs. Seyller to sign up.

Parent Commitment Opportunity... we need lunchroom supervisors. The hours are from 11:10am-12:15pm. The duties are helping younger children opening and closing things, reciting blessing before and after meal, cleanup procedures, and dismissing students. If you are available for one day a week or an entire week, please let the office or Calli McClain know. This can be a parent commitment!

There is an important correction to the school calendar. The Institute day in October is Oct. 9th, which is the Tuesday after the Columbus Day holiday. Please note this important change which will be made on the website as well. The day after the Columbus Day holiday is typically the Diocesan date for an elementary teachers Institute day.

Mark your calendars please for the first Home & School meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 5:30pm. Back to School in the classrooms will follow from 6:00-7:00pm. The Student Pledge for Ipad Use for K-8 students will be explained at the end of the Home & School meeting. Parents will then take the

form home to explain the procedures for ipads to their student(s). The fee will be collected during Back to School night so please be prepared to pay it that evening. The fee is \$75.

Parents of junior high students please mark your calendar for Friday, Sept. 7th as it will be a service day for our students who will be helping at the Special Olympics Ramp Bowling event near Rockford. Students and teachers will travel in two Newman CCHS activity buses to/from the event. Permission forms were sent home. Thank you to Mr. Caudillo for organizing this important opportunity for service for our students.

I am delighted to be at St. Anne School in a part-time principal role. My days at school will generally be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Having said that, my schedule can be flexible as needed. Our students are delightful. One kindergartener said, "I love my first day!" The children are very helpful to me as I am learning all new names and routines. It has been so nice to meet many parents as well. I look forward to working with everyone.

Kathy Howard

