

*“Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.
He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in its classes.
He is the model of its faculty, and the inspiration of its students.”*

Orientation - Thursday, August 27th
Preschool 6:30 p.m. (Community Room)
K-8 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Important 8th grade meeting at 8:00 p.m.

We will be discussing the new foreign language program as well as other important information regarding the school year.

All parents are expected to attend.

August 5, 2009


Dear Parents

We hope you are having a wonderful, peaceful summer. Thank you for taking your marriage vows seriously by raising your child according to the Catholic faith and by providing your child with a Catholic Education. We know that during these tough economic times a Catholic education is a huge sacrifice. We are getting ready for a great school year and will do our best to give your child an excellent Catholic education. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 1st. It will be a full day of school, 8:15 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.. There is no bus transportation the first 3 days. **There will be an important orientation/meet the teacher night on Thursday, August 27th** at 7:00 p.m. beginning in the church. Please plan to attend this informative evening. It will help your child feel more comfortable in a new surrounding and will keep you up to date with new programs and procedures. We will also be discussing our new foreign language program. It is important even for Junior High students and their parents to attend as we will be discussing the Washington D.C. trip. Mrs. Wambold will be available for Latchkey registration. Preschool Orientation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the BKS Community Room. K-8th will start at 7:00 p.m. in church and then proceed to the classrooms. There will also be a BKS Wear Sale and Uniform Exchange in the gym. Please stop by and see all the BKS items available. All proceeds from the BKS Wear Sale benefits the BKS Athletic Department.

As you may already know we have hired Mrs. Patricia Dube to be our 3 Year-Old Preschool teacher. Mrs. Suzie Wurster will be her aide. They have been working all summer getting the room ready for our newest little students and the room looks great! We feel very blessed to have these two new additions to our staff.

All teaching staff members will be attending the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS) Conference at Cobo Hall in Detroit on Thursday and Friday October 29th and 30th. Therefore Bishop Kelley will be closed on those days although the public school will be open.

We have tried to keep tuition as affordable as possible and have raised tuition minimally even though our expenses continue to rise. We expect all parents to participate in the “Twelve Hours of Power” by signing up for at least 12 hours of fundraising help. As you



know, we cannot keep tuition as low as it is without the financial support of the parish and our fundraising. Our cost for educating each child is nearly \$4,000. We ask that everyone does their fair share in raising funds for the school. Studies show students do better in school when their parents are involved. Many of these jobs can be, or have been broken down into smaller jobs. Please take a few moments and fill out the volunteer sheet. It is a great way to make friends and have fun while helping the school. If you have headed an event in the past and are willing to continue, please put your name in the spot as well. We are so appreciative of all you do for our children and the school.

