



News "Paws"

Welcome Back!

August 23-27



Heads Up by Brinn Williford

As I write this, it is the first day of school in the middle of the afternoon, and I am waiting for the first crisis of the New Year. So far, so good! It has been a terrific first day of school at St. Cyprian's!



Things are a little different around here this year in a number of wonderful ways. We have some new staff to welcome for 2010-2011. Janie Fowler will teach 3rd grade. Mrs. Fowler taught for many years at Hudson. Also, we welcome Rachel Thomas, who also comes to us from Hudson ISD. Rachel will teach our other 1st grade class. Greta Bain is our Spanish teacher this year. She has taught Spanish most recently at Crockett High School. We have two new members of our 3K team, Sara Lowery and Traci Enos. Both have worked extensively with young children and are solid additions to our faculty. Traci is also our afternoon Administrative Assistant, and you will see her in the office as you pick up your child from school. Sara is beginning the process of becoming a licensed Dyslexia Therapist, and will do that in addition to her 3K chores. Jane Shepherd is our new 5K teacher. We were very pleased to find someone experienced and creative like Jane for our additional 5K classroom. Jane last taught at Wells ISD. Finally, we have a new Assistant Rector from St. Cyprian's Church that will be leading our Chapel services this year, and her name is Carolina Armstrong. She is from the Fort Worth area back from a year working in the mission field in Delaware.



There are some other slight differences this year over last. Our Chapel services will be at 9:30 now instead of at 8:00. We will begin the day at 8:00 with our pledges, followed by our students getting right to work. We feel like this will be a stronger start to our day, and at least on the first day of school it was.



I am as excited about this school year as I have been since my first year here three years ago. Our enrollment is strong, above 190 for the first time since 1999, and every classroom on campus is filled with students. God is blessing our school! We have a tremendous School Board that is supporting what we do, and our staff has never been stronger. Space limits me from crowing about everything that we have



going on this year, so some of it will have to wait. Thank you for trusting us with the education of your child. You have my pledge that we will do the best for our students that we can possibly do, every single day. The Lord continues to bless our school in so many ways! We are glad you are a part.

Our theme for this year comes from Ephesians 4:1 – "I urge you who have been chosen by God to live up to the life to which God called you." Join us this year as we Live Up to the Life at our school. It promises to be an unforgettable year!

Brinn Williford, Head of School

Saint Cyprian's Voted Best Private School

For the third year in a row, St. Cyprian's was voted "Best Private School in Lufkin" in the Lufkin Daily News. Many thanks to all of you who voted to keep St. Cyprian's on top.

Emergency Contact Cards!!

If you haven't already done so, please complete and return the emergency contact card to your child's homeroom teacher ASAP! This is critical information we need from parents/guardians to contact you quickly when your child has a need.

Morning Drop-off

- All students should be dropped off at the **Main Entrance**. The preschool doors will remain locked at all times.
- We will have teachers on duty in the front hallway at 7:30 each morning for early drop-off.
- Please do not bring your student into the building before 7:30.
- Students arriving between 7:30 and 7:50 are to remain in the front hallway. Again, for security, students are not allowed in classrooms or academic hallways before 7:50. **Please enter through the main entrance to the school.**

Dismissal Times & Pick-Up Locations



3K & 4K halfday: 1:45; pick up at the main entrance.

4K fullday – 1st: 3:00; pick up at main entrance.

2nd-5th grades: 3:15; pick up at the main entrance.

A staggered dismissal helps alleviate the traffic problems and also allows for additional instructional time for the upper grades.

Lunch Menus are due Thursday

Lunch menus went home today and are due back by Thursday. Hot lunch service will begin next week.