

August 23, 2017

Parents,

*Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;" ~Genesis 1:14*

All of our students and teachers, as well as many parent volunteers were thrilled to have the opportunity to witness and experience the amazing Solar Eclipse last Monday. We were able to use eclipse glasses donated to the school by parent, Spring Lavallee. If you see Spring, please thank her for giving us the opportunity to experience a once (or twice or maybe thrice) in a lifetime event.

**Please read on for important information:**

\*Our Casual for a Cause event raised \$396.55 (and a golden coin with an angel on it) to be donated to Children's Hope Chest and Jackson Tillet's mission to Swaziland. Your donations will help equip vulnerable children, their families, and communities to empower them to become more self-sustaining and escape the cycle of poverty. Thank you for your generosity.

\*Today, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were issued Chromebooks to use between home and school for the remainder of the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn to become proficient in Google Applications such as Gmail, Google Docs (Word), Google Sheets (Excel), and Google Slides (Slideshows). Students will learn how to manage, share, and store data to the Google Drive. Students will use content relevant applications to enhance learning. Students will learn how to use Google calendar to organize assignments and projects. They will learn how to share their calendar with parents. Students using Google Classroom or email will be able to submit assignments electronically. Students will be taught how to find reliable web resources when doing research or problem solving. Most importantly, students will be taught how to take care of and maintain their Chromebooks.

\*Our HSA will hold an Ice Cream Social outside the Mac Center (Gymnasium) from 6:00-7:00pm. (Please see enclosed flyer). We will also have tables set up with the chance to sign up for after school clubs/sports. Please take the time to stop by with your child. This is another opportunity to meet other Viking families. And who doesn't like ICE CREAM??

\*Speaking of Home and School Association, they have graciously enclosed a "Talent Inventory" form for you to complete and return to the school. This will help us to match "service opportunities" with "skills." Please complete the form and return it to the school in your Brown Envelope. Also, if you are a parent with a special talent and would like to lead an after school club: Mathletes? Rocketry Club? Lego League? Drama? Track and Field? Golf? Book Club? Toastmasters? The list is infinite.... Just let us know and you can have a sign-up table at our Ice Cream Social, tomorrow.

\*On First Fridays of the month, we have 12:30 dismissal for students. However, our teachers remain at the school attending meetings, checking papers, and creating lesson plans. It has been tradition that each month a parent/(s) "volunteer" to provide the staff/faculty with lunch. If you are interested in coordinating the First Friday Lunches, or providing a part of this meal, please contact Jill in the office.

\*Kudos to every single one of you for following our carline procedures. You are pulling forward when we need you to pull forward. Your students have been walking to class with smiles on their faces. It has been a wonderful beginning of the school year. Thank you, Thank you!! (Please note, there are always spots available for extra carline help. You can go to Lotsa to sign up to commit to spots).

\*We still have a handful of families....okay maybe 4 hands full (20 families) who have yet to turn in their Blue Emergency Contact Card. Please turn it in to the office as soon as possible.

\*This is a friendly reminder for those families who chose to receive the 5% discount by Paying for Tuition in Full. It is due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. (That's next week!)

\*If you have a child in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade or any grade in-between, who may be interested in joining Cub Scouts, you have a chance to ask questions at a Cub Scout Open House on August 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the EDP Room.

\*Are you tired of the creaky old bones holding up our current school building? Would you like to see BIG changes? If so: then please read the attachments concerning our renewed effort with the Spreading our Wings Capital Campaign. Great things are happening at Saint Olaf!!

**Please read the following attachments:**

\*Spreading our Wings Capital Campaign Stakeholder Letter

\*Spreading our Wings Capital Campaign Flyer

**Please check your Brown envelope for the following:**

Ice Cream Social Flyer

HSA Talent Inventory Flyer

**Important Dates:**

8/23 Casual for a Cause

8/24 Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:00pm

8/26 Youth Group 5K Run

8/29 Cub Scouts Open House 7:00 (EDP)

9/01 First Friday 12:30 Dismissal

9/01 Canned food Drive for Bountiful Pantry

9/04 No School – Labor Day

9/08 Middle School Dance (Cosgriff)

God Bless,

Mrs. Jacobs

*“We **RISE** as a community of learners, continually growing as Christ-centered individuals throughout life’s journey: **Responsibly, Intellectually, Spiritually, and Emotionally.**”*