

Noonan Academy Newsletter

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Principal's News



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Upcoming Events

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- ◆ 9/5 Labor Day School Closed
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- Casual Dress Day for a donation to Student Government
- ◆ 9/2 - 9/9 Book Fair
- ◆ Entertainment Books need to be returned!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Noonan Academy. The classrooms and teachers are ready for another successful year of learning. Our children deserve the very best, and with your support, we can assure you that they will get the best education possible. Our school's reputation and success rest in large measure on parental concern and involvement. We seek to afford each student an education commensurate with his or her abilities, and challenging to a degree that will prompt a love of learning. This is no easy task. We need your cooperation and understanding if this year is to provide a profitable and satisfying experience for your child(ren).

The Noonan Academy can take pride in its highly qualified and dedicated faculty. These educators welcome your concern because they view education as a partnership between home and school. The spirit and tradition that our school is made of has played a key role in shaping the educational experience. Ours has been a tradition of students committed to the proposition that the privilege of coming to school carries with it the obligation to do the best they can.

If there is anything we can do to help your child, please do not hesitate to let us know. The unvoiced problem cannot be resolved, as the missed opportunity rarely offers itself again.

Our goal remains to provide the best possible character formation and academic education for each student.

We trust that your experience with our school will enhance your faith in us. You will find this school and the education for your child(ren) worthy of your love and concern for them.

Welcome Back!
Make it a Great Year!

Car Line!!!!

In order to keep the carline flowing, please pull up close to the car in front of you so that we can get other cars off of Techster Blvd. Also, follow the route by entering through the driveway by the garage - NO CUTS by coming in the front entrance, please!

School Hours

Pre-K 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kindergarten - 8th 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Building Hours 6:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Office Hours 7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

July Birthdays

7/2 Delaney
 7/8 Gabriela
 7/14 Emma
 7/24 Amanda
 7/30 Diangela
 7/31 Ioanna

September Birthdays

9/1 Ishaan
 9/4 Jake
 9/4 Tatiana
 9/4 Gabriella
 9/8 Brendan
 9/8 Olivia
 9/10 Cevian
 9/12 Matthew
 9/13 Markus
 9/13 Justin
 9/18 Hannah
 9/19 Grace
 9/20 Gabriel
 9/24 Jaclyn
 9/24 Audrey
 9/26 Jazmin
 9/27 Thomas
 9/28 Amir
 9/28 Ryan
 9/28 Marshall

August Birthdays

8/1 Talia
 8/6 Lanka
 8/8 Griffin
 8/9 Tahsin
 8/9 Olivia
 8/11 Blake
 8/13 Sarah
 8/15 Kira
 8/16 Josiah
 8/18 Drew
 8/19 Luke
 8/23 Bryce
 8/25 Sarah
 8/27 Kyla
 8/27 Jenna
 8/28 Dylan



Door Codes

As a safety measure, we CANNOT allow our students to know the codes for our locked doors! Our parents are the only ones who should know the code and be putting it on the door boxes, carefully, so that their child does not observe the code as you input it. We will be changing our code for this year already, since several children have been letting themselves in the school. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

We will let you know when we can schedule this with our locksmith and the new code at that time.

Student of the Month

Pre-K 3 Miss Harders
Matthew

Pre-K 4 Mrs. Piper & Miss Callanan
Justin
Dakoda
Ellisian

Kindergarten Mrs. McDonald
Amir
Delaney

1st Mrs. Stephenson
CeeCee
Michael

2nd Grade Miss Wichman
Tyler
Allyson

3rd Grade Mrs. Ehler
Diangela
Jenna

4th Grade Miss Troxler
Brooke

5th Grade Mrs. Gedra
Alliya

6th Grade Mrs. Henderson
Kyle

7th/8th Grade Mr. Henderson
Arnae
Amanda

Sick Child

Children's Hospital Boston has a new "My Child Has..." feature.

Input your child's symptoms (coughing, sneezing, stomach ache) and get information on common illnesses, tips on preventative care and explanations of treatments and tests.

Try it at

www.childrenshospital.org

Please keep your child home if they complain about not feeling well in the morning. This is usually the time they are most contagious!

Remember that our Extended Day Program closes at **5:45!** Please be timely so that our employees may leave on time for other commitments they may have.

Staff Email Addresses!!!

Our teachers' email addresses are all listed on our webpage under contact us. www.noonanacademy.com

Please feel free to communicate with them via a phone call, note or email.

Our students deserve the best and that is achieved through good communication.

Teachers are NOT ready for students until 7:45. Please do not drop off your child before that time unless they are an Extended Day student.

The Academy is having two major fundraisers- Bee Authentic, around Earth Day, and the Entertainment Book that will be sold in the office. The PTA will continue to have their two Book Fairs, Garage Sale, etc.

Entertainment Books will be on sale through Sept. 9th. If you don't sell the book sent home, it **MUST** be returned.

A New School Year . . . A New Beginning

Start with good reading habits

Reading skills can be improved by regular read aloud times. Make them part of your schedule. Read to your child every night at bedtime, even if it is five minutes. Go regularly to the library so they can choose their books.

