

S.A.S. Connections FYI Edition

September 4, 2008



1) Wednesday Envelopes

- a. Starting next week students will receive the take-home folder we call the "Wednesday Envelope." Note that this envelope is only given to the youngest child.
- b. This envelope will include the weekly SAS Connections written by the principal. The SAS should be read weekly as important announcements or policies will be written here.
- c. Other communications from the Home School Association (H.S.A.), St. Ambrose Parish, and many other community groups will also be included.
- d. In a few months St. Ambrose School will go paperless and the above mentioned communications will be posted online at our website www.stambroseschool.net.

2) Soup To Nuts Hot Lunch Program

- a. Prepared lunches will begin on Monday, September 8.
- b. Students are to bring their own lunch for Friday, September 5.

3) Before and After-Care

- a. This useful program starts on Monday, September 5th. Please address any questions to Mrs. Barbara Cipriano, the coordinator of this program.

4) Fingerprinting

- a. All parents who have chosen to do their 40-hour work-bond MUST be fingerprinted.
- b. Why do we do this? Firstly, the Diocese of Metuchen mandates it. Secondly, it assures us that any person who is contact with our students has no criminal record.

i. Fingerprinting How To:

Send a letter in an envelope with your name and child's grade on it to the school office: Attention Mrs. Cerreta. Mrs. Cerreta will give you an application.

When Mrs. Cerreta receives the application you have filled out, she will give you instructions on how to go to Sagem Morpho to be fingerprinted.



4) Morning Drop-Off Safety Reminder: All students must be in the gym by 7:45 Assembly



We have parents getting out of their cars to drop their children off in the morning by walking children around the building or trying to bring them into the gym entrance near the church. THIS IS DANGEROUS. Busses are pulling in and out of the parking lot in that area and an accident, God forbid, could happen.

Parents please wait in line with the other cars. If there is a long line, inclement weather, or too much traffic on Throckmorton Lane, the school understands and will adjust the late time if needed.

5) End-Of-The-Day Pick-Up Procedure

Sadly every year we have issues with parents or family members who are in a RUSH to pick up their child in the parking lot. Since so many children are being dismissed at the same time, everyone must be extremely cautious of students. Remember some of these children are as young as four years old. Children as you know can move very fast and can hard to see. Please for the sake of all of the children of St. Ambrose drive your vehicle SLOWLY and exercise extreme caution.

Student safety is the first, second, and last priority.

6) Back to School Night...Mark Your Calendar! Thursday, September 18 at 7 PM in the gym. Come meet your children's teachers and learn about all of the new cool things for the upcoming year. Don't miss it!

7) The BIGGEST question asked of Mr. Norris this week...

"Mr. Norris why do we have a full day on Friday. Isn't it the tradition that the first week of school is all early dismissals?"

Parents, the school's calendar is designed under the rules of guidelines of the Diocese of Metuchen. Under these rules there may be not more than two early dismissal days during the first week of school. Since I am required to follow this policy, I had to make Friday, September the 5th a full day.

May God bless all the students and families of St. Ambrose School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Norris".

Joseph W. Norris
Principal of St. Ambrose School