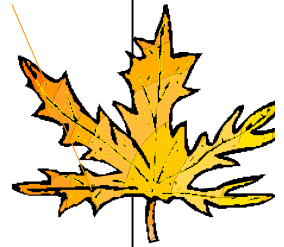




St. Emydius School Newsletter



Issue # 7

October 12, 2009

Dear Parents,

Homework is schoolwork done outside of the classroom. We believe in the importance of homework to extend learning, to practice what has already been learned, and to build independent work habits. As stated in the Parent Handbook, page 10, homework is assigned Monday through Thursday and may be assigned on Friday. The amount and type of homework is age-appropriate. If your child does not have homework completed, parents are asked to write a note to the teacher.

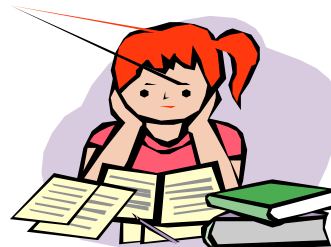
Parents are an important part of homework. Parents can support the process by helping the student read and understand directions and/or the assignment, and checking over their homework. Parents should be familiar with the teacher's homework policy and expectations. Parents are encouraged to demonstrate a commitment to the importance of homework by providing an appropriate study environment. Finally, parents should know the teacher's policy regarding assignments turned in late or missed due to illness.

Thank you to all the parents and students who take their homework responsibility seriously. Unfortunately, there are some students who continually do not turn in their homework. Starting on Thursday, October 15, 2009, there will be detention for any student who does not turn in his/her assignments. Detention will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and I will take responsibility for this detention. Detention will only be held on Thursdays. You will receive a note if your child needs to stay after school. Please pick up your child promptly at 3:30 p.m. I will be scheduling meetings with parents and their child's teacher if the student continues to miss homework after their first detention.

Thank you for supporting St. Emydius School's homework policy.

Sincerely,

Miss Socorro Mendoza
Principal



**CLASS MASS.....**

The weekly Class Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 13 at 8:00 a.m. Grades 2, 1 and K are in charge. All parents are invited to attend.

ST. AGNES RAFFLE....

The second half of the St. Agnes Raffle Tickets and payment of \$50.00 is due by October 16. Please send your payment in on time.

GIFT WRAP DEADLINE.....

The last day to return order forms and payment for the gift wrap is Monday, October 12. A \$50.00 special handling fee will be charged after that date.

BUYOUT: The \$125 buyout fee is also due on October 12. After October 15, the fee will be \$250.00

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?....

If you are in need of volunteer hours, you can obtain them by bringing in donations for our Mini-Fiesta, scheduled for Thursday, October 29. We need any small prizes for the game booths, paper goods, big bottles of soda, meat for burritos, carne asada and tacos. Please bring your volunteer card when you drop off your donations.

THANK YOU....

Thank you to the Ms. Ponce, the Student Council and 8th grade who sponsored last week's bake sale and free dress fundraiser to help the tsunami victims of Samoa.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....**

Yadira Herrera	K	10/15
Bridgette Varela	4	10/13
Gizelle Nunez	7	10/15
Pamela Del Castillo	8B	10/16

SCHOOL UNIFORMS.....

Students, both boys and girls, are required to be in full uniform each day. This includes proper hairstyles which are accepted and approved by the school administration. As stated in the Parent Handbook, page 5, colored or altered hair is not permitted for either boys or girls. Boys are asked to have traditional and conservative haircuts. Please read your Parent Handbook for complete uniform regulations.

**ABCs Of Student Success
F is for FAILURE**

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln weathered many failures before he became president? When a child experiences failures—on a test, the ball field, or anywhere else...

- Acknowledge the child's feelings of frustration and disappointment. Those are natural feelings.
- don't try to minimize the situation because it does matter to your child.
- help your child evaluate the cause for failure and use what he or she has learned to create a new strategy and try, try again.

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