

# TAKE HOME TUESDAY

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Tuesday, August 22, 2017 \* St. Albert the Great School  
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Welcome to our 1st edition of the "Take Home Tuesday" for the 2017-2018 School Year! This newsletter will serve as the primary communication between our school and our parents. This newsletter will also be uploaded to our school's website under the <Parents> tab, then under <School News>. While it is suggested that all parents use our website as a main source of information, the "Take Home Tuesday" will always be printed for your convenience and sent home with your family's "Tuition Carrier" child. All of this in an effort to ensure that we work together as one for the well being of our students, and your children!  
Please be sure to always read the Take Home Tuesday in its entirety so that you are aware of all events and "goings-on" at St. Albert the Great!



On our first day of school, had a special visitor - Emoji Man!! Students were welcomed in the morning and in their classrooms. To see more pictures of the Emoji Man, please go to our Twitter Account @SATG\_School. Students then spent the day earning "Emoji Stickers" every time they were "caught being kind". It was a fun-filled day to see the students walking around with their Emoji Stickers on their uniform shirts and learning about all the ways we can be kind to each other. The students with the most Emoji Stickers got an Emoji Beach Ball at the end of the day! What fun!!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - TOMORROW - WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 23RD FROM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Parking Lot:** A reminder to our parents to be extremely cautious in our parking lots before and after school. It is requested that you park your car, and escort your child to the coned-in area at drop off; then park your car and enter the coned-in area at dismissal for pick up. We cannot allow children to walk unaccompanied through a parking lot of moving cars. Your cooperation is appreciated by all for the safety of our students.

**Hot Lunch Program:** We are pleased to offer a Hot Lunch Program this year at St. Albert the Great. Due to requirements by FSP (our provider), we will start our Hot Lunch Program on **OCTOBER 1ST**. Students must bring their own lunches until the end of September. We apologize for this inconvenience, but know that you will be very happy with the program when it gets up and running in October.

**Lunch Parents Program:** Lunch Parents assist the school by supervising lunch and recess from 11:25-12:45 daily. We are currently in need of a Kindergarten Lunch Parent for Mondays and Thursdays. Parents earn \$15.21 during this time, which can be used to pay tuition. Please email Mrs. Krol if you are able to help us out!  
[kkrol@satgschool.org](mailto:kkrol@satgschool.org)

**Parish Carnival:** The St. Albert the Great Carnival is happening this week!!! **August 24th - 27th** at 79th & Harlem. All parents who have a student enrolled in St. Albert the Great School from Preschool on up, are expected to work a shift at the Carnival. If you have not signed up already, please text Mrs. Kanan at (708)785-9062 to secure your volunteer spot.

**Carnival Raffle:** All St. Albert the Great families are required to sell \$100 in raffles for the Carnival as one of our mandatory fundraisers. The \$100 will be automatically added to your tuition account on FACTS today, August 22nd, so there is no need to bring money into the school office. Simply sell your raffle tickets, and return the stubs to the school office by **THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH**. Please submit your \$100 to your FACTS account by September 1st. Thank you!

**Opening School Mass:** On Friday, August 25th, we will hold our Opening School Year Mass at 8:30 am for grades K - 8 (our Preschoolers learn about going to Mass throughout the year, but it's a little too early for them to attend at this time). Please come and join us as we begin this new year together!

State Law requires that certain grade levels of school children receive medical, dental, and vision exams by September 21st. If your child has not completed their exam and brought in the paperwork from your doctor by September 21st, then they will not be allowed in school. The following grade levels must complete their exams: **HEALTH:** Preschool, Kindergarten, 6th, and new students - **VISION:** Kindergarten, any out of state student - **DENTAL:** Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th grades.

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**School Improvements:** Thank you to Mr. Ferreri, Mr. Miguel Saucedo, and Mr. Luis Saucedo for making our school look so amazing this year! From the fresh paint to the new boiler and alarm system, we truly appreciate all your efforts for the children!

**Family-School Association:** On Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m., we will be having our first Family-School Association meeting of the year. This group serves in a similar capacity to that of a "PTA", as it works together to support the needs of the school and to assist with school spirit. I would welcome all of our parents to attend the first meeting to learn what this is all about. We love our parents and volunteers, so I hope to see all of you at this first meeting of the year!

**No School on September 1st:** Please see the enclosed notice regarding asbestos abatement that will take place over the Labor Day weekend. School will be closed during this time. Please enjoy your 4 day weekend!

**Early Dismissal Wednesdays:** Every other Wednesday, our school goes on an Early Dismissal schedule, in order to afford our teachers time to work on our School Improvement Plan. We employ the Data Wise system of school improvement, which requires us to work collaboratively on a regular basis. This work is extremely important to the success of our school, as it has led to our current Personalized Learning Program and technological advances. School will dismiss at 1:45 p.m. on these days. If you are in need of child care until 3:00 p.m., we offer that free of charge until 3:00 pm on the Early Dismissal days. Please contact Mrs. Joda if you will be using the Extended Day program on those days. **Our first Early Dismissal day is set for Wednesday, August 30th (next week).**

**School Messenger:** If you happen to get a phone call from me, please don't be alarmed! We use an email and phone messaging system to communicate with parents called "School Messenger". If you get a phone call from the school, listen to the message in its entirety. I will be calling often with information that will be important for you to know!

## Looking Ahead:

8/23: Gym Classes Begin; Band For Today Demonstration; Back to School Night 6-8 pm

8/24: Band For Today Instrument Matching

8/24-27: PARISH CARNIVAL!! All families are welcome to attend and work to help support our school financially!

8/25: Opening School Mass @8:30 am

8/30: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.

9/1: NO SCHOOL

9/4: NO SCHOOL

9/7: Family-School Association Meeting @ 7pm

9/11: Patriot Day Mass @8:30 am

9/18: Grandparents Day Mass @8:30 am

9/20: Parent University @ 7 pm



**CAUGHT BEING KIND!!**