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PARENTS NEWSLETTER ST. GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL.

Greetings from St. George High School. It seems almost unbelievable that the month of July is almost gone, but the fact is that the opening of school is less than one month away. Many interesting and exciting developments have taken place at St. George this summer and I thought you would appreciate getting in on the news. In order to keep myself organized, I have divided this newsletter into thirteen different areas.

SUMMER SCHOOL On Monday, June 24, 1968, St. George High School began a three-pronged summer school program: Seventh Grade Enrichment Program, Prep High School Program (for incoming Freshmen), and the regular high school make-up and enrichment program. Over the two sessions, over 700 course registrations have been made. Mr. Gerald Pedretti, Principal of the Summer Session, has all three programs running smoothly and efficiently. About 30 young women are enrolled in the summer sessions. (Could this be the start of co-education at St. George?)

ENROLLMENT Enrollment for the 1968-69 school year has been pretty well set as the number of summer applications have dwindled in the last week. Figures for next year show: 142 Freshmen, 166 Sophomores, 236 Juniors and 312 Seniors. This is a total of 856.

REMODELING Stationary desks have been removed from rooms 101, 102, 110,, 202, 203, 213, 303, and 209. Moveable desks have been ordered for these rooms. Three religion seminar rooms will have the most innovative furniture available for the school use. Rooms 111, 105, and 205 will experiment next year with three types of seating arrangements-- Room 205 will be furnished with trapezoidal tables, Room 105 will have a combination of rectangular and circular tables, and Room 111 will have a combination of rectangular and trapezoidal tables. Room 110 will be used exclusively for Glee Club--folding chairs will be arranged in the traditional half-circle style. Room 209 will be carpeted and painted and furnished with 45 moveable desks from the lecture room. Room 207 also has a new look--teachers' demonstration desk and aquarium have been removed, front bulletin board has been removed in favor of a modular blackboard bulletin board; the room has been painted and equipped with remodeled demonstration and teacher desks. Four classrooms have already been painted, as well as the corridor leading to the guidance and departmental offices. Other areas to be painted before the opening of school include: Room 213, all washrooms, cafeteria and library corridor. The drapes for the departmental offices have been completed, and Mrs. Schambari has been coming to St. George the past week, putting on the finishing touches. A new clock system has been ordered and will be running by the opening of school.

RECRUITING A large-scale recruiting program has been launched for next year. As you may know, we have been given special permission by the Archdiocese to have a preliminary freshman registration date on Saturday, October 19, 1968. This past month, I have spent considerable time organizing the recruiting program on the parish level. Parish coordinators have been chosen to do the groundwork at the parish level. Essentially, this means setting up a date in September or early October for a meeting with the parents of the 8th grade boys in a specific parish. The job of the parish coordinator will be to get the parents to this meeting which will be conducted by members of the St. George administration and faculty. While the adults are working with the parents, a master-plan of assigning our students to talk directly to the 8th grade boys in each of the parishes is also on the boards. The big push will be in the month of September--I intend to be spending almost every weekday evening speaking in the parishes. Brother Leo Weidner, the new Brother Director, is working on the composition of several attractive brochures for circulation among the 8th grade boys.

ADULT EDUCATION Another interesting project I hope to launch next fall is an adult education program. The skeletal plan is to offer five courses on ten consecutive Monday evenings (7:30 to 9:30 P.M.). The program would run from October 7 to December 9. Course offerings would include: Film Study, Adolescent Psychology, Human Potential Seminar, Religious Education (a course in the new theology and catechetics) and a course called God, Man and the Modern World (a thematic study from a literary viewpoint). I am presently working on an attractive brochure which will be published sometime in late August. Several parents have shown interest in the idea of adult education, so I feel we should have a good response this first semester. If all goes well this fall, we would enlarge the program second semester to include many more course offerings and even more sections of the same course.

SCIENCE PROGRAM Mr. Gordon Will, Chairman of the Science Department, has an exciting program for 8th graders in the planning stages. Basically, the program consists of a science workshop--class which would be held on Saturday mornings for the boys in the 8th grade. The program would run throughout the entire school year, and boys who successfully complete the program will be granted one-half credit toward their high school work (a type of advanced placement program for grammar school students). Although the idea is still in the planning stages, there is a great deal of work being done and we hope to have a final statement on the program by the middle of August.

FACULTY All but one faculty member for next year have been contracted and I am now ready to put the finishing touches on the teacher's schedule. Basically, the faculty will be composed of six Christian Brothers and thirty laymen. We will have eleven new faculty members on our staff next year.

Mr. GEORGE ALLIE comes to us from St. Paul's High School on the Southside of Chicago.

Mr. Allie will teach two Senior Religions and three Freshmen English. In addition to his classroom duties, Mr. Allie will work with Brother David on the Student Council.

