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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Oct 4—Fall Picture Day
- ◆ Oct 6—Farm Field Trip, PK-Gr 1
- ◆ Oct 10-11—Columbus Day and Teacher In-Service, No School
- ◆ Oct 21—End of 1st Quarter
- ◆ Oct 25—National Aquarium Field Trip, Entire School

HOME AND SCHOOL Please note the push to have all parents register Atholton as their school of choice for your grocery cards. Be sure to read the information on the second sheet of this *Accent* and help us get “free” money for our school. Especially note that Safeway is offering 10% on all sales receipts submitted to the school in the next two weeks. We all have to buy groceries and it’s nice when we get something back for doing it!

SCHOOL DAY START TIME School begins at 8:15 a.m. for all students. Many students are coming to school late each day. Since worship is the first class of the day, students arriving late not only miss a real blessing for themselves, but they disrupt the worship experience for every other child in the room as well. Keep in mind that school policy states that students who are late more than 6 times within the 9-week period will be charged a \$10 fine for each subsequent tardy accrued. Currently, 16 students have already accumulated 6 or more tardies. One student has accumulated 22 tardies in 29 days.

SCHOOL PICTURES All students must wear their blue logo shirt for school pictures since these pictures are the class photos that are used in the yearbook. Students may bring an extra change of clothing to wear for an additional picture and then change back into uniform for school. Please be sure that all changes of clothing meet the school standard of appropriate, modest wear.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES If you wish to speak with your child’s classroom teacher, please make an appointment to meet with the teacher after 3:45 pm. Administration has asked teachers not to engage in formal or impromptu conferences during the 30-minute period just before school begins or during dismissal. Some classes are unable to begin on time because parents engage the teacher in conversation or remain in the classrooms past the time for school to start. If you need to assist your child to class, please do so quickly and then exit the building. We know that you expect us to be timely and professional, but we can only do our best job when everyone cooperates together.

STUDENT ACCOUNT STATEMENTS Your first statement for this school year is being emailed this afternoon when the *Accent* is sent. It will show all activity on your account since the beginning of July. Your second statement will go out October 15. All subsequent statements will be emailed on the 15th of each month. Billing for BASC is posted on the 14th of each month, so monthly statements will include the BASC charges for the previous month. Payment for BASC charges will be added to FACTS (unless you have arranged to have a preset amount for BASC withdrawn with your tuition payment already). BASC fees will be debited from your FACTS account on the next scheduled withdrawal date. Note that your statement balances may look a little different this year since payment dates vary by family. Also, remember that any subsidies coming from churches, etc., will be posted as they arrive, so don’t worry if you don’t see these payments included yet. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Peeke and she will be happy to go over your statement with you.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES Parents are welcome to watch the intramural games. However, for safety reasons, if you have other children watching the game with you, they must stay with you at all times or be checked into after care. Students may not run around the building during a game. They’re either in the gym or in after care. No exceptions!

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SPECIAL NOTICE—Please note that the Columbus Day holiday weekend is an extended 4-day weekend. **All**

Atholton teachers will have in-service on the Tuesday after Columbus Day. Some of you may want to take advantage of the extra long weekend to get away or to just do something special with family and friends.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser

Our fundraiser officially ends next Friday, Oct. 7. **However, your order forms must be turned in to the office no later than October 14.** There will be prize for the top seller and an ice-cream party for the top selling class. Lastly, families will have an opportunity to be entered in a drawing for an additional prize. Claire Gourmet items will be delivered in early November, just in time for Thanksgiving!!! Dawn Caleb is the chairperson for this fundraiser.

Merchant Reward Programs

Parents, our school can receive FREE \$\$\$ and educational items. All you need to do is register your supermarket savings card and Target credit card. Our numbers did not increase much from last week.

- * Safeway – 22 → 23
- * Harris Teeter – 5 → 6
- * Target – 4 → Still 4

This week's challenge is for Bloom, Giant and Food Lion customers! To date the following number of people have registered and selected AAA as their school:

- * Bloom – 1 (If you cannot remember your Bloom card#, call 1-877-642-5666)
- * Giant – 10 (If you cannot remember your Giant card#, call 1-877-275-2758)
- * Food Lion – 3 (If you cannot remember your Food Lion card#, call 1-800-210-9569)

We have approximately 100 families at Atholton Adventist. Therefore, our numbers should be higher. Let's do it AAA families!!!! Imad Madanat (imadanat@aol.com) is the chairperson for the Merchant Rewards program.

Program Updates:

This will be the last week for new and gently used shoe donations for Hattieville SDA Elementary. Regarding the recorders, AAA was fortunate to receive a donation of 25 recorders from Music & Arts. If your family would like to donate a recorder to Hattieville SDA Elementary, let the office know and your name will be added to the list.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful weekend!

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