


# St. Ann Middle School Newsletter

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<p><b>Upcoming Tests, Projects, etc...</b> Sept. 15 – Prayer Banner Ribbon due Sept. 15 – Old t-shirt needed Sept. 16 – Recite Hail Mary Sept. 17 – Personal Prayer due Sept. 30 – Book Report due</p>	<p><b>Curriculum Topics...</b> 6 Math – Critical Thinking, Problem Solving 7A Math – Critical Thinking, Problem Solving 7B Math – Critical Thinking, Problem Solving Reading – DEAR, “My Familia” Science – Classification of plants and animals Social Studies – Geography Grammar – Sentences Religion – St. Monica, prayers</p>
<p><b>Upcoming School Events...</b> Sept. ?? – Parents’ Night Out Sept. 15 – School Pictures Oct. 1 – Center Lake Field Trip Oct. 2 – Conferences</p> <p><u>Grading Scale</u> A= 93-100 B= 85-92 C= 77-84 D= 70-76 E= 0-69</p>	<p>Please contact us any time. <a href="mailto:mpurrenhage@yahoo.com">mpurrenhage@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:aurse@stanncadillac.org">aurse@stanncadillac.org</a></p> <p><b>Birthdays...</b> 9/15 Father Murphy</p> 
<p><b>Announcements...</b></p> <p>Please remember to buy <b>SCRIP</b> for your weekly groceries and gas!</p> <p><b>Book/Software Orders</b> – These are due to Mrs. Purrenhage no later than Friday, September 11. <b>Please make checks payable to Scholastic.</b></p> <p><b>Red Pens</b> – Students will be correcting their work in red pen. Please make sure that your student comes to class prepared.</p> <p><b>Lockers &amp; Backpacks</b> – Students will <b>NOT</b> be permitted to carry their backpacks throughout the day. They will have time to visit their lockers often throughout the day. Rolling backpacks are <b>NOT</b> permitted, as they do not fit in the lockers. When left in front of lockers or on the classroom floor, rolling backpacks create safety hazards for the students.</p> <p><b>Missing/Late Assignments in Mrs. Purrenhage’s classes</b> – The students will write down all of their daily assignments. When assignments are late, students will lose 20% of the assignment’s total points. <b>A late assignment is any work that is not completed when the student enters school that morning.</b> Student absences do not make an assignment late.</p>	

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**Friday Envelopes** – Large envelopes containing students work and school information will be sent home the last day of each school week. These must be signed and returned the first school day of the following week.

## **Book Report Topics:**

September – Fiction – Due Sept. 30.  
October – Fantasy – Due Oct. 30.  
November – Mystery – Due Nov. 30.  
December – Free Choice – Due Dec. 22.  
January – Science Fiction – Due Jan. 29.  
February – Biography – Due Feb. 26.  
March – Animal – Due Mar. 25.  
April – Realistic Fiction – Due Apr. 30.  
May – None



**Wanted:** Old student t-shirts – Each student should bring one of their old t-shirts to school no later than Tuesday, September 15. We will be making gym bags out of them. The t-shirts will get cut and converted into bags so students should not bring a shirt that they still want to wear.



**Math Philosophy** – Students should know their basic math facts before relying on a calculator. I will be helping students to develop this skill by giving daily, timed tests. We are starting with addition and will move through the other functions. I will allow calculator usage on a limited basis to correct completed work.

**Volunteers Needed:** 2 **Home and School Representatives** are needed to represent our class. Please contact Mrs. Purrenhage if you are interested. Thanks!

**Volunteer Needed:** A classroom parent is needed to implement the class phone chain. The phone chain will be used to notify families of events, emergencies and other information. Please contact Ms. Urse if you are willing to help. Thanks!

**Mass:** Please consider occasionally attending Mass with the Middle School. Feel free to sit with your student. We would love to have you!

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