

St. James Episcopal School

October 2, 2008

It has been an exciting start to our new school year! Hurricane Ike came and conquered as he caused some distress to our Arnold Building, but not for long...we bounce back! I would like to thank the parents, teachers, students and the church for working with us as we transitioned into our "temporary" classrooms. Once we overcame our hurricane aftermath we endured our accreditation visit. This visit took place Sunday, September 28 - Wednesday, October 1. I would like to thank each family, parent, student, board member, vestry member, church member, etc... that attended our reception Sunday afternoon or that met during the week with the accreditation team. The team had many positive things to say about the hospitality that they received from everyone involved with St. James Episcopal School. I am humbled to be associated with such a great school family, I thank you all for the support and confidence that you give the school! I appreciate you all!

~ Tiffany Forester
Head of School

Upcoming Events:

EARLY RELEASE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 @ 1:00pm: Our Arnold Building will be complete with the construction and a thorough cleaning...we will have early release on October 9 so that the teachers can move back to their home, or former classrooms. Regular classes in original rooms will resume on Friday, October 10. If you can not pick your child up on Thursday, extended care will be available for them on this afternoon. Please let us know if you will need extended care so that we can staff accordingly. (Call the school office or send a note.)

Friday, October 10 - Blessing of the Pets: 8:45 in the circle drive. Pets must be caged or on a leash and must depart with a parent after the ceremony. If your child does not have a pet he/she may bring a stuffed animal.

Monday, October 13 - No School - Holiday

School Pictures - October 15 and October 16: Individual pictures and class group pictures.

K-6th grade students must wear their chapel uniforms for the group picture on this day. The individual picture has a fall background so if you would like more navy, send a navy top or sweater to add to the uniform.

October 15: The following classes will take pictures on this day - McLaurine, Alexander, Ingram, Wright, Orkand, Ashford, Ms. Robin's (MW class), Ms. Ellie's class

October 16: Ms. Robin's (TTh class), Ms. Kim, Ms. Laurie, Ms. Jamie

Kindergarten Field Trip: The kindergarten class will travel to the Oil Ranch on Thursday, October 16th. Details will follow next week.

Vision Screenings: Vision screenings will take place October 22 and October 23. Pre-K students – 6th grade will be screened.

Vietnam Wall Field Trip: Students in K-6th grade will travel to Willis on Friday, October 24 to sing in the opening ceremony for the Vietnam Wall visit. More details will follow. Students are to wear their chapel uniforms on this day as well. Thank you!

Friday, October 24 – Church Annual Dinner and Auction at the Lone Star Center, tickets \$25. Doors open at 6:30pm

Sunday, October 26th at 5pm – Trunk or Treat: Bring your children to the church parking lot for treats. Costumes are encouraged!

Fire Truck Visit: In honor of community helper and safety month we will have a visit from our local fire department on Monday, October 27. They will speak to the students about fire safety and they will bring a fire truck for the students to tour. This will take place for all students.

Friday, October 31 – This year in honor of All Hallow's Day or All Saints Day, also known to many as Halloween the students will be dressing as their favorite community helper or career choice. Please be sure that all costumes for this day relate to their favorite community helper or career. Please no guns or swords. Thank you!

As you can see we have not missed a beat! Our school year is in full swing and the activities are picking up the pace. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office (936/756-4984) or tiffany@stjames-conroe.org.

Have a great month! Live, laugh, love and Godspeed to all of our wonderful families! Tiffany Forester, Head of School