



St. Lawrence student George Esch concentrates on the basics while Danny Ayers has time to smile as he brushes up his writing skills.

St. Lawrence School Combines Old and New

What will be new at St. Lawrence School, Sept. 1978? Besides a new high in registration there will be many new books and library materials. An enrichment day is being scheduled for each semester. The Fall enrichment day will focus on a greater understanding of physical handicaps. St. Lawrence students in grades 1-8 will listen to speakers, see films and participate in activities that will heighten their awareness of people with handicapped conditions.

Something old will be given a new emphasis this year. The school has always been strong in the basics and this year that trend will be continued with

special attention to good written expression. Students on every level and in every subject will be working on perfecting their writing skills. Special projects and displays of students' work will help motivate the young writers. Plans for the publication of creative student writing each semester are underway.

On the first day of school this year each student at St. Lawrence will receive a new student handbook. The booklet is the result of joint efforts on the part of students, the school board, and the faculty. It covers everything from a school philosophy on the first page to the regulations for field trips on the last.

New Principals Take Over Duties

The diocesan Education Department has announced administrative changes in elementary schools and one high school for the 1978-79 school year.

The principals who will be assuming new positions are: Brother Francis Ellis, CSC, Cardinal Mooney High School; Sister Patricia Flass, SSJ, Blessed Sacrament; Sister Raymond Mary, SSJ, Christ the King; John Schwartz, Holy Apostles/Holy Family; Sister Carolyn Knipper, RSM, Holy Cross; Sister Mary Bernadette

Aselen, SSJ, Holy Rosary; Sister Ambrosine Casey, SSJ, St. John the Evangelist (Greece); Sister Marqurite Whalen, RSM, St. Thomas the Apostle; Sister Alice Marie Kurtz, SSJ, St. Mary's, Auburn; Sister M. David Rapnicki, FSSJ, St. Hyacinth, Auburn; Sister Yvonne Blind, SSJ, St. Casimir's, Elmira; Sister Marilyn Reeves, SSJ, St. Mary's, Elmira; Sister Kathleen Klier, SSJ, St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; Sister Campian Bush, SSJ, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Sister Rosina Smith, SSJ, Our Lady of Good Council.

Free Milk Program

A free special milk policy for Catholic elementary school children unable to pay the full price has been announced by the Office of General Education. Eligibility will be determined by family size and income.

The policy is sponsored by the Bureau of School Food Management under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Services. School officials will use an income scale and any uncontrollable financial hardship which may affect a family's ability to pay for special milk. Provision is also made for foster children.

Families falling within the income scale are urged to apply by completing application forms sent home in a letter to parents. Individual applications may be submitted any time during the school year.

Each school will designate an official to review applications and determine eligibility. Any dissatisfaction with a ruling by an official may be appealed through a hearing.

The policy also provides that there will be no identification of, or discrimination against, any student unable to pay the full cost of the milk.

Literature Program Expanded at Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy High School will open its doors, Sept. 5, to 230 freshmen, (includes four sets of twins), bringing the school's total enrollment to 760. There will also be 10 new faculty members: Miss Mary Diener, Theology; Sister Mary Ruth, Miss Kathleen O'Brien, English; Mrs. Elaine Larsen, Physical Education; Mrs. Frances Basso, Mrs. Rita Davison, Business; Mrs. Veronica Dean, James Wegman, Spanish; Mrs. Walter Scheible, Math; Mrs. Frank Bezek, Music.

Revisions in course offerings include: the English Department's junior-senior elective Comparative Literature, where Russian, German, Slavic, French and Italian will be researched. Students who intend to study art after high school can enroll in the course, Portfolio. General business is available to freshmen and sophs; in conjunction with the Home Ec department the Business

Department is offering Teen-Age Consumer, Civics, a basic course in the study of citizenship and government will be a sophomore requirement.

The academic scene will be balanced by many activities: an opening school Liturgy for the student body will be celebrated Sept. 7; a 50th Jubilee field Mass, Sept. 10;

freshman family picnic, Sept. 17; and Field Day, Sept. 25. Mercy upperclassmen are due to report on Sept. 6 with full day sessions scheduled for Sept. 6-7.