



St. Edmund's Academy  
*An Independent School*

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## *CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT SEA*

October 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the Lower and Upper Schools' Curriculum Evenings. Should you have additional questions or wish to meet with a teacher, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers. If you were unable to attend the Curriculum Evening presentations, please contact your child's homeroom teacher for any information that may have been handed out to parents in attendance.

This year, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at mid-semester I. Please mark your calendars for:

<b>Tuesday, November 3:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade – NO SCHOOL for 8<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 4:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> grade – NO SCHOOL for 6<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY</b>
<b>Friday, November 6:</b>	<b>PreK-5<sup>th</sup> AND 7<sup>th</sup> grade – NO SCHOOL for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> AND 7<sup>th</sup> grades ONLY</b>

Grade level teachers will be in touch with you to schedule your conference(s). Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Susan*

### **NOTEWORTHY NEWS**

#### ***DAILY STUDENT DISMISSAL***

- One of St. Edmund's priorities is the safety of your children. In order to ensure your child is dismissed properly at the end of the school day, it is imperative that any **changes in dismissal be communicated to the school before 2:00 p.m.**
- Each day, the teachers report to the front office any dismissal changes that are announced in the homeroom period by your child. By mid-morning, a Student Absence/dismissal document is sent to all faculty/staff in order for all to be aware of student absences, tardy arrivals, additions to Extended Day for that day, students that will not be riding the bus that day, and other changes to the typical daily dismissal plans of the students. This information is valuable and necessary for the classroom teachers, the bus monitors, the Extended Day staff and the coaches.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**

- St. Edmund's Academy will host a **Secondary School Information Night on Thursday, October 22 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents.** Several admissions representatives from various schools will be in attendance to address questions you may have.

### ***"HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS @ your library!"***

- **"Halloween Happenings @ your library!"** will be held on Wednesday, October 28 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. for all PreKindergarten I through Fifth Graders...poems to ponder...magic to brew...stories that scare...bookmarks, too!!

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **Timely Morning Arrival.** Students are expected to arrive for homeroom each morning and be **prepared and ready for first period.** Should a student arrive after **8:10 a.m.**, s/he must stop at the front desk to get a tardy slip. Please keep in mind, once a student has accrued four tardy slips, s/he will be instructed to remain after school from 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- **Homeroom, 8:00-8:12 a.m., is the time that announcements, changes to schedules, etc. are announced. If your child arrives late, your child will miss important announcements. Classes begin promptly at 8:15 a.m.**
- **Dismissal Pick-Up.** Please line up in the driveways **no earlier than 3:15 p.m.** Ninth period does not end until 3:20 and there are some days when deliveries to the school cannot be made due to our dismissal carline in the driveways. Thank you for this consideration.
- **Reserved Parking in the Field House Parking Lot.** Please remember there are parking **spaces reserved for The Church of the Redeemer staff** on the left-hand side of the Field House parking lot. Please **do not park in these reserved spaces, even on Thursdays during Chapel.**
- Students are to keep **cell phones in lockers** until the end of the school day. Students may **not** use cell phones during the day or have them turned on while in school or on campus.
- Students in the Upper School on sports teams may wear team jerseys on the day of a game. The field hockey players may also wear kilts; the soccer team must wear standard school uniform pants.
- Halloween expectations for **Lower School:** students may **bring costumes** to school in which to change. **NO MASKS OR WEAPONS, PLEASE.**
- Halloween expectations for **Upper School:** students may not dress in costumes, but **may dress down.**
- **Lower School** students will parade in the Field House in costume at **1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30.** Upper School students will 'watch' the parade.

## **FIELD HOCKEY**

~ **PRACTICE:** 10/1; 10/6; 10/8; 10/13; 10/15; 10/27

~ **GAMES:** 10/5; 10/7; 10/9; 10/14; 10/16; 10/19; 10/20; 10/23; 10/28

## **SOCCER**

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## IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES/EVENTS

- Thurs., Oct. 1 8:15 a.m., Chapel; Coffee hosted by 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Thurs., Oct. 1 1:55 p.m., **3<sup>rd</sup> grade** visits **Commons of Squirrel Hill**; first community service initiative
- Thurs., Oct. 1 Guest speaker, Mrs. Sigrid Wecht, visits 4<sup>th</sup> grade World Cultures
- Fri., Oct. 2 **National Denim Day** to benefit Breast Cancer Research ; \$1.00 donation to dress in denim
- Fri., Oct. 2 9:15-1:45 p.m., **Registered 8<sup>th</sup> grade** girls visit **Oakland Catholic**
- Mon., Oct. 5 10:30 a.m., **Fire Fighter Presentation** for **PreK I & PreK II**
- Wed., Oct. 7 8:15 a.m., PTA Board meeting
- Wed., Oct. 7 9:00-11:25 a.m., **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades** visit **University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms**
- Fri., Oct. 9 8:30-2:30 p.m., **Registered 8<sup>th</sup> graders** visit **Shady Side Academy**
- Fri., Oct. 9 10:30 a.m., **1<sup>st</sup> grade** travels to **Trax Pumpkin Farm**
- Mon., Oct. 12 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**; PAISTA in-service for faculty/staff
- Tues., Oct. 13 9:15-2:00 p.m., **Registered 8<sup>th</sup> grade** boys visit **Central Catholic**
- Tues., Oct. 13 1:05 p.m., **5<sup>th</sup> grade** attends **Access PA Power Library** presented by Carnegie guest speaker
- Wed., Oct. 14 **8<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY** dress-down day
- Thurs., Oct. 15 **School Picture Day** for all grades
- Fri., Oct. 16 1:30-3:00 p.m., **4<sup>th</sup> grade** participates in **Stash The Trash Redd Up**
- Tues., Oct. 20 8:30-12:00, **PreKindergarten I** travels to **Trax Pumpkin Farm**
- Tues., Oct. 20 8:45-11:30 a.m., **Kindergarten** travels to **Reilly's Summer Seat Farm**
- Tues., Oct. 20 8:30-2:15 p.m., **Registered 8<sup>th</sup> graders** visit **Winchester Thurston**
- Thurs., Oct. 22 1:05 p.m., **5<sup>th</sup> grade dress rehearsal**
- Thurs., Oct. 22 2:00 p.m., **1<sup>st</sup> grade Mexican Fiesta**
- Thurs., Oct. 22 6:30-9:00 p.m., **Secondary School Information Night for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders**
- Fri., Oct. 23 8:30 a.m., **5<sup>th</sup> grade Performance** for parents and guests
- Mon., Oct. 26 8:30-2:15 p.m., **Registered 8<sup>th</sup> grade** girls visit **The Ellis School**
- Wed., Oct. 28 6:30-7:45 p.m., **"Halloween Happenings @ Your Library"** for PreK I- 5<sup>th</sup>
- Thurs., Oct. 29 **3<sup>rd</sup> grade Poetry Reading** in the Library following Chapel
- Fri., Oct. 30 Mid-Semester I
- Fri., Oct. 30 **Dress down in Halloween colors**, \$.50;
- Fri., Oct. 30 1:00 p.m., **Lower School Halloween Parade** in the Field House
- Fri., Oct. 30 **11:00-12:00, PreK I Halloween Party**
- Fri., Oct. 30 **1:00 p.m., PreK II Halloween Party**
- Fri., Oct. 30 **1:00 p.m., Kindergarten Halloween Party**
- Fri., Oct. 30 **2:30-3:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Halloween Party**
- Fri., Oct. 30 **2:00-3:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Halloween Party**
- Fri., Oct. 30 **2:30 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Halloween Party**