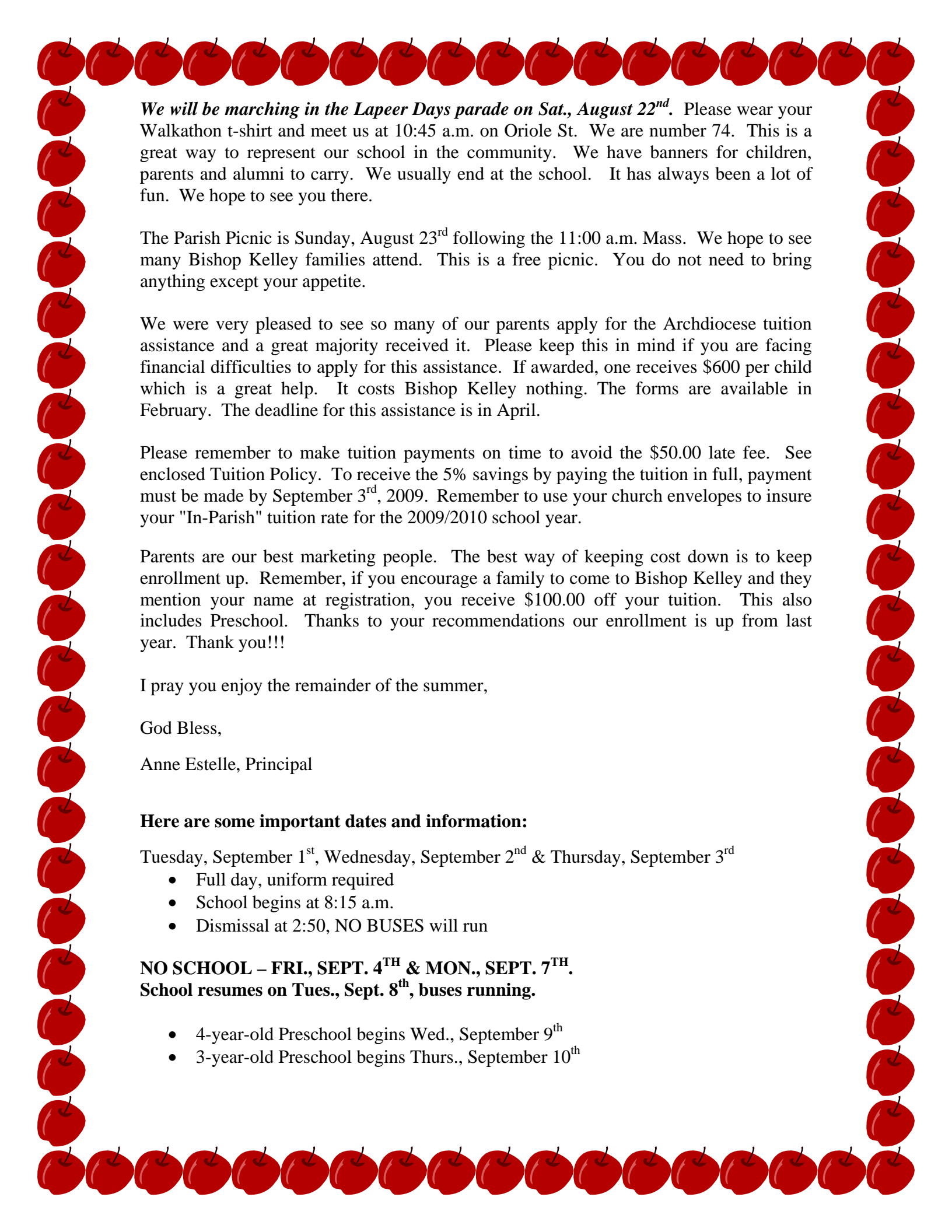
Carolyn Brenner has graciously agreed to be our PTO President for this year, Lori Wakefield will return as our PTO Treasurer and Angie Rhein as our Secretary. We still have an opening for Vice President. If you are interested in this position, please call the school office or fill out the appropriate place on the volunteer form.

We may have openings for lunch parents. If you would like to be involved with the school and love working with children, this would be a great opportunity. The hours are 10:35-12:35, Monday through Friday. Please apply in the school office as soon as possible, we would like to have these people hired by August 21st.

Latchkey is available on a daily basis for students four years old and up. The cost is \$5.00 per hour for the first child, \$3.00 for the second, and \$2.00 for each additional child. Registration is \$20.00 per family. Pre-schoolers who are four years old are now welcome in latchkey too! We hope many families are able to take advantage of this service. Mrs. Wambold will be in the latchkey room taking registration the night of our orientation. Please register the night of our orientation to reserve your child's placement. You may also reach her by calling 664-5011 extension 5.

Enclosed you will find a flyer from Thorne's. They are our official uniform store and are owned by the Wenzlick's, a Bishop Kelley family. You may also purchase uniforms from School Belles. Any other uniform purchase must be approved through the office. In the past we had too many varieties of uniform pants and it was difficult for the staff to determine those that were uniform slacks from other pants. Please respect the uniform policy. Students may be removed from class until the appropriate clothing is brought in. *****NEW THIS YEAR – Kindergarteners will begin wearing uniforms this year.**

Our Golf Outing this year is Sunday, September 20th. By changing the date, we hope to get even more golfers than usual. We still need sponsors. We would like each family to ask someone to be a sponsor for the Golf Outing. Think of the businesses you support. If we could get them to sponsor a hole for \$100. For this donation they get a sign printed and displayed the day of the outing, at St. Louise one week and on the rectory lawn another. They also get their name printed in the church and school papers. If you are not comfortable asking someone to sponsor, please consider signing up or asking a family member to sign up to golf. The Country Club is very generous in donating the golf for this great day. We are very thankful to the Nelson family and Lapeer Country Club for donating the use of their beautiful golf course. Last year we made over \$5,000 and hope to do even better this year. To help with the outing or for any questions, call Catherine Bostick-Tullius. Please pray for good weather!



We will be marching in the Lapeer Days parade on Sat., August 22nd. Please wear your Walkathon t-shirt and meet us at 10:45 a.m. on Oriole St. We are number 74. This is a great way to represent our school in the community. We have banners for children, parents and alumni to carry. We usually end at the school. It has always been a lot of fun. We hope to see you there.

The Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 23rd following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We hope to see many Bishop Kelley families attend. This is a free picnic. You do not need to bring anything except your appetite.

We were very pleased to see so many of our parents apply for the Archdiocese tuition assistance and a great majority received it. Please keep this in mind if you are facing financial difficulties to apply for this assistance. If awarded, one receives \$600 per child which is a great help. It costs Bishop Kelley nothing. The forms are available in February. The deadline for this assistance is in April.

Please remember to make tuition payments on time to avoid the \$50.00 late fee. See enclosed Tuition Policy. To receive the 5% savings by paying the tuition in full, payment must be made by September 3rd, 2009. Remember to use your church envelopes to insure your "In-Parish" tuition rate for the 2009/2010 school year.

Parents are our best marketing people. The best way of keeping cost down is to keep enrollment up. Remember, if you encourage a family to come to Bishop Kelley and they mention your name at registration, you receive \$100.00 off your tuition. This also includes Preschool. Thanks to your recommendations our enrollment is up from last year. Thank you!!!

I pray you enjoy the remainder of the summer,

God Bless,

Anne Estelle, Principal

Here are some important dates and information:

Tuesday, September 1st, Wednesday, September 2nd & Thursday, September 3rd

- Full day, uniform required
- School begins at 8:15 a.m.
- Dismissal at 2:50, NO BUSES will run

NO SCHOOL – FRI., SEPT. 4TH & MON., SEPT. 7TH.

School resumes on Tues., Sept. 8th, buses running.

- 4-year-old Preschool begins Wed., September 9th
- 3-year-old Preschool begins Thurs., September 10th

School Hours

Students may enter the school at 8:10 and must report directly to the classroom. Students arriving early will gather in the parking lot behind the school. Please do not drop children off early - there is no supervision. Classes begin at 8:15 a.m. Please be prompt since various teachers explain many assignments early in the day. We anticipate dismissal to be at 2:50 p.m. We are waiting for confirmation from the Lapeer Community Schools for exact times. All students and parents must enter through the Washington Street doors only.

Bus Schedule

Bus schedules will be available in the classrooms at orientation or will go home with the students on Tuesday, September 1st. Bus service will begin Tues., Sept. 8th.

BKS Website

Please visit the Bishop Kelley Website at www.bishopkelleylapeer.org. If you misplace the "Beacon" you will find a copy on our website. Once again, in order to conserve paper, the weekly Beacon will be sent directly to your email address. The monthly newsletter/calendar will still be sent home in the monthly envelope. A letter will be sent home at orientation confirming your email address or to request a "hard copy". You may reach your child's teacher by e-mail by using the first initial, last name followed by the web address. Once school is in session, teachers should respond to emails within 48 hours.

