

Noonan Academy Newsletter

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Principal's News



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This is the ONLY Newsletter we will send home in hard copy. Please remember to look for this newsletter and grade level newsletters in your email account!!!!

Welcome to the 2009-2010 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 and they view education as a partnership between home and school. The spirit and tradition, that is our school, 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

7/3 Andrew
7/8 Gabriela
7/14 Emma
7/15 Ali
7/24 Amanda
7/30 Diangela

September Birthdays

9/3 Eddy Curry
9/4 Tatiana
9/4 Gabriella
9/6 Lauren
9/8 Myesha
9/8 Alex
9/8 Brendan
9/12 Leah
9/18 Faris
9/19 Grace
9/19 Madison
9/24 Audrey
9/26 Cassian
9/26 Jazmin
9/27 Nicolas
9/28 Arianna

August Birthdays

8/5 Alexander
8/8 Alyssa
8/9 Olivia
8/11 Blake
8-11 Gibbson
8/12 Jaden
8/13 Janic
8/14 Gina
8/16 Josiah
8/18 Drew
8/19 Luke
8/25 Sarah
8/26 Alan
8/27 Jenna



The Academy is only having one major fundraiser - Innisbrook and then the Entertainment Book that will be sold in the office. The PTA will continue to have their two Book Fairs, Garage Sale, etc. Sorry for any confusion.

Our **Innisbrook Fundraiser** begins Thursday, Sept. 3rd and ends Sept. 11th. A new ordering procedure has been implemented this year – you will place your orders on-line, print up a voucher, and send it with your payment to the school!! Checks made out to Noonan Elementary Academy. Complete instructions are on the envelopes that will be sent home on Thursday, Sept. 3rd!! It's EZ!

Student of the Month

Pre-K Mrs. Piper & Mrs. DeVere
Gibbson
Berkley

Kindergarten Mrs. Cummings &
Mrs. DeVere
Natalia
Tanner

1st Mrs. Haas
Jenna
Alex

2nd Grade Miss Wichman
Nicholas
Brooke

3rd Grade Mrs. Henderson
Justin

4th Grade Miss Troxler
Samantha

5th Grade Mrs. Gedra
Arnae

6th Grade Mrs. McDonald
Amanda

7th / 8th Grade Mr.
Henderson
Kirsten
Logan
Felicia

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 (new terminology for accreditation purposes) closes at **5:45!**

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.

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

Tardy children disrupt classes. Your child needs to be in the classroom no later than:

Pre-K	8:55 a.m.
Kindergarten - 8 th grade	7:55 a.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, an authorization form must be completed, as well as a doctor's permission form. This policy includes over the counter medications. Forms are available in the back of your Parent Handbook 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.

A.M. Drop-Off

The front and middle school doors will remain locked until 7:45 a.m. Teachers will not be in their classrooms to receive children prior to 7:45. Please understand that this time is valuable to teachers as they prepare for the day.

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Entertainment Books will be on sale in the office this year!! Please help us support the school by promoting this event beginning Monday, Sept. 21st. We will not be sending order forms home for students to take orders unless you request an order form.

Dear Parents,

As you know, we have a wonderful computer lab as well as classroom computers. If you are upgrading your home computer and would consider donating your old computer to the school, please get the specifications for the computer to us and we will be able to determine if it is more current than our classroom computers. This will be a great way to keep the classroom computers updated without any additional cost to the school.

We appreciate your help,

Nancy Sain

Pizza Parties

Our students love it 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!!! Mrs. Valenta places her 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 child you must **bring them inside and sign them in.**

With Mr. Nick still out and our reduced staff, volunteers are needed this year!! If you can help out with odd jobs, carline in the morning, library shelving, etc., please let Mrs. Sain know.

From the PTA

We're offering new leadership opportunities this year. Please contact Michelle Sager if you're interested in helping out in any capacity.

The PTA has another great year of activities planned. Please be sure to check out the PTA board in the front hallway, the PTA section of the Noonan monthly newsletter and as always watch out for updates to come home with your child. SO, check those backpacks and the school webpage!!!!

We have scheduled our first meeting for Tuesday, Sept 10th at 5:45 in the gym. We can't wait to see old friends and make new ones!

Our first PTA scheduled event will be the Family Italian Dinner on October 6th. See you all there!!!

PTA Board Members 2009-2010

Co-Presidents - Michelle Sager & ?

Co-Vice Presidents -

Secretary -

Treasurer -