Mr. MARTIN AMMER received his B.A. degree from Loyola University and will inaugurate our new psychology course next year.

Mr. ANTHONY BARONE joins both our teaching and coaching staff next year. Mr. Barone will teach English and will keep himself busy after school coaching three major sports--football, basketball and baseball.

Mr. JAMES BERTUCCI has been hired to teach the Introductory Physical Science course to our freshmen. We had to go into the laboratories of the Stritch School of Medicine to reach Mr. Bertucci, and bring his excellent background in science to St. George High School.

Mr. WILLIAM CARSLEY comes to St. George from Weber High school where he taught in the business department and was track coach and assistant varsity baseball coach. At St. George Mr. Carsley will teach two courses in Economics and three courses in Marketing/Business Law.

Mr. WARREN HAWLEY, professional architectural engineer will join the St. George faculty this September. Mr. Hawley will teach the Mechanical Drawing classes next year, and will also handle one class of sophomore geometry.

Mr. FRANK MAYFIELD will join our social studies department in the area of World Cultures and U.S. History. Mr. Mayfield has already been closely associated with St. George this summer as a member of the St. George summer faculty.

Mr. JEROME MURPHY, St. George Alumnus, will teach one junior Religion class and four classes of Senior Social Studies. Mr. Murphy will be in charge of the bookstore, and will coach the freshmen football team.

Mr. LOUIS RIPPLE will join the St. George English Department next year after three years of teaching experience at Holy Cross High School, River Grove. Mr. Ripple will be a member of the team directing the non-graded English program.

Mr. GREGORIO SANZA, a native of Argentina, will take over the advanced Spanish classes next year. Mr. Sanza has been working in the United States for several years, and is presently working on a Master's Degree in Spanish Literature at Loyola University.

Mr. PATRICK SAVAGE comes to St. George from De Paul Academy. Mr. Savage will teach in the business department, and will coach cross country, track and field events.

RESIGNATION

Coach Paul Schmidt has resigned his coaching and teaching position at St. George High School and will take up new duties in the physical education department and on the coaching staff of West Leyden High School. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and students, I want to thank Coach Schmidt for the dedicated service he has given St. George these past four years, and wish him the best of luck in his new job.

BROTHER LEO

Brother Leo Weidner, F.S.C. the new Director of St. George High School has been hard at work learning the financial ropes of the school, as well as working on recruiting. Brother Leo will be the religious superior of the Brothers and will be an Administrative Assistant in charge of supervising the finances and physical plant. Brother will teach three math classes the first semester, and will attend the four-month workshop at Sangre de Cristo in Sante Fe, New Mexico during the second semester. A 1956 graduate of St. George, Brother Loe has taught at De La Salle High School, and St. Patrick's.

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FINANCIAL AID As you already know, St. George has been given financial aid from the Archdiocese of Chicago (Project: Renewal) and the local parishes for the 1968-69 school year. We were pleased to announce to you last May a reduction in tuition fees of \$50.00. The deficit incurred this coming school year will be picked up by the Diocese and local parishes. We have already received a handsome check for \$15,000.00 and will receive another check for \$12,000.00 during the month of August. The sum total of financial aid will amount over the \$100,000.00 mark by June 1969.

DEATHS It is with deep sorrow that I announce to you the death of two St. George students during the summer months. Gregory Geraci, '69, died on June 20, 1968 while participating in a wrestling match at the Mayor Daley Youth Foundation Center. The doctors diagnosed the cause of death as a heart attack. Gregory was 16 years old. John Furlong, '70, died on Thursday, July 18, 1968 in Michael Reese Hospital. John had been taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy on Sunday, July 14, and developed serious liver and kidney complications. He contracted pneumonia on Wednesday evening, and his heart was not able to withstand the seriousness of the complications. Please keep both of these boys in your prayers.

ORIENTATION DAYS The schedule for the orientation days this year is given below:

FRESHMEN Tuesday, August 27, 1:00 P.M.
(First session of orientation)

SOPHOMORES Wednesday, August 28, 9:00 A.M.

FRESHMEN Wednesday, August 28, 11:00 A.M.
(Second session of orientation)

SENIORS Thursday, August 29, 9:00 A.M.

JUNIORS Thursday, August 29, 11:30 A.M.

Friday, August 30, 1968, is the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS. Classes will begin at 8:25 A.M., however, we will have a shortened schedule--students will be dismissed about 12:30 P.M. on Friday.

Monday, September 2, 1968 is Labor Day . NO CLASSES WILL BE IN SESSION.

Tuesday, September 3, 1968, school will be in session for a full day.

STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT ON THE ORIENTATION DAY ASSIGNED THEIR DEPARTMENT.

TUITION SCHEDULE Accompanying this newsletter is a copy of the tuition schedule for 1969-69. Please read this over carefully.

Best Wishes for an enjoyable month of August.

TUITION SCHEDULE

ST. GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL
1968-1969

The total tuition and fees charge for 1968-69 will be as follows:

Freshmen	\$380.00
Sophomores	390.00
Juniors	400.00
Seniors	410.00

Special fees are charged for the following:

Senior - graduation fee	\$20.00
Senior retreat fee	30.00
Extra course fee	25.00 per one semester course
Registration fee	5.00 (for new students only)

An extra course is defined as one which is over and above the ordinary number of courses carried by St. George students. Ordinarily, students carry five academic courses plus physical education. Thus, a student taking six academic courses would pay an extra course fee of \$25.00 for each semester he carries this subject. These charges do not appear on the first statement. They are added to the statement in October.

Retreat fees are not put on the student's financial statement. They are paid at the time the retreat is made.

One half of the tuition is due on September 3 and the second half is due on February 1, 1969. Parents may pay the entire bill in September if they wish. Parents who need to set up quarterly or monthly payments should write a letter to Brother Leo Weidner about this matter, and he will set up a payment schedule to fit their needs.

A few jobs (cafeteria, maintenance, telephone and office help) whereby a student can work off part of his tuition are still available. Some jobs demand that a student be available after school, and all jobs demand that a person is responsible. Any parent who is interested in having his son work at the school should call or write Brother Leo Weidner during office hours before August 30.

Parents are encouraged to pay their tuition by check through the mail. This not only saves our bookkeeper's time and makes things more efficient on this end, but it insures you against your son losing the money, (which has happened many times) and provides you with an automatic receipt. Checks should be marked tuition since we receive many other checks from parents for books, insurance, tickets, and so on. NO TUITION MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED PERSONALLY FROM STUDENTS ON ORIENTATION DAY (August 27-September 1). However, you may mail checks for tuition at any time beginning immediately.

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FRESHMEN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

Last week I was sitting in my office thinking about our incoming freshmen and the thought occurred to me--what questions would the parents of these boys have at this stage of the game. So, I sat down and listed those items that I considered areas of possible confusion, and I came up with several questions. I have divided them into specific areas for your convenience.

ORIENTATION DAYS Your sons will have two sessions of orientation. The first session is on Tuesday, August 27, 1968 at 1:00 P.M. All Freshmen are to report to the gym when they arrive. It is during this first session of orientation that the freshmen boys are to purchase their physical education equipment for the year. The following items are required of all students: St. George Gym Shirt, (1.25); St. George Gym Shorts, (1.40); St. George Sweat Shirt, (2.50) St. George Sweat Pants, (2.50); Athletic Supporter, (.85); Gym socks (1.75) and Gym Shoes (5.50). All of these items will be available here at school. Of course, if he already has a supporter, socks and shoes, it will not be necessary to purchase new ones. One other item which the freshmen will purchase during this first orientation day is a lock for their lockers. Our practice is to sell a lock to a boy when he first comes to St. George--he then continues to use this same lock during the four-year period he spends at St. George. The price of this lock is \$2.00.

The second Orientation Day is Wednesday, August 28, 1968 at 11:00 A.M. On this day, your son fills out forms necessary for the academic files, and will purchase his textbooks. According to the subjects he is taking, the book bill will total in the area of \$25.00-\$30.00. It would be much safer if you were to give your boy a check for \$35.00 just to make sure he will have all he needs for books and supplies. Freshmen students have a knack for losing things, and money is no exception. I would not recommend that you send cash with your son.

There is one item on the booklist that I insist every freshman have and that is the safety goggles (for boys who wear glasses) or safety spectacles (for boys who do not wear glasses) for the Introductory Physical Science course. There are laboratory experiments which could be harmful to the boy's eyes if he is not wearing these eye protectors. **I WILL NOT ALLOW ANY BOY IN THE SCIENCE CLASS WITHOUT THESE SPECTACLES OR GOGGLES.**

SCHEDULE You have received your son's schedule in the mail. There may be some confusion regarding the computer "language" on the schedule, but perhaps, I could clear that up for you. Although it may appear that your son repeats a subject twice during the same day, this is not the case. If he is scheduled for Religion 5th and 6th period, this is really only one class period, but this is the only way the computer can handle the situation since we have overlapping periods during the lunch times. (You see, not even the computer is perfect!) Your son has each class only once a day.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE Every year we are asked what boys may wear to school. In the last bulleting I sent I did spell out what "proper school dress is" however, I will go over this matter again in more detail. The 1968 St. George Roundtable (Student Handbook) states: "A St. George student wears:

- 1) Dress or wash pants which have been pressed and are clean (no pants of a levi cut may be worn).
- 2) Dress shirt or sport shirt with a collar (turtleneck shirts are not allowed. A colored T shirt or T shirts with monograms or insignia should not be worn.

3. A belt if the trousers are styled for a belt.
4. Conservatively styled dress shoes or loafers (This excludes work shoes, cuban-heeled shoes, desert boots, etc.)

Regarding haircuts:

1. Students should be clean shaven.
2. Haircuts should be reasonably short on the sides and back and neatly combed.

SCHOOL DAY The School day begins at 8:25 A.M. for all boys who have a first period class. Students who do not have a first period class need not report until advisory time--9:08 A.M. Please make sure that your boy does not come late to school; It is important for him to begin "on the right foot." Get him up early enough to eat a good breakfast and to take the time he needs to travel to school.

CAFETERIA The Cafeteria does serve hot lunches every day of the school year. However, your boy does have the option of bringing his lunch from home and buying milk at school. The cafeteria is managed by the Langford-Cooney catering company--the same firm that handles St. Scholastica and Marywood High Schools.

PARENTS' NIGHT Early in the school year there will be a parents' night scheduled in order for you to meet your son's teachers and to discuss his progress. This year the Parents' Night for freshmen parents will be held after the first grading period in order for the teachers to get to know your son better and to have something to discuss with you when you come down for conferences. You will be receiving more information about this Parents' Night in the near future.

HOMEWORK In general, your son will have from two to three hours of homework each school night. I am amazed at the number of parents who fall for the excuse "I don't have any homework tonight." What he may mean is that he does not have any written homework, but he could study his lessons. For some reason homework is always associated with written work. Much of the boys' homework will be of a "study" nature--reading, reviewing, etc. Please cooperate with the school on this point--make sure that your son has a quiet place in which to do his work, and make sure that he has a definite time each afternoon or evening to do this work. It is not old fashioned for parents to check their son's homework, especially during these first few months of his high school career.

ABSENCE There are two points to remember when your boy is absent from school. Please cooperate with us on these points: 1) You are to call the school before 11:00 A.M. on the day the boy is absent. Please give the reason for his absence. 2) When the boy returns to school he must bring a note signed by you, in which you include his name in full and state the reason for his absence--please include your son's advisory number on all absentee notes.

One point about absences--over the past two years, there seems to be an increasing number of absences for small colds, headaches, and other minor "illnesses" which could clear up before the boy arrived at school. Personally, I am not happy about the "coddling" of youngsters that still exists in some homes. Please don't keep your son home every time he sneezes. I appreciate your concern, but remember your son is now entering high school where we expect a young boy to become a young man.

MEDICALS We have about fifty delinquent parents who have not returned their son's medical report. These reports were issued in January; second notices were sent to those who have not sent them in, and we are still missing fifty. If you are one of these "parental delinquents" please take care of this immediately. It is a State Law that the school have a medical report on each student in the files.

EXTRACURRICULARS There are several extracurricular activities opened to freshmen; and we strongly encourage the boys to get involved. Several announcements will be made at the beginning of the year regarding the openings in the extracurriculars. While we want to encourage participation in extracurriculars we never want the boys to lose sight of their first reason for coming to St. George High School, and that is to receive a first-rate, quality education.

CTA BUS PASS Every year representatives from the company come to St. George to issue bus passes to the students. The boys pay \$1.00 for the pass which is good for any rides to and from school during the first semester. There are limitations as to times and days of the week when the pass can be used. Be sure to read over your son's bus pass so you understand the terms.

YEARBOOK Orders for the 1969 GEORGIAN will be taken during the second orientation day for freshmen. Students who want to purchase this book must pay a \$2.00 deposit on the book at this time. The balance will be paid during the year. Representatives of the Yearbook will be in the gym during the orientation to take orders.

FATHERS' CLUB As you may know, the St. George Fathers' Club has what is called the "Tuition Guarantee Plan." This is a type of insurance program which provides for your son in the event of the death of the father of the family. Membership dues are \$8.00 per year for one son and \$5.00 for each additional son. Your son's tuition will be paid only under the following conditions: 1) You must be a paid member of the Fathers' Club, 2) Your son or sons must be in good academic standing, 3) Tuition will be paid by the Fathers' Club only if the son or sons continue at St. George High School, 4) Tuition due from date of death will be paid until graduation, 5) Tuition Guarantee Plan will be in effect immediately upon receipt of dues. Membership for 1968-69 expires June 1, 1969.

TUITION & JOBS Any special arrangements you wish to make regarding payment of tuition or securing employment at St. George should be made with Brother Leo Weidner, F.S.C., Administrative Assistant in charge of finances. Please do not call me regarding these matters. Address all correspondence and telephone calls to Brother Leo, or, in the event of errors in tuition billing, please ask for the bookkeeper.

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