



August 25, 2008  
Newsletter for the School Community,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 School Year

I visited the school last night, seeing everything ready to begin this school year, imagining the energy our children will bring to the classrooms, to the hallway, to the playground. For a while, everything was peaceful and quiet, the lights and the sounds of the school were soft and gentle. I was surprised to find myself smiling and laughing, feeling the joy of a new beginning. Though, the summer was the time to work on many things: new tuition program, interviews, reorganization, and many other things. I was not always as happy as I expected, feeling the frustrations of difficult times. But this morning when I saw all of the students and their parents, I said: it was all worth it.

This school year comes with very important goals that we all have to concentrate on. To mention them:

- We have an accreditation visitation in March 2009 for which we all have to work together for.
- The Parish Long Range Planning is finishing and soon, we will have a common mission on which we all want from us.

Let us pray to the Lord our God for wisdom, for patience, and for the willingness to accomplish the mission here in our Saint Patrick Parish.

God bless you!

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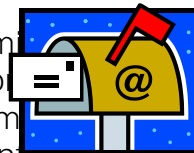
Toño Vegas, Principal

Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Monday	August 25	9:00am ~ Faith Community 11:45am ~ Early Release (K <sup>th</sup> )
Tuesday	August 26	11:45am ~ Early Release (Kinder ONLY)
Wednesday	August 27	11:45am ~ Early Release (Kinder ONLY) 1:30pm ~ Release (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursday	August 28	Montessori Begins! 11:45am ~ Early Release (Kinder ONLY)
Friday	August 29	8:10am ~ Mass 11:45am ~ Early Release (Kinder ONLY) Volleyball & Soccer Begin!
Monday	September 1	No School ~ Child Care & Extended Care Closed
Back to School Night ~ Tuesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>		

### Weekly Newsletter & Family Envelope

Beginning next Tuesday, the oldest student in your family will bring home the Family Envelope. The Envelope should be signed and returned to your students homeroom each week, there is a \$5 replacement charge for envelopes not returned. The Family Envelope includes the weekly Newsletter, monthly calendar, and other pertinent information. Would you like to help us cut down on the amount of paper we go through by receiving the weekly Newsletter electronically? Signing up is easy, simply send an email to Tiffany Nuñez at [tnunez@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:tnunez@dioceseofspokane.org) to be added to the weekly distribution list. Sign many addresses as you wish. *You will still receive a Family Envelope each week with sign-up forms, statements, etc.*



### Athletic Director

Sports packets will be sent home tomorrow, 8/26, with those Middle School students who are interested in participating in either Volleyball or Soccer. Practices will begin on Friday, 8/29. Please read through paperwork carefully and note that a Sports Physical is required prior to participation (physicals are required every two years). Please contact Mr. Freddie Cruz ([fcruz@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:fcruz@dioceseofspokane.org)) if you have any questions.

### Being a Lunch Monitor

Being a Lunch Monitor is an important part of your families volunteer commitment, either volunteering directly or opting to pay the \$50 fee to help us hire someone to come in. Lunch (Monday through Friday) runs from 11:50am-12:50pm. We are still sorting through the Registration Forms to determine who has already signed up for lunch duty in the months of August/September and will be sending home a sign-up sheet next week. Remember ~ parents are always needed and welcome to come on any day to help out!

### Saint Uniform Sale

There will be a sale of donated uniform clothing at Back to School night, September 4, 2008. With the exception of jumpers, most other items are available for purchase and will be sold at very reasonable prices. If you have uniform clothing to donate, please drop it off at the school office before September 4, 2008. Happy Shopping!

### Choir Team

Choir team had their first practice last week. Our next practice is this Thursday, 8/28, from 12:25-12:55pm. All Fourth through Eighth grade students are welcome to join the Choir Team. If you have signed up and want to join the Choir Team, please see Mrs. Peterson before Thursday. Thank you.

# Welcome Back!

Remember to check our website for important information & updates!

[www.stpatspasco.org](http://www.stpatspasco.org)