

September's Glimpse of Guidance

Welcome back to the new school year! This "glimpse of guidance" is a new piece that will be coming to you each month giving you an opportunity to read up on the goings on in the Guidance classroom!

This year we have some new happenings – such as the guidance office hours. Each week, grades will have certain times that are open solely for them. Students are encouraged to use these times to stop into my classroom if they are experiencing things that they would like to share with me. (Recess problems, classroom problems, friendship issues...) Office hours are posted in each classroom, as well as outside on the Guidance bulletin board.

In addition to the office hours, there is also a new "small problem box" located outside my classroom. This box is for students who may wish to receive advice or help on something, but would rather not stop in my classroom. Parents – please know this box is locked, so no one other than me will be reading the notes!

Another monumental piece of the Guidance program is our Anti-Bully Program. Our entire staff went through two days of training in August, and we are very excited to work together with our students, parents and community to diminish any bullying that goes on here at St. Monica. There will be a parent meeting the evening of October 15th at 7pm and we encourage all parents to attend! (More information coming later)

This month – in the guidance classes, we will be focusing on "getting acquainted" and transitioning back into the "world of school". We are so fortunate to have many new families joining us this year, and many of our classes this month will help all the students learn a little bit about one another in a safe environment. The students in K-4 will not begin coming to guidance classes until sometime in October. All other students begin the first week! ☺ The 8th grade class in particular will be heading up to Waupaca for their canoe trip on September 18th. Let's hope for nice weather!!

I look forward to continuing these "glimpses" into the world of Guidance. Stay tuned! ☺

~Mrs. Stewart

****Parent connection****

Talk to your children about what it may be like being new somewhere - whether they would be new to their sport team, new to school, or new to just about anything. How does it feel to be the new one? How would you want others to treat you?