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PTO NEWS

Dates to Remember:

- Feb 27 - 8th grade vs. faculty volleyball game
- Mar 2 - Spirit Day
- Mar 2 - Chat'n'Chew 2nd grade
- Mar 3 - 2nd grade field trip to Bodyology
- Mar 4 - Jump Rope for Heart 3:15 in gym
- Mar 5 - 5th grade to Starbase
- Mar 5 - Chess Club 3:15-4:15
- Mar 6 - All School Mass 8:15 followed by parent breakfast for parents of Ms. O's first grade class
- Mar 6 - End of 3rd quarter NOON DISMISSAL
- Mar 6 - Both preschool sessions have class at regular times
- Mar 8 - Daylight Savings Time ends - Spring forward!
- Mar 10 - Can Day
- Mar 10 - Chat'n'Chew 1st grade - Ms. O.
- Mar 11 - Papa John's Pizza Night
- Mar 12 - 5th grade to Starbase
- Mar 13 - All School Mass 8:15 followed by parent breakfast for parents of Mrs. G's first grade class
- Mar 13 - Report Cards go home
- Mar 13 - 2:00 Stations of the Cross
- Mar 14 - Mar 22 - SPRING BREAK!
- Mar 23 - Classes resume
- Mar 23 - 2009-2010 Registration packets due

Mass Schedule

- Friday, Mar 6 Fr. Ken has Mass and Ms. Obrecht's 1st gr plans & parents of 1-O invited to breakfast afterwards.
- Friday, Mar 13 Fr. Cullen has Mass & Mrs. Gorman's 1st gr plans & parents of 1-G invited to breakfast afterwards.
- Friday, Feb 27 Fr. Ken has Mass & 7th grade plans

Change Your Calendars

- March 6 - Mrs. Obrecht's 1st grade parent breakfast (not the 27th as on the calendar)
- April 6 - PTO meeting (moved from the 8th)

Don't Be Fooled!

The lunch menu states no school on Friday, March 6th. Well,... there IS school that day, we have noon dismissal so there is no LUNCH served. The cafeteria ladies have the day off, but the rest of us will be here and working hard!!

Papa John's Pizza

The winning class from the last Papa John's Night is Mrs. Janner's 3rd grade! John Paul II School received \$47.48 for the night. Thanks for all who made it a pizza night!

Helping out with PTO is to a major commitment. Being a part of the Executive Committee means you get to pick the meeting schedule, and how much time you give to the PTO depends on you & your families schedule. Take our PTO Treasurer, Dominic Gomez. He owns The Gomez American Family Insurance Agency, he has two children, Gabe who is a 7th grader and Rachel who is a 1st grader. His wife Jane also works outside of the home. We can't forget the family pets Jenny, Mimi, Frankie and Jimmy the stray that showed up last week. During this current school year his business flooded and moved to a new location. He is also a member of the Hispanics Chamber of Commerce. Thanks Dominic for fitting PTO into your busy schedule and volunteering at your children's school!!

Please consider giving your time and efforts for next years PTO. If interested call Laura at 362-5322 or e-mail Jill at sonic1us@yahoo.com.

Chat'n'Chew News

A special thank you to these parents and grandparents who volunteered this past month; Chris Kirk, Mary O'Meara, Raychel Lopez, Misti Steger, Sherri O'Shea, & Laura Owsley. March meeting dates are:

- March 2 - 2nd grade, *Snow Monsters Do Drink Hot Chocolate*
- March 10 - Ms. O's 1st grade, *Cam Jansen & the Mystery of the TV Dog*
- March 30 - Mrs. G's 1st grade, *Zack's Alligator*
- March 31 - 2nd grade, *George the Drummer Boy*

If you are available to help out show up 5 minutes before lunch-time!

Students looking for service hours or parents looking to have fun/fellowship consider helping at:

- *Lenten Dinners at each parish - SPX on March 27th and QHR on April 3rd. Sign up is on the PIT table or e-mail sonic1us@yahoo.com
- * Confirmation receptions hosted by the 7th grade. QHR is on March 25th and SPX is on March 31st. Contact Kym Johnson at 236-7794.