The value of hard work

Next time you are stuck in traffic, have your kids practice math. See how fast they can add or multiply the numbers on the nearby license plate. While driving, ask them to find a car whose plate has the highest or lowest total.

Book Clubs

Order forms for children's books will come home with your child each month. You do **NOT** have to purchase these books, but if you should choose to do so, please send a separate check, payable to the book company, **not** to the Noonan Academy.

Make School a Priority

Do not let TV and video games take up so much of the children's time. Two hours a week should be a limit. On weekdays, homework must be done first.

Uniforms

The school uniform policy will be strictly enforced. Please read the uniform section in the parent handbook carefully to make sure that you are in compliance.

Girls: Colored nail polish is not permitted. Make-up is not permitted. Only flat button or stud type earrings are permitted. Only one hole per ear is allowed.

Hair should be clean, well-groomed and of a conservative style. Boys' hair should not hang below the top of the collar.

Tardy or Early Departures

Children who are **always** coming in late or **always** going home early disrupt our classes. Your child needs to be in the classroom no later than:

Pre-K 8:55 a.m. and not picked up until 12:00

Kindergarten - 8th grade 7:55 a.m. and **not** picked up until 3:10 p.m.

Homework

If your child is sick and you would like to pick-up their homework or have it sent home with a sibling, please contact the office **before 10:00 a.m.** By calling early, the teacher will have adequate time to organize the books and assignments so it is ready to be picked-up or sent home at the end of the school day.

Medications

The Noonan Academy recognizes that some students may require the administration of medication during school hours. A staff member from the front office must administer all prescription medication. No student should self dispense medication. In order for students to receive medication in school, a parent authorization form must be completed, as well as a doctor's permission form. This policy includes over the counter medications. Forms are available on-line and in the office.

Medication must be brought to school in the original prescription bottle, properly labeled, to be kept at school. No medication in plastic bags or unlabeled containers will be accepted.

Visitor Passes

For the safety of our children, parents need to use the main office door when entering school during building hours. Please sign-in and you will receive a name badge to identify yourself.

Dismissal

For the safety of your children and to alleviate dismissal problems, please send a note to school with your children if:

- Your child is normally extended day and you are going to pick-up at the end of the school day.
- You are going to pick up your child before the end of the school day.
- Your child will be picked-up by another person.

We understand that there are times when your plans change in the middle of the day. If you are unable to send a note to school, please notify the office by phone or fax as soon as possible.

Car Line

Please utilize the car line for pick-up. It is our responsibility to safely escort students to awaiting vehicles. We will walk your child to your car.

If you need to speak at length with a teacher, please call to schedule an appointment or phone conversation at a time when the teacher can devote their full attention to your needs. This will also assist in keeping the car line moving.

Calendar UPDATE - Columbus Day is Oct. 10th, school is IN-SESSION that day, but closed on Monday, Oct. 17th for Teacher In-Service!!

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Pizza Parties

Our students love when parents supply pizza (remember - cheese only) for lunch. However, we **need a week's notice** so that we don't have left-over lunches!!! Mr. Ralph places his food order every Friday! Thanks for helping us with this.

SAFETY FIRST!!!

We want our Students to "BE SAFE". If it is after 8:00 am when you arrive at school to drop off your K – 8th grade children you must **bring them inside and sign them in.**

IT'S BEEN A GREAT START TO THE YEAR! PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO MAKE IT A BETTER YEAR FOR YOUR FAMILY!

We have business cards in the front office and Middle School entrances for businesses of the parents at Noonan.

Please drop-off your business cards if you haven't already and don't forget to check out our Noonan Family businesses if you need something. This is family taking care of family.

Scholastic "Space" Book Fair

"Reading is Out of this World"

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open at 8:00 a.m. beginning Sept. 2nd through noon on Sept. 9th. Our Family Night is Tuesday, Sept. 6th from 3:30 – 6:00. This is an excellent time to purchase early Christmas presents.

Please feel free to stop by whenever it's convenient and pick-up those stocking stuffers! Lots of books and other items will be available for purchase, and all of the proceeds go directly towards purchasing books and media for our library and classrooms.

Students will also be going to Book Fair during the day to purchase items with their classes. Please send cash or make checks payable to the Noonan Academy.

Controlling the Weather

While teachers can have a lifelong effect on the way students think, psychologist Haim Ginott has focused on a more immediate aspect of impact: the creation of a positive or negative physical and emotional environment that can determine the quality of a child's life.

"I've come to a frightening conclusion," he said. "I am the decisive element in the classroom. My personal approach creates the climate. My daily mood makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. It is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated, and a child humanized or dehumanized."

Yet as profound as this observation is for professional educators, it's even more so for parents. A parent's power to create the daily climate and lasting environment in which a child grows is so awesome it must be used consciously and responsibly.

Since our daily moods make the weather, we should try to shield our children from the thunder and lightning of our frustrations and anger. Instead of the dark clouds of cynicism, fear, and depression, we should discipline our own emotions and give them the light and warmth of love, hope, and good cheer. Conscious efforts to be positive, enthusiastic, and supportive can have a huge impact not only on the emotional well-being of our children, but on their ability to experience the joys and pains of childhood in healthy and constructive ways.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts