

St. Helen Family & School Association e-Newsletter - February 21, 2006



Family Pre-registration for 2006-07 -Marianne Johnson, Principal
New families may pre-register for the 2006-07 academic year throughout the month of February. Pre-registration ensures priority registration in March. Click here to download the [pre-registration steps of procedure and form](#). Please call the school office at 773.486.1055 for additional information or to schedule a tour.

Help us spread the word about St. Helen School!

-Jeanne Rattenbury, Marketing Chair
 Enrollment at St. Helen has grown by 35 percent over the past two years because **more people are learning about the great educational experience** our children are having here. When we bring more families into our school community, we become stronger in every way: Our children gain new friends to play and learn with, and the FSA and Athletic boards gain additional volunteers that help us expand our interschool sports program (we now have 12 soccer and basketball teams!) and to make projects like our new playground realities. Growing enrollment also attracts the attention and earns the support of outside funders.

We've enhanced our community outreach substantially in the past year, but we need your help to do an even better job—especially as registration for the 2006-07 school year approaches. **We're looking for parents (or friends) who can help us share information with other organizations in the neighborhood.**

- * Do you regularly attend church at a parish that doesn't have its own school?
- * Do you belong to the Northside Parents Network or other parents' group?
- * Do you have a baby or toddler in daycare with other children who are approaching pre-school age?
- * Do you belong to a block club or community organization?
- * Do you regularly bring your child to a park district field house, library, or other local cultural institution?
- * Do you have frequent contact with neighborhood parents of school-age children?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, we hope you will help us distribute flyers and other information about St. Helen to prospective school families. It would be great if you could play an even bigger role—for instance, perhaps you can make an announcement at your church when registration begins and offer to answer parents' questions about St. Helen. We'll be happy to give you all the support you need.

Please reply to this email if you would like to help. Thank you in advance!

FSA News - Amy Kerkman, Family & School Association

Hold the date for **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**. This St. Helen FSA sponsored event will be held on April 9, 2006 from 10 a.m. to Noon at the school's social center (gym). It is open to the community.

St. Helen **Playground** update coming soon!



Around & About

Online registration for Spring session of the **Chicago Park District programs opened February 20**. Parks around St. Helen offer a variety of classes including the following: Commercial Park offers **art** classes and **sports** club for 6-12 yr olds plus a playgroup for 1 1/2 -3 yr. olds; Eckhardt Park offers **swimming** classes for 3-17 yr olds and **tumbling** for 6-17 yr. olds; Humboldt Park offers **dance** classes for 13-18 yr olds, sports club for 6-12 yr olds and arts & crafts for all ages; Smith Park offers a sports club for 6-12 yr olds and a **playgroup** for 2-4 yr olds. To enroll, visit the Chicago Park District's website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com .

*FSA announcement emails are sent twice a month. The emails are sent "blind copy" to the FSA email list which contains 275 email addresses for members of the St. Helen community (parents, teachers, administrators, parishioners and community members.) If you would like your name removed from the FSA email list, please reply to Amy Kerkman, FSA PR/Membership Chairperson. Individuals can **subscribe to the email list** on the FSA's web page, <http://www.sthelenchicago.org/associations>*

E-Newsletter Link References

The pre-registration steps of procedure can be found on the school's website www.sthelenchicago.org .