

February 5, 2010

Dear Families,

We've just completed our Catholic Schools Week. At our Open House we distributed 19 new school age family packets and 15 preschool age family packets. Several parishioners and former students as well as current families attended.

For Catholic Schools Week service project, our Tower of Towels for Catholic Charities has reached the ceiling and we hope to collect a nice dollar amount at our Grandparent/VIP Mass collection today for Haiti.

Our fabulous PTO and parents provided a delicious and creative lunch for our outstanding teachers. That was followed on Wednesday with chocolate covered strawberries delivered to parents to thank them "berry much". Then our students were appreciated all day in their classrooms and ended up the day with a book sale, a "family" read in and a sock hop in the gym. A great time was had by all.

We're looking forward to our Grandparents/VIP Mass at 1:00 today. The students have a heart magnet they have made for those that play such a special roll in their lives.

It was an exhausting but satisfying week, one that reaffirms that the faith, knowledge, service and values your children receive by attending John Paul II is truly a gift! Thanks to all who worked hard to make our week a success.

Look for my "State of the School" address I always write in February in next Friday's newsletter. Blessings, Susie English

Mass Schedule

Thurs. Feb 11 Fr. Ken says Mass and 1st grade plans it.
Wed. Feb 17 Fr. Cullen says Mass and Mrs. Kolarik's 2nd gr plans

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Winter conferences are coming up. If teachers felt a need to schedule a conference with a family they have sent notes home. If you received a note please return it to the office as soon as possible so we can schedule a time that will work for all. If you did not receive a note but feel a conference would be helpful please contact the office and we will schedule one.

Dates to Remember:

Feb 8 - Progress Reports go home
Feb 9 - Can Day
Feb 9 - 5th grade to Starbase
Feb 9 - Bishop Miega Music Fest for 6,7 and 8th graders
Feb 10 - Papa John's Night
Feb 10 - Parent-Teacher conferences 6-9 p.m.
Feb 11 - Noon Dismissal
Feb 11 - Valentines Day Parties (Preschool's at 9:00-11:00)
Feb 11 - 8th grade Bowling
Feb 11 - Parent-Teacher conferences 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Feb 12 - No School K-8 (Preschool in session)
Feb 12 - PTO Skating Party 5-7 p.m.
Feb 12 - Bishop Miega Pizza Party 6:00 p.m. for 7th and 8th graders
Feb 15 - President's Day No School Pre-8
Feb 16 - 5th grade to Starbase
Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday 8:15 All School Mass
Feb 17 - Chess Club 3:15-4:15
Feb 19 - Stations of the Cross 2:00



Mathletics

Mathletic competition was Thursday at St. Agnes School. We sent 4 teams of students to represent us. Thanks to them for doing their best! They are:

4th grade: (took 3rd!)
Erin Sutherlin
Madalyn Manning
Diego Loya

5th grade:
Emily Brady
Madison Oler
Gretchen Wheeler

6th grade: (took 2nd!)
Marco Marquez
Sean Miller
Josh Manning

7th grade (took 3rd!)
Maxie Dennis
GradeAnn Wheeler
Janet Matos

Caught Ya's

Great job to these students who were caught showing patience at school. We're glad to see it! WOW!

Kevin Cushing
Austin Wilson

Joey Owens
Alex Rotert

Reece Oler
Julianna Gutierrez

Scholarship Program

Kohl's is sponsoring a scholarship program. They are recognizing and rewarding young volunteers who have helped make their communities a better place. Nomination deadline is March 15 and more information is on the PIT. Please nominate a deserving JPII student!

Registration Time

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is drawing near. Please watch for the packet in the next 2 weeks. We will have on-line registration available this year! Instructions on how to do that will be in the packet.



Lent

As Catholics we have an obligation to prepare our hearts and minds for the Easter season. Lent is just a couple of weeks away. Have you given some thought to what you will do to prepare yourself? What can you do as a family? The school has set aside time and we have some

activities planned to help the students and teachers get ourselves ready, but the school can't do it all. Please discuss with your students what your family will be doing as Ash Wednesday approaches.

Mixer and Pizza Party

The next 7th/8th grade mixer is at St. Agnes on Feb 12th from 7:30-10p.m. Permission slips on the PIT for anyone not having one signed yet. There is also a Bishop Miege 7th/8th grade pizza party and varsity basketball game that same night. St. Agnes has invited everyone to attend the pizza party and some of the game, then walk across the walkway to St. Agnes for the mixer.

PTO News!

Big Reminder

Box Tops are due to be turned in for reimbursement in late February. We're already up to almost 3000! Please send any you have collected to the school for this next turn in!

PTO Skating Party

The re-scheduled Skating Party is February 12 from 5-7p.m. at SkateWorld at Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35. \$5.00

JPII Spring Flower Sale

The flower sale continues! Are you selling the flowers?! Don't put it off!
Thank you to the students who volunteered to work after Masses the next
2 weeks selling flowers to our parishioners.
Dead line for the sale is coming up...who else could you ask?!
