

August 1, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for the wonderful cooperation you gave this past Wednesday and Thursday when you came to school for the optional opportunity to pick up unofficial schedules, lockers, buy uniform items, and take care of athletic clearance, immunization and other school needs. I believe the days were successful in accommodating your needs. PLEASE NOTE: All students will still need to pick up another schedule on their Orientation Day...August 10 (10th, 11th, 12th) and August 11 (9th)! There is ongoing movement of students into classes with fewer students to attempt to have the most evenly balanced class numbers as possible. Changes HAVE BEEN made since July 30 resulting in some students' classes being moved to a different period and in some cases a different teacher being assigned.

Things you can do the week of August 3 – 8 (Except on August 6 – School is Closed) at Saint Mary's High School:

1. Make sure your student's immunizations are current! Students may NOT attend Saint Mary's High School until their immunizations are current, as verified by our school nurse, Mrs. Albaracin, 602-251-2518, calbaracin@smknights.org
2. Get your fall athletes cleared with Mrs. Schmaltz at the Main Office.
3. Pick up a copy of your "unofficial schedule" and locker assignment at the Main Desk from Ms. Arvallo.
4. Take care of any financial/tuition/Business Office matters.

Things not available the week of August 3 – 8 (Except on August 6 – School is Closed) :

1. The school's Spirit Shop is closed.
2. No schedule *changes* can be made. If the student did not come on July 29 or 30, the next opportunity for a schedule change is on their respective Orientation Day.

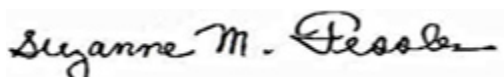
Other information:

The first stage of the street abatement project is nearly finished and the area is looking cleaner every day, but not quite finished yet. Therefore, there will still be restricted parking for visitors doing business on August 3, 4, 5, 7 – visitors may still use the parking lot behind the gymnasium on August 3rd and 4th, but may park only on the north and south sides of Sheridan Street, east of the gymnasium on August 5th and 7th. The Faculty returns on August 5th and will be using the parking area behind the gymnasium on August 5th and 7th.

Please watch your email, our website, and your home mailbox beginning Wednesday, August 5th, for the final traffic flow and parking written directions and color-coded map we will implement for parents dropping off and picking up students, as well as for our students who are driving to school and parking beginning on August 10th. For parents dropping off and picking up students, consider the following statement for keeping the traffic flowing: "A student should be WAITING for their parent/ride to pick them up—the parent/ride should NOT be WAITING for the student to show up. "

Textbooks need to be ordered if you have not already done so. Students not having their textbooks on DAY ONE of class (August 12) are at an immediate disadvantage for being able to get off to their best start in a class. Please make getting those textbooks a priority.

Blessings to all our families...



Mrs. Fessler