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vcaskey@bishopkelleylapeer.org (6th grade)

lmihm@bishopkelleylapeer.org (adm. asst.)

cyaros@bishopkelleylapeer.org (7th grade)

aschrot@bishopkelleylapeer.org (4-year preschool)

mdobos@bishopkelleylapeer.org (8th grade)

pdube@bishopkelleylapeer.org (3-year preschool)

jkempa@bishopkelleylapeer.org (computer tech)

jraddock@bishopkelleylapeer.org (kindergarten)

gammer@bishopkelleylapeer.org (computer teacher)

pclmens@bishopkelleylapeer.org (1st grade)

kverellen@bishopkelleylapeer.org (phys. ed.)

skluce@bishopkelleylapeer.org (2nd grade)

akrause@bishopkelleylapeer.org (music)

janglebrandt@bishopkelleylapeer.org (3rd grade)

llusk@bishopkelleylapeer.org (athletic director)

ltillery@bishopkelleylapeer.org (4th grade)

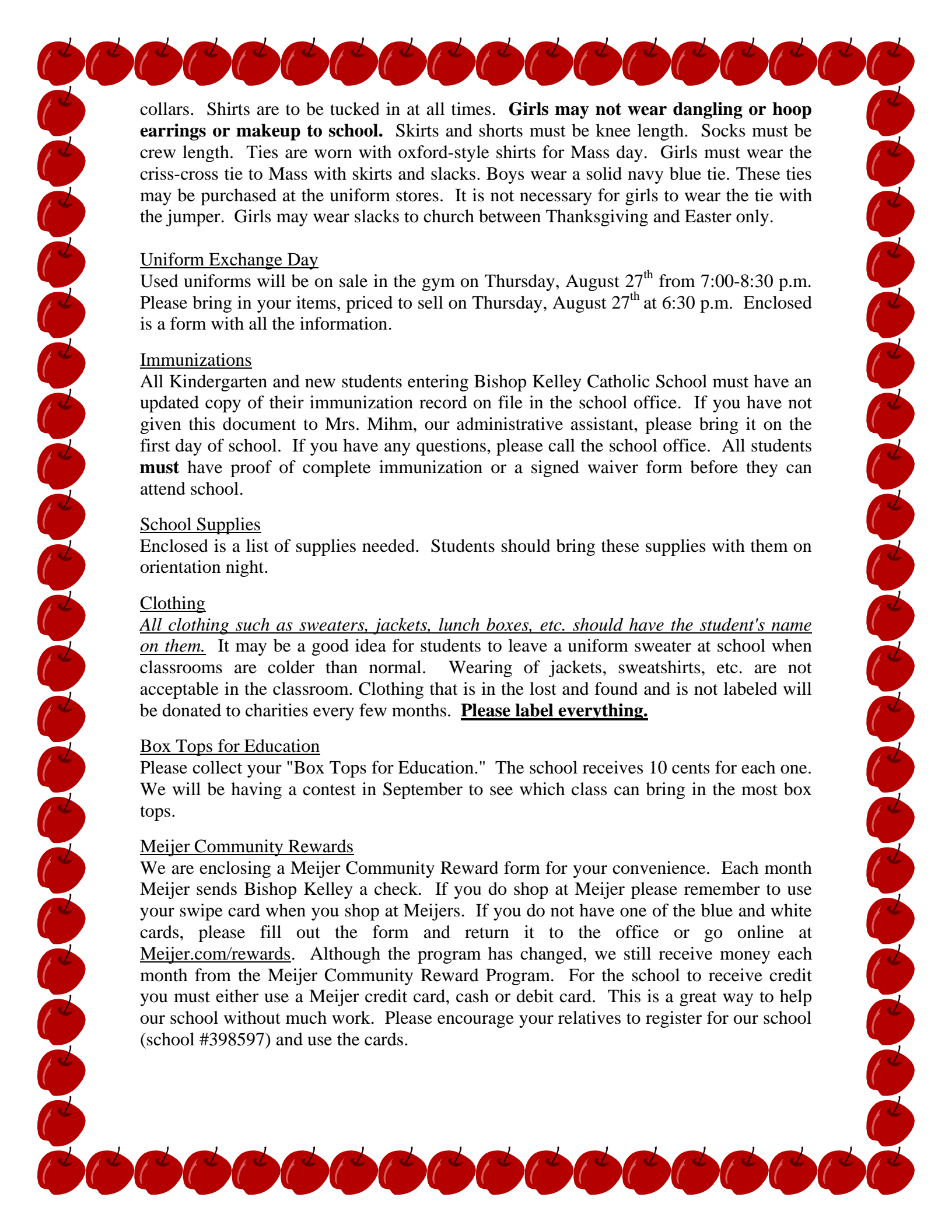
bwambold@bishopkelleylapeer.org (latchkey)

dscramlin@bishopkelleylapeer.org (5th grade)

