
St. Gabriel Catholic School ~ September 2016
Serving God through Faith, Respect, and Achievement

Hogan's Highlights

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Don't blink! If you did you missed the first 2 weeks of school and you might have missed summer too! As an educator, I love the start of the school year. The excitement children show as they walk into their new classroom and meet their teacher and friends warms my heart. Then just like that, it is fall, the leaves are changing, and the first day of school is a distant memory.

During this first month of school, teachers will be working on building relationships with students and families and setting up routines and procedures for their learning environment. Assessments will also be given to determine the best place to begin the highest level of instruction. As the building moves forward with learning, I have asked the teachers to reflect on their learning environment. I believe that school should be an extension of home and I want our classrooms to feel that way. Teachers have been instructed to post "I can" statements. These are student friendly statements that put the learning standards into statements the students and families can understand. Each teacher is choosing the best way to communicate those standards to you, so be looking for them.

As the year moves forward, my focus is going to be on student and teacher learning. The field of education was my career choice because I love to learn and I love to be pushed in my thinking. I want my teachers to continue to push themselves by using research based, best practiced teaching strategies. To do this, I plan to be in classrooms a LOT! I will not be a principal that hides away in her office. I will be in classrooms constantly observing teachers and providing them instant feedback (got to love technology).

On Thursday, October 6, we will welcome all our families (ECLC and School) to our PTE Curriculum Night. The partnership that school and home creates is critically important to the success of each student. These evenings serve as a way to bring home and school together. It is a wonderful opportunity to better understand classroom practices, routines, and learning expectations. Thank you for taking



September-At-A-Glance

Please also check your student's teacher calendar

1- School Board Meeting 6:00

5- No School Labor Day

8- Protecting God's Children Class 6:30 Gathering Space

9- Picture Day School Family Activity

14- Middle School Photo Club 3:30-4:30

16- Progress Reports K-8th Grade Family Movie Night

17- Guess Who is Coming to Dinner

21- Grandparent's Day

23- Auction Picture Day (more information to come)

28- 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:30 Middle School Photo Club 3:30-4:30

your time to be with us and more importantly, thank you for your constant support of Catholic Education.



LARGE Cardboard Boxes Wanted: Our 8th grade class is asking for large cardboard boxes. They

use them to create their Haunted House at the end of October. If you have large boxes please contact Mrs. Martino (kmartino@stgabrielskc.com) to arrange a time to drop off.

St. Pius X High School is hosting nights at our Volleyball and Football games for our Northland Catholic Grade Schools teams! The Grade School Volleyball Night is Thursday, September 8th and the Northland Catholic Warrior Night at the SPX Football Game is Friday, October 7th. Come join the fun and support the SPX Warriors! For more information or questions, please contact Melanie Martin at [816-453-3450 x115](tel:816-453-3450) or mmartin@stpiusxhs-kc.com



From Fr. Joe: On Friday, September 9, St. Gabriel's will be joining parishes around our diocese and nation spending the day in prayer asking God's help in stopping the spread of racism and accompanying violence in our neighborhoods, city and nation. This has become a national shame and is affecting more and more of our people. I ask that all who are able to join in prayer that day seeking the help of God in bringing people of all races together in a spirit of peace.

St. Gabriel's Prayer schedule will be:

8:00am Morning Prayer

8:15am Mass of St. Peter Claver

Noon. Midday Prayer

5:00pm Evening Prayer for the Dead.



Save the Date

Our annual school auction is October 15.

Please plan to attend for a night of fun with our school and parish families as we support

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