PTO Dinner & Meeting for Wednesday, April 8th has been re-scheduled to Monday, April 6th. The meatball spaghetti dinner starts at 6pm and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting is provided. Join us in the JP2 Cafeteria.

Change Your Directory!

New address and phone numbers for:

Gracie & Abigail Schwabauer (1-O and preschool)
5808 W. 86th Terr.
Overland Park, KS 66207
913-385-0445

Caught Ya's

Here are the names drawn for the caught ya prizes.

Gretchen Burchstead	Griffin Ryan	Mia Falcon
GraceAnn Wheeler	Katie Arnote	Tammy Nguyen
Xavier Urbana	Megan Schulte	Maddy Manning
Thomas Beland	Great Job!	

Lenten Fish Dinner at QHR

The Queen's Ladies will host a fish dinner on Friday, February 27th. We welcome any students and/or parents who would like to volunteer to help in the preparation, serving, or cleanup on that day. Desserts are also needed. Please call Wanda at 913.432.7222 if you want service hours or can help in any way. And - Most of all! Bring your families and friends to dinner and help support another QHR parish function.



8th grade Grocery Bags

The green bags being sold by the 8th grade are great for groceries or totes. They are selling them for \$2.00 each to raise money for their 8th grade gift to the school. You may buy them in the front office or from any 8th grader!

Family Fun with the Runnin' Revs

A Runnin' Revs Fun Night will be held at Bishop Miega High School on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Area priests will challenge 8th grade and high school youth from area Catholic schools in a competitive game of basketball. Expect biased calls and lots of fun. Donations will be accepted and a basketball autographed by over 35 priests and a 2009 Camp Tekakwitha session will be auctioned. Call 913-647-0303 or check kckvocations.com for information.

Registration Packet

We're getting ready for the 2009-2010 school year! Every family of a student K-7th should have received a registration packet. If you don't have the envelope please contact the school office for one. There is dated information in it and a \$50 discount for enrolling by March 23rd! Please encourage friends that may be interested in John Paul II to come for a tour!

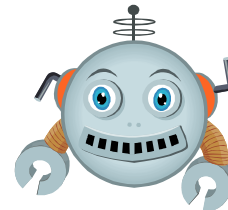
Bake Sale Success

The 8th graders made over \$200.00 at the lunch time bake sale this week! Thanks to all who remembered their money. The 8th graders all helped bake and package the goodies, and then stood their turn selling the items. Thanks to all the parents who helped prepare for the day and **great job 8th graders!!!**

Good Luck Science Olympiad Students!

This weekend is the 2009 Northeast Kansas Regional Science Olympiad Competition. Good luck to Mrs. Brown and all the students who have been preparing so diligently for the day. Participants are:

Natalie Hauber
Emory Lacy
Olivia Rodman
Catherine Strayhall
Emma Welch
Ashley Borders
Elizabeth Gress
Eileen Gruss
Nathan Hauber
Katy Miller
Jordan Setzkorn
Caitlyn Sutherlin
Nick Corkill
Thomas Lundine
Janet Matos



Thank you for representing John Paul II School!!

Energy Assistance for Kansas

It has come to our attention that the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is taking applications thru March 31st for assistance with home energy bills. Families must fall below the poverty guidelines to be eligible. Contact SRSKansas.org if you can use this help.

Volunteers Needed

A new tutoring program for the Kansas City Kansas area has been launched. It is called ONE-TO-ONE Challenge. They are currently looking for volunteers to tutor 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade students one day a week. Tutors would be working with children after school at nine locations in the greater Kansas City area. Interested? Contact Colleen McEvoy at 913-339-8332.

Available Activities We've Heard About

Spend quality time with your kids learning new science skills and having fun. Science City offers Saturday Science Workshops for big kids and little ones. This Saturday, half-pint scientists (age 3-7) can take a journey through a rain forest, and coming up in March for older children, build your own robots or check out a brand NEW program hosted in conjunction with Children's Mercy Hospital on healthy eating. Spend quality time with your kids learning new science skills and having fun.