Uniform Reminders

Junior high students (7th and 8th grade) may wear either navy blue or khaki colored dress pants and knee-length shorts. The boys are to wear only navy ties to church. While shopping for uniforms, be sure to purchase only uniform pants. Please do not buy form-fitting fashion pants. These are not acceptable. See enclosed Thorne's flyer. **Please Note: Students wear uniform-style dress slacks/shorts, not the cargo or carpenter style.**

Students begin wearing uniforms on Tuesday, September 1st. Students may wear uniform shorts during the months of August, September, May and June. Shorts ***may not*** be worn on Mass days (Friday). Good grooming and proper dress fosters a positive self-image, and proper behavior. Questions of good taste are the final discretion of the principal and staff. **Fad haircuts are not allowed. Boys may not wear earrings.** Blouses, shirts and pants must be correct size. Blouses may not have lace trim or colored edging on the



collars. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. **Girls may not wear dangling or hoop earrings or makeup to school.** Skirts and shorts must be knee length. Socks must be crew length. Ties are worn with oxford-style shirts for Mass day. Girls must wear the criss-cross tie to Mass with skirts and slacks. Boys wear a solid navy blue tie. These ties may be purchased at the uniform stores. It is not necessary for girls to wear the tie with the jumper. Girls may wear slacks to church between Thanksgiving and Easter only.

Uniform Exchange Day

Used uniforms will be on sale in the gym on Thursday, August 27th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please bring in your items, priced to sell on Thursday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. Enclosed is a form with all the information.

Immunizations

All Kindergarten and new students entering Bishop Kelley Catholic School must have an updated copy of their immunization record on file in the school office. If you have not given this document to Mrs. Mihm, our administrative assistant, please bring it on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please call the school office. All students **must** have proof of complete immunization or a signed waiver form before they can attend school.

School Supplies

Enclosed is a list of supplies needed. Students should bring these supplies with them on orientation night.

