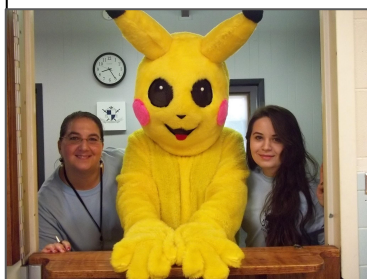


TAKE HOME TUESDAY

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 * St. Albert the Great School
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Welcome to our 1st edition of the "Take Home Tuesday". This small newsletter will serve as the primary communication between our school and our parents. This newsletter will also be uploaded to our school's website, and be sent home via School Messenger. 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 Wednesday, 8/17, we had a special visitor on our 1st day of school - Pikachu!! Students were welcomed in the morning and competed throughout the day to locate Pokemon cards around the school. It was a fun-filled day that ended with one student from each grade level winning for the "most Pokemon cards found".

On Monday (yesterday), we held our Opening School Year Mass! It was lovely to see so many parents present to join us in prayer of thanks for a wonderful summer, for our parish that supports our school so generously, and for our St. Albert the Great family. Thank you Fr. Mariusz, Fr. Beath, and Fr. Wojciech for being our celebrants!

Even though it has been quite warm in our building, we have been staying cool by designating the rooms that are air conditioned as places for "cool down field trips". The faculty and students have been taking turns in these various rooms to make sure that everyone cools down throughout the day. On Friday, I passed out freezy pops to the whole school as well. Students are welcome to bring refillable water bottles to school until further notice.

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!

Family-School Association - On Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m., we will be having our first Family-School Association meeting. This group will serve in a similar capacity to that of a "PTA". This group will work 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!

A gentle reminder to our parents to be extremely cautious in our parking lots before and after school. Our drop off and dismissals seem to be going very well, I would just request that we all remain diligent when there are children walking between cars.

FACULTY MEETINGS - 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 future and success of our school. 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 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 31st (next week).**

Last Thursday and Friday we welcomed our Kindergarten and Preschool students and families to our school. There were some tears, but overall, it went quite smoothly. We even held a "cry room" for the parents after drop off! The parents were welcome to come in, have some coffee and donuts, and some tissues too! It was a nice way for our parents to meet each other and spend some time getting to know our school. Good luck to our Kindergarten and Preschool students!

Looking Ahead:

8/24&25: Gym Classes begin

8/25-28: PARISH CARNIVAL!! All families are welcome to attend and work to help support our school financially!

8/30 1st ever, official FAMILY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING!

8/31: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.

9/2: First Friday Mass @8:30 a.m.

9/7: Parent Night (whole school) 7:00 p.m.

State Law requires that certain grade levels of school children receive medical, dental, and vision exams by September 20th. If your child has not completed their exam and brought in the paperwork from your doctor by September 20th, 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.