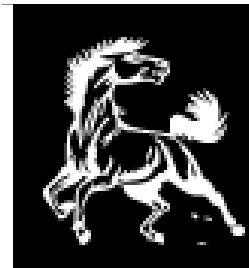


St. Cletus Clarion Colt Newsletter



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Upcoming Dates to remember...

- August 18, Parish Council Meeting 7 pm
- August 19, All School Mass
- August 22, HASA Candy Fundraiser Starts
- August 23, Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- August 24, Sicily Pizza Night
- August 25, Birthday Club for July and August
- August 26, All School Mass
- August 29, Festival T-Shirt Order forms Due
- August 30, Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms

Mark your calendars now for the Oyster Festival. **October 14, 15, 16**

More information will be sent home at a later date.

We are in need of sponsors for the booths. Please see school website for more information!

We ask that all families remember to meet their financial obligations in a timely manner. If there are ever any extenuating circumstances, please let us know. We will enforce the policies stated in the handbook. We depend on your prompt payments to meet our own bills—including salaries of teachers.

Cafeteria money should be paid in advance to avoid the actions advised by HB 1141.

Beginning of School

Today was the first day for all of our students. It has been quite exciting going in and out of the classrooms. It is amazing what they are doing—even on the first day of school. We appreciate all of the parents that were able to attend the parent orientations. Parent participation is key to a successful year.

Before the students entered the school, your child's teachers were hard at work. They began setting up their classrooms well before August and spent those first couple of days as a group preparing for the new school year. Our big focus this year will be increased instructional strategies that will increase student engagement.

This summer quite a few things happened at school. 95% of the classrooms were painted, we have renovated the front office to accommodate both Mrs. Cathy and Mrs. Lisa, and updated the server software. We were also able to adopt a new science series school wide and have many more plans for exciting new technologies.

Every parent needs to activate their Edline codes. It will be the main form of communication in the event of an evacuation. From time to time, you will be asked to review information posted. It is a great way to stay connected to your child's activities during the school year. Homework, tests, and other special events will

be updated and maintained on Edline. You can also check out the site to see what announcements have been made for the day. If you need additional codes, just let me know!!

St. Cletus is extremely blessed to have such a dedicated faculty and staff. On that note, I must say that I love being here at St. Cletus. All of you have made me feel welcome and I am excited about the progress we will make together this year. I have an open door policy—let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or just want clarification. If you find it easier to email, I can be reached at:

jgrabert@stcletuscolts.com



Forms, forms, and more forms

The beginning of the school year not only gives students hand cramps—it gives the parents hand cramps as well. Please make sure that you have returned the following forms:

1. Emergency cards
2. Handbook forms
3. Bus cards
4. Safety Patrol
5. Walkers
6. Altar Server forms



Our virtue this year is *Community.*

Welcome to the St. Cletus Community.

Safe Environment

All volunteers having regular contact with students must attend the Safe Environment Training. The Archdiocese of New Orleans changed the process last school year. You will only attend one session for all schools where you volunteer. You must email me with a request to attend a different session so that I can notify the school that you will be attending.

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Medications...

Please make sure that you return your medical forms. If your child takes medication at school, we must have that form signed. It is also important that we are aware of other medications, including over the counter drugs that your child takes whether at home or at school. We also need to be aware of any allergies, including food allergies that your child may have.

CARPOOL

Please make sure that you have your name clearly marked and displayed on the windshield of your car. **No students will be released to cars with out the name plate.** Parents may not park and walk up.

Remember: Only HANDS FREE PHONES are allowed in use in the carpool line.

Students can only be dropped off in the front after the duty teachers report outside. (7:50 am)

This and That

-Spirit Shirt Orders for this year are due on September 23, 2011. Make sure to show your school spirit on Tuesdays.

--Please remember our St. Cletus neighbors as we drive through the neighborhood. No driveway should be blocked at any time!!

-Please watch your speed in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. We have precious treasures getting in and out of cars.

- Many thanks to Mr. Labruzzo for donating the traffic cones for carpool.

- You can get tons of information from Edline. Even the morning announcements will be posted to the resources part. Check it often to know what is going on around St. Cletus School.

Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at St. Cletus School! We are off to a great start and we're planning for a year of growth and achievement. My position as school counselor offers me a unique opportunity to provide some extra help when it is needed for the success of our students. This help may be in the form of short-term individual counseling for a student in crisis, small group work for peer relationships, or meetings with teachers and/or parents to discuss strategies for student improvement.

My new schedule for this year is as follows:

Monday	Off
Tuesday & Wednesday	11:00-4:00
Thursday & Friday	8:00-1:00*

(* except on Early Dismissal Fridays, then 11:00-4:00)

We hope this makes it easier to contact me and to access my services. Remember, students can request an appointment with me by leaving a note in the office or by checking with me to see if I am available during their recess period after lunch. Parents can call 366-3538, ext. 109 to ask that I see their child or to request a meeting with me. Teachers can also ask that I see a student in my office or that I observe him/her in the classroom. As much as possible, I will try to chat with students during an enrichment period or during recess, so as not to negatively impact their academic status. We all know, however, that sometimes circumstances call us to stop what we're doing and listen, really listen, to our children. Many times that is the best comfort that we can offer, so I will listen to your children, learn from them and love them here, as I know you do at home!

Parents, please remember to let us know if something unusual is happening *outside* of school, as that may help us to understand or address what we see *in* school. This helps us all. Also, please let us know if your child is taking any medication on a regular basis. Call Mrs. Lisa Broussard in the office, if it is something he/she needs to take while here at school, as there is a procedure in place to facilitate that. Students are not allowed to keep any substance, even OTC drugs, on them or in their book bags, for their safety and that of all the students here.

Watch this space in upcoming newsletters for high school information, student programs, and items of general interest!

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