

# St. John the Apostle Catholic School

# News & Notes

## Mark your calendar...

September 09, 2016

Week of September 12 Standardized Testing, K through 8th grade

**Vision and Hearing Screening** 

Monday, September 12 Parents Band Meeting, 7:00 pm, Library

Tuesday, September 13 Home & School Meeting, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Volunteer Center

Monday, September 19 Upper School Mandatory Media Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gym

Thursday, September 22 North Texas Giving Day, 6am to midnight, online

Pep Rally, 2:15, Gym

Friday, September 23 No School

#### STANDARDIZED TESTING

The students will be tested during the week of September 12 - 16 in the morning. Please make sure your children have a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast before they come to school. No homework will be assigned this week.

## VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

The nurse will be screening for vision and hearing the week of September  $12^{th}$ . The State requires that we screen students in PK, K,  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ ,  $5^{th}$ , and  $7^{th}$ . If your child wears glasses or contacts please make sure they wear them for the testing. They need to be tested with their glasses or contacts. Parents will only be notified of the results if their student fail any of the screenings.

The nurse will also be testing for Acanthosis Nigricans, which is a black-brown velvety marker that usually appears on the back of the neck. It is the result of too much insulin in the blood. It is a prediabetic condition and serves as an indicator of risk for Type 2 diabetes and other chronic health problems. Acanthosis Nigricans is usually seen during the pre-adolescence and adolescence years. Early detection and an intervention of diet changes and physical activity are important. This involves the testing of students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. The screening is done by checking the back of the student's neck and looking for the appearance of a dark line, or raised thickened skin.

If you have any questions please call Nurse Timmermann at 817-284-2228 or e-mail btimmermann@stjs.org.

# PARENTS BAND MEETING

If you have a child in 4th through 8th grade interested in joining the school band, you will need to attend the meeting on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

# **HOME & SCHOOL MEETING**

We are all H&S! Come join us Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00pm in the Volunteer Center. Let's brainstorm and have a fun school year!