Clothing

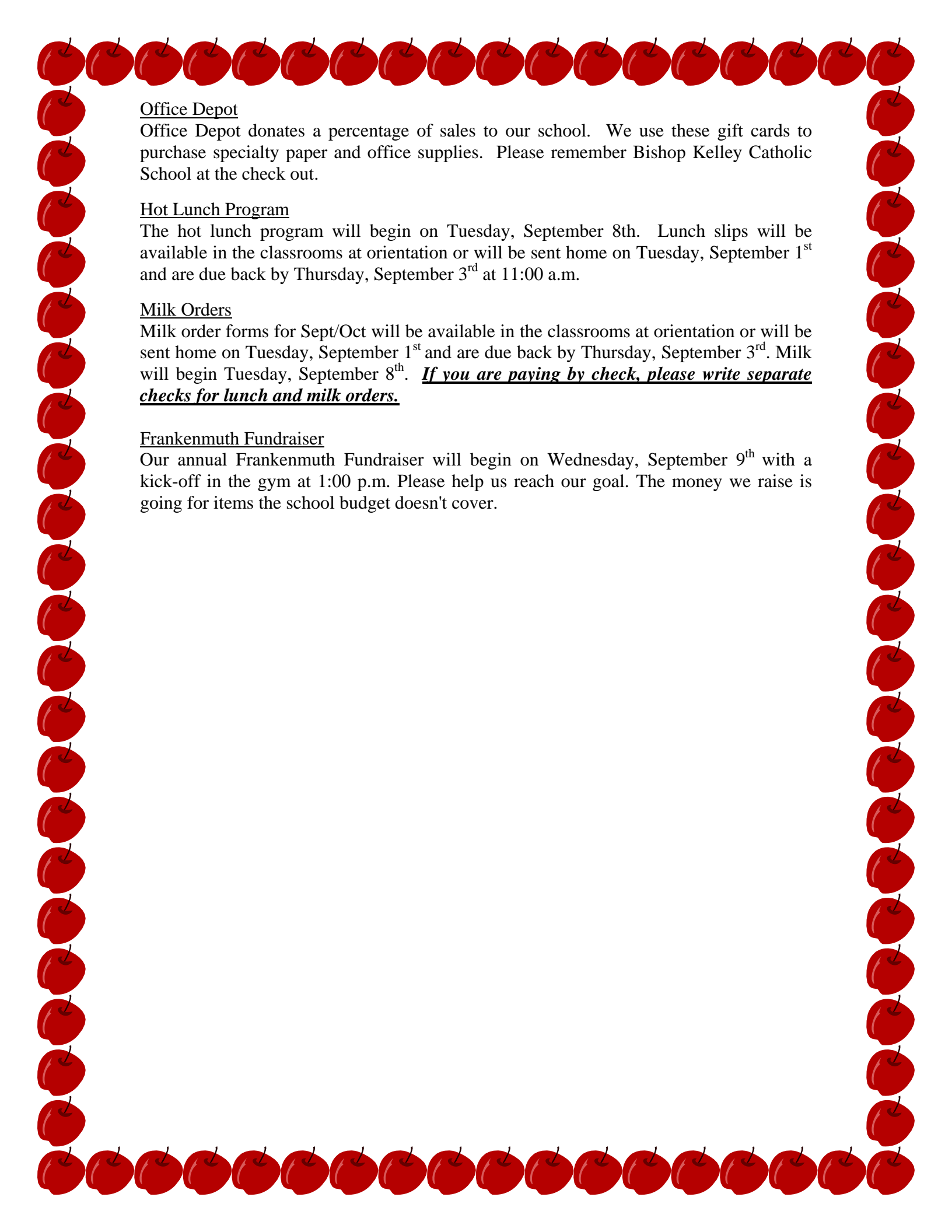
All clothing such as sweaters, jackets, lunch boxes, etc. should have the student's name on them. It may be a good idea for students to leave a uniform sweater at school when classrooms are colder than normal. Wearing of jackets, sweatshirts, etc. are not acceptable in the classroom. Clothing that is in the lost and found and is not labeled will be donated to charities every few months. **Please label everything.**

Box Tops for Education

Please collect your "Box Tops for Education." The school receives 10 cents for each one. We will be having a contest in September to see which class can bring in the most box tops.

Meijer Community Rewards

We are enclosing a Meijer Community Reward form for your convenience. Each month Meijer sends Bishop Kelley a check. If you do shop at Meijer please remember to use your swipe card when you shop at Meijers. If you do not have one of the blue and white cards, please fill out the form and return it to the office or go online at Meijer.com/rewards. Although the program has changed, we still receive money each month from the Meijer Community Reward Program. For the school to receive credit you must either use a Meijer credit card, cash or debit card. This is a great way to help our school without much work. Please encourage your relatives to register for our school (school #398597) and use the cards.



Office Depot

Office Depot donates a percentage of sales to our school. We use these gift cards to purchase specialty paper and office supplies. Please remember Bishop Kelley Catholic School at the check out.

Hot Lunch Program

The hot lunch program will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. Lunch slips will be available in the classrooms at orientation or will be sent home on Tuesday, September 1st and are due back by Thursday, September 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

Milk Orders

Milk order forms for Sept/Oct will be available in the classrooms at orientation or will be sent home on Tuesday, September 1st and are due back by Thursday, September 3rd. Milk will begin Tuesday, September 8th. **If you are paying by check, please write separate checks for lunch and milk orders.**

Frankenmuth Fundraiser

Our annual Frankenmuth Fundraiser will begin on Wednesday, September 9th with a kick-off in the gym at 1:00 p.m. Please help us reach our goal. The money we raise is going for items the school budget doesn't cover.