

January 15, 2009

Dear families,

Happy 2010! With the weather like it's been, the new year has begun with a vengeance. I finally feel like we have all settled down and have returned to a "school mode." Many activities take place very quickly which include the end of the 2nd quarter and the grade cards being sent home today. Our flower sale begins today and we had a kickoff assembly to try to get your sons/daughters excited about it. As you can read in this newsletter we have added some new incentives. Between these and trying harder to get our parishioners involved, we are hoping for it to be a greater fundraiser than we had budgeted. It's always hard to buy flowers in the dead of winter, but come April when they are delivered, it's like a breath of free fresh air and a true realization that Spring has arrived. I know I have always had great luck with these flowers and I don't have the greenest thumb around! So, please ask relatives, neighbors, etc (especially those who purchases flowers anyway) to become a part of this flower sale so we can be pleased with the results.

On Sunday the 17th the PTO is having a Chili Bingo night which is always great fun for the children. Who doesn't like to play Bingo and eat yummy chili??!! The PTO truly appreciates your support on this. The following day is Martin Luther King Day so we are not in school again. We end that week with our Awards Assembly at 9:15 on Friday the 22nd.

Sunday, January 31st is our Open House and the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. It is of utmost importance to rally neighbors, friends, etc to come to this event and to see how excited you are about your child's school. Come see the posters that exemplify the seven standards we followed to be successfully accredited with five commendations and two recommendations. (We were told the day of the visit that very seldom do schools get five commendations!!) the information from this report is also available to be seen on our school website. We are very proud of our efforts and the resulting report from that visit. We will also be showing a CD of school pictures in which you might see your budding actress/actor! There are many Catholic Schools Week activities with the culmination on Friday being our Grandparents/VIP Mass at 1:00 p.m. We know how important these people are in our students' lives, so we always look forward to having them visit our school.

All of these activities together tell the story of our school community, so it is of utmost importance to support them in any and all the ways you can! It takes a group effort!

At the end of the month I will be writing my State of the School Address which will hopefully enforce for you the good things that are happening at JPIS!!

May God grant you and your beautiful families many blessings in the new year, and with His blessings may you share the gift of yourselves with others, making our world a better place!!

Susie English

Dates to Remember:

- Jan 15 - Grade cards go home
- Jan 15 - Flower sale has begun!!!
- Jan 16 - Bishop Miega Placement Test make-up date
- Jan 17 - **PTO Meeting & Chili Bingo night!**
- Jan 18 - No School Pre-8
- Jan 20 - Chess Club first meeting 3:15-4:15 in science room
- Jan 21 - SPX 2nd grade meeting for First Communion
- Jan 22 - Awards Assembly after Mass
- Jan 26 - School Spelling Bee
- Jan 31 - **JPII Open House** Catholic Schools' Week begins

Mass Schedule

- Fri, Jan 22: Fr. Ken will say Mass & the 4th grade plans
- Fri, Jan 29: Fr. Cullen will say Mass & the 7th grade plans

Tuition Reminder

Families who signed up to pay tuition in 2 payments have a payment due in January! Please make every effort to keep current on your tuition payments, or contact the school office to make arrangements for exceptions. Thanks for making this sacrifice to send your children to Catholic schools.

Shoes for Physical Education

For your child's safety and enjoyment it is very important for students to wear athletic shoes on days they have P.E. If you do not want them to wear these to school, they may bring their athletic shoes and change into them before class. Thank you for helping your child be safe and ready to fully participate in P.E. class.

Change Your Directory:

We have a new home phone number for the Alyssa, Alex, and Bella Sanz. Please contact the school office for details.

Camp Tekakwitha Registration

Registration for this Archdiocesan summer camp fills up FAST! The registration will open on February 1st. Please see information on the PIT or download forms from www.archkck.org if you are interested.

Scholarship Available

Educational Outfitters (our uniform company) is having a scholarship contest. All students at JPII are eligible to enter. Prizes are four \$2000 and four \$500 scholarships for next school year! This is a HOME project—we will *not* be doing this during the school day. If you are interested you can check the PIT for information or go to Educational Outfitters' web site for an application! Deadline to apply is March 15, 2010. Good Luck!!
www.EducationalOutfitters.com

8th Grade Pizza Lunch Fundraiser: The 8th grade will be serving pizza lunch on THURSDAY, January 21st as a graduation fundraiser. Lunch is \$3.50 for one slice of pizza, applesauce, drink and dessert! Order forms went home today - please pre pay by January 18th so they can order the pizza!

PTO News!

PTO is holding its second meeting of the year.

P: Parents,
T: Teachers,
O: Organization.

Come get involved and find out the happenings at your child's school. This meeting will be held before the Family Chili Bingo Night, Sunday, January 17th. It's from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Pius X hall at 5500 Woodson, Mission. Hope to see you there!

Sunday at SPX 4:15-4:45 PTO Meeting
5:00-7:30 Chili Bingo Night
5:00-7:00 Chili served
6:15 voting announced
6:30-7:30 Bingo

Skating Party Rescheduled!

We have rescheduled the skating party that was during the snow days. It is February 12th. Please mark your calendars and watch for a flyer as it gets close!

Free Flu Shots

The Johnson County Health Department is now offering free H1N1 vaccine during regular clinic hours at both department locations:

Mission - 6000 Lamar Suite 140
Olathe - 11875 S Sunset Dr. Suite 300
Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fridays 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.

The Olathe location offers later clinic hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The vaccine is available to anyone wanting to be vaccinated.

Lost & Found

A silver locket on a bracelet was lost at the Christmas Concert. It has shown back up in the school office! Who asked about it? We have it! Also found that same night was a Leapster - are you short one of these? Again, ask in the school office. Our school Lost & Found is forever growing! Please put your name in your uniforms, coats, gloves, hats..... Thank you.

Caught Ya's

Great job to these students who were caught showing patience at school. We're glad to see it!
Kaitlyn Gemmill Grace Ann Wheeler Brooklyn Landes
Way to go!!!

JPII Spring Flower Sale has begun!
Order forms went home with the oldest child of each family. Our goal is to have each family sell \$150.00 worth of flowers.
These are great flowers that will be delivered in late April – just in time to put them in the ground! Please check with your family and neighbors and get this fundraiser *growing!*
PRIZES!!!
The **top selling family** will receive \$50 in SCRIP your choice of what gift card you would like!
The **class** with the highest percentage of participation will receive a **PIZZA Day!**
And, as seen in the assembly today:
Each student** selling flowers will receive **1** bean bag credit
Each student selling \$50 worth of flowers will receive **2** bean bag credits
Each student selling \$100 worth of flowers will receive **3** bean bag credits
And
Each student selling \$150 worth of flowers (our goal!) will receive **5** bean bag credits
These credits will be used at the END OF SALE Assembly on Thursday, **Feb 18th**
You will get to play the bean bag game and toss the number of bean bags you have earned!!!
Good Luck Students
**Each student in a family will receive bean bag credit for the entire family sale amount. (i.e., if the Jones family sells \$100 then each Jones student will get 3 bean